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*Showing and Sharing God's Love*

**18 September 2022**

**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. Please don't feel under pressure to give – especially if you are visiting or new to church. 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 Church Together**

**Bible Readings**

**[Psalm 147]**

**Jeremiah 8.18 – 9.1 (p.767)**

**Luke 16.1-13 (p.1049)**

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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.**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



### A prayer on the death of Her Majesty The Queen

Gracious God, we give thanks  
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.  
Bless our nation as we mourn her death  
and may her example continue to inspire us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





## A prayer for the new King

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.  
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.  
Help us to work together  
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness  
flourish among us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Alison, Jackie, Pauline, David, Joan & Vic, Vivian, Phil, Joy, Tracy, Maureen, Liz, Fiona, Caroline, Matthew & his young family, Robert, William, Shane
- **baptism** – Louise next Sunday; her family and friends who come
- **our parish** – those who live in Church Rd (bottom), Asford Grove, Church Close, Oakbank Rd, Mellor House, Riverside
- **Open the Book assembly** – Wednesday morning at Stoke Park Junior School
- **our PCC** – meeting on Monday evening
- **St Paul's building** – for continued progress as we work together with Eastleigh Borough Council
- **Season of Creation** – for climate activists, who devote their lives to raising awareness of climate change, and teaching ways to adapt and respond to the effects of global warming
- **today is Peace Sunday** – for peace wherever there is tension or conflict; for true reconciliation and peace building in the world today; International Day of Prayer for Peace (Wednesday)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### This Week

Mon	2.30 pm	Prayer Healing Fellowship (St Paul's)
	7.45 pm	PCC meeting (St Mary's)
Tues	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (Methodist Church)
	9.45 am	Tots & Tinies toddlers (St Mary's)
	2.30 pm	Tuesday Together home group (St Mary's)
	8 pm	Home group (Zoom)
Wed	8 pm	Compline / Night Prayer (Zoom)
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion – BCP (St Paul's)
	6.30 pm	English lesson (St Paul's)
Sat	6.30 pm	Unshakeable youth (St Mary'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)

**Covid safety measures** There is now no need to wear face coverings for any events in our church buildings, but you can obviously continue to do so if you wish. If you would like to sit apart from others, please feel free to do so.

**The death of Her Majesty the Queen** The whole nation has been saddened by the death of Her Majesty the Queen, and our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family as they mourn her passing. If you would like to attend a local service of thanksgiving for the late Queen, there is one at All Saints', Eastleigh, at 5 pm today, and another at St James', West End, at 6 pm.

**Season of Creation** At all of our Sunday services during September we are celebrating