



www.cofebishopstoke.com

Showing and Sharing God's Love

7 July 2024

And a very special welcome if it's your first time here!

- You are very welcome to stay for refreshments at the end of the service if you can.
- If you would like to know about other things that happen in our church life, please see our website – www.cofebishopstoke.com
- During one of the songs in our service a collection is normally made. If you are able to use one of the Gift Aid envelopes, it really does make a difference and is most appreciated. At St Mary's we are also able to take card donations following the service. If you would like to find out about regular, tax-efficient giving, please let us know or take a look at <https://www.cofebishopstoke.com/giving-to-our-church>.

Today

St Mary's

10.45 am Parish Communion

St Paul's

4 – 6 pm Messy Church

Bible Readings

2 Samuel 5.1-5,9-10 (p.308)

Psalm 48

Mark 6.1-13 (p.1008)

Contact: Revd Richard Wise on 8061 2192, email. rwise@talktalk.net

Collects / Prayers for this week

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 48

- 1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, ♦
in the city of our God.
- 2 **His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, ♦**
the joy of all the earth.
- 3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, ♦
stands the city of the great king.
- 4 **In her palaces God has shown himself ♦**
to be a sure refuge.
- 5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled ♦
and swept forward together.
- 6 **They saw, and were dumbfounded; ♦**
dismayed, they fled in terror.
- 7 Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour, ♦
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

- 8 **As we had heard, so have we seen**
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God: ♦
God has established her for ever.
- 9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, ♦
in the midst of your temple.
- 10 **As with your name, O God,**
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; ♦
your right hand is full of justice.
- 11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, ♦
because of your judgements, O Lord.
- 12 **Walk about Zion and go round about her;**
count all her towers; ♦
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,
- 13 That you may tell those who come after
that such is our God for ever and ever. ♦
It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Robert, Pauline, David, Edna, Joy, Maggie, Fiona, Chris, Margaret, David, Ingrid, Shane, Julia, Amelia, Margaret, Finn, David, Karen, Joan, Tracy, Maureen, Liz, Charlotte, Janet & Michael, Brenda, Tommy
- **our parish** – those who live in Itchen Avenue, Badger Close, Prince William Court, Salmon Drive
- **School Pastors** – Tuesday lunchtimes at Stoke Park Juniors; those training to be School Pastors
- **Open the Book assemblies** – Wednesday morning at Stoke Park Infant and Junior Schools

- **St Mary's Urgent Repairs** – thanksgiving for donations and fundraising events so far; for some grant funding
- **General Synod** – meeting until Tuesday
- **peace** – in all places where there is conflict between peoples or military occupation, in particular Israel-Palestine, Ukraine & Russia, Myanmar
- **the ecological and climate emergency** – those suffering most from this; for world leaders to act on the resolutions made at COP28; for all of us to do whatever we can to make a positive difference

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This Week

Mon	2.30 pm	Prayer Healing Fellowship (St Paul's)
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer (Methodist Church)
	9.30 am	Tots and Tinies (St Mary's)
	8 pm	Home group (St Mary's)
Wed		NO Compline / Night Prayer
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion (St Paul's)
Sun	8 am	Holy Communion – BCP (St Mary's)
	9.15 am	Holy Communion (St Paul's)
	10.45 am	Church Together (St Mary's)

Christian Aid Week Thank you so much for all your donations for Christian Aid Week this year, including money raised at the café and plant sale. It all came to a grand total of £897.91, and Christian Aid will also be able to claim Gift Aid on some of it.

Greening Bishopstoke Many thanks to our Eco team and others for the launch event on Saturday 15 June. This took a huge amount of planning and preparation, but it was well worth it! St Mary's looked amazing, with very artistic and informative displays, and we think 200 people might have come during the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who supported this. If you haven't received a Greening Bishopstoke card in the post yet, or you've mislaid it, there are spare copies at the

back of each church. Please try to commit to three of the challenges and place the card in your front window by 20 July. Many thanks!

Hymnarathon We had a very uplifting afternoon on Saturday, with a pretty full church. We sang 24 hymns and songs, some with the organ, others with a small band, and it was very moving to hear what some people said about their favourite hymns. It was a wonderful time of worship, as well as fellowship and fundraising. Many thanks to everyone who came along and/or supported us in any way, to those who organised it, our musicians, and for all the donations to St Mary's urgent repairs, which came to a wonderful £788. We also received a substantial one-off gift over the weekend, which brings the total for the urgent repairs to just over £14,100.

Café @ St Mary's Our next café will be THIS SATURDAY – 13 July – from 10 am – 12.30 pm. It will be just £3 for a drink and delicious slice of homemade cake. There will also be a raffle and stalls, including books, and all proceeds will go to St Mary's Urgent Repairs fund. If you'd like to donate cakes, donate a raffle prize, help by running a stall or in any other way, please contact Wendy Dale on 8064 2292. Otherwise, please just come along if you can – and do invite friends!

Climate Justice Tour You are invited to a Christian Aid evening hosted by the Parish of Chandler's Ford Eco Group, at which there will be the opportunity for honest conversations about poverty and the climate crisis. The aim is to stir up hope and move people into action. It will be on Tuesday 16 July at 7 pm, at St Boniface Church, Hursley Road, Chandler's Ford, and anyone is most welcome.

