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*Showing and Sharing God's Love*

**1 September 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](http://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 Paul's**

**9.15 am Holy Communion**

**St Mary's**

**10.45 am Worship for all ages**

**Bible Readings**

**[Psalm 15]**

**James 1.17-27 (p.1213)**

**Mark 7.1-13 (p.1010)**

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## Collects / Prayers for this week

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.**

## Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Robert, Tom, David, Pauline, Edna, Joy, Maggie, Fiona, Kevin, Chris, Margaret, David, Ingrid, Shane, Julia, Amelia, Margaret, Finn, David, Karen, Joan, Tracy, Maureen, Liz, Charlotte, Janet & Michael, Brenda, Tommy
- **baptism** – Sophia next Sunday; her family and friends who come
- **our parish** – those who live in Cotton Close, Shears Road, Guest Road
- **schools** – children and staff, as they start the new term
- **Bishopstoke Carnival** – for Messy Church, the Greening Campaign, and everyone involved in the procession and fête
- **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** – for those suffering most from this; for the decisions and actions of world leaders; for each of us to work out what we can do next during this year's Season of Creation (which starts today)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## This Week

Mon	2.30 pm	Prayer Healing Fellowship (St Paul's)
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer (Methodist Church)
	8 pm	Home group (Zoom)
Wed	8 pm	Compline / Night Prayer (Zoom)
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion (St Paul's)
Fri	7 pm	Bishopstoke History Society presentation (St Mary's)
Sat	11 am	Bishopstoke Carnival fête (Glebe Meadow)
Sun	10.45 am	Parish Communion (St Mary's)
	4 – 6 pm	Messy Church (St Paul's)

**Prayer Healing Fellowship coffee morning** Thank you so much to everyone who organised or supported this in any way last Saturday. Despite the rain, there was an amazing atmosphere, and we raised £310 towards St Mary's Urgent Repairs.

**Tots & Tinies toddlers** will start back next week – on Tuesday 10 September, from 9.30 – 11 am at St Mary's. Any children under school age are most welcome, together with their parent or carer.

**St Mary's Urgent Repairs Fund** Thank you so much for all your giving and fundraising so far for this. We have now raised over £14,800.

**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.

**Looking ahead...**

**Café @ St Mary's will take place on:**

September 14

October 19

November 23 – 'Christmas' café

*All 10 am – 12.30 pm*

**Cream Teas will take place on:**

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](mailto: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](#).



**Eco Actions for  
September – At  
the Shops**



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. Think before you buy: gold does not always glitter brightly. A new £500 gold necklace has a carbon emissions tag of 400kg CO<sub>2</sub>e, the mining process damages landscapes and ecosystems and contaminates water, and can be associated with human rights violations.
2. Think before you buy: the manufacture of a new car uses a lot of energy and resources which generate 6 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e for a small vehicle (more than half your total year's carbon budget), 17 tonnes for an estate car, and up to 35 tonnes for a top of the range Discovery Land Rover.
3. Buy local and in season produce and look forward to seasonal changes. For example, a punnet of strawberries flown in or grown locally in a hothouse in winter has a 1.8kg CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions cost, whereas locally grown in the UK in summer it's only 0.15kg a punnet.
4. Do you really need a new computer, laptop or phone? Manufacturing new goods has a high environmental cost. A new laptop has a carbon footprint of 200kg and a high-end desk top 800kg CO<sub>2</sub>e.
5. Think ahead to Christmas! How can you show love in your gift giving without costing the earth? Discuss having a Secret Santa or a price limit with family members; choose small, thoughtful presents or hand make gifts.

**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.**

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

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

**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.

**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 (behind the hedge in the far corner of the grass). 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](mailto: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!