Cream Tea Our next cream tea will be on Saturday 27 July from 2.30 – 4.30 pm at St Mary's. If you'd like to come, please add your name to the sheet at the back of either church or email Richard, saying if you have any dietary requirements. There's no charge, but you may wish to make a donation towards the costs and the Urgent Repairs Fund on the day.

Cleaners needed! Would you be able to help clean St Mary's once a month? This can take from 1 – 2 hours, but whatever you can manage would be much appreciated. We don't need everything cleaned every time, but there are more important areas! It tends to be done on a Friday morning, but the time is flexible. You'd also have someone else

with you, so no one has to do it alone. Please let Richard know if you're able to help. Many thanks!

Looking ahead...

Café @ St Mary's will take place on:

July 13
September 14
October 19
November 23 – 'Christmas' café

All 10 am – 12.30 pm

Cream Teas will take place on:

July 27
September 21
November 16

All 2.30 – 4.30 pm

Other dates for your diaries:

September 6 – History Society presentation: 'Old
Bishopstoke Schools'

September 27 – Barn Dance

November 15 – Quiz

All at St Mary's at 7 pm; all proceeds to the Urgent Repairs

Safeguarding in our church If you have any concerns about a child / young person or vulnerable adult in our church, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Margaret Ward, on 07778 691302 or by emailing cofebishopstokesafeguarding@gmail.com. You can find out more about Safeguarding and other people who may be contacted on the posters at the back of each church or [on our website](#).



Your contact details If you come to church regularly but have never completed a Church Contact Consent form, we would really encourage you to do so. There are copies at the back of each church. If you move or change your phone number, there's no need to fill in another form, but please could you let Richard know your new details? Many thanks.

Wheelchair available If you or someone you know would value a second-hand wheelchair, please let Richard know and he will give you more details.

Eco Actions for July - Transport Tips



Could you manage to do some of these this month – where relevant? They could soon become habits – good ones! Some might save you money, but even more important, they will all really help in caring for the world and its people.

1. Halve the carbon cost of every car journey by car sharing. A medium car emits 360g of CO₂ a mile whether it has one, two or more people in it. Join a car share club online and save up to £1000 a year.
2. If you are driving, show love and respect to cyclists by improving your road behaviour. Their bike mile has a carbon footprint of 2g compared to your small car of 280g CO₂e per mile.
3. Be loving to others by taking the train or coach when you can. It helps ease congestion by taking your car off the road and has half the carbon footprint of a small car (coach 80g and train 100g CO₂e per person per mile).
4. If you are in your car, show love and respect to pedestrians. Park on the road, not on their pavement – think pushchairs and disability scooters. Their walking mile has a carbon footprint of 1g compared to your small car of 280g CO₂e per mile.

Books needed... If you have any books you no longer need, please would you consider bringing them to church for us to sell at our cafés this year? Recently, we have also been able to sell some books online for the Urgent Repairs fund.

Eastleigh Basics Bank are always very grateful for our support, and at the moment, due to the rise in the cost of living, the need is greater than ever. Donations of food can be made at many local supermarkets, the Basics Bank in Wells Place, or brought to church. You can see the most up-to-date list on their [website](#) as well as the supermarkets which receive donations. Many thanks for whatever you are able to give.

Recycling If you use tetra paks (e.g. with fruit juice or milk in), please bring them to church in carrier bags (washed out but still with lids) or leave them outside the Rectory, and Richard is happy to take them to a recycling point when he passes. He can also take Pringle (or similar) tubes to the same place (please remove the plastic lids, though).

Church compost bins We have compost bins in St Mary's churchyard (near the hedge on the east side of the church) and at St Paul's (at the front on the left-hand side of the car park). You are very welcome to put the following items in them: cut flowers, vegetable peelings, fruit cores and peel / skin, nettles, compostable cups. Please do not put plastic, dog poo, hedge cuttings, grass cuttings, horsetail weed or other food waste in the bin. If you have any queries, please contact Jenny on compostjen@gmail.com Many thanks.

Online giving to our church If you would like to give a one-off or regular gift online to St Mary's & St Paul's, our bank details are:

Account name: Bishopstoke PCC
Sort Code: 40-46-39
Account no.: 91780646

If you would like us to claim Gift Aid, you can download our Gift Aid declaration form from [this page](#) on our website. If you can't print it off, just let us know and we'll get a copy to you. We really encourage you to Gift Aid donations if you can – if you need any help with this, please contact our Gift Aid Secretary, Natasha Redfern, on 07739 322584.

Parish Giving Scheme This enables you to give a regular or one-off gift to our church. If you wish to Gift Aid your donations, this can be done without filling in an additional form. You can also give anonymously (if you wish), whilst still enabling us to claim Gift Aid. To join the scheme, please go to our page at [PGS](#).

Many thanks for whatever you are able to give or already give!

Please follow us on social media if you can – and like or share some of our posts! It will help us spread the word about what we're doing as a church.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CofEBishopstoke/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CofEBishopstokeMessyChurch/>

X (formerly Twitter) <https://x.com/CofEBishopstoke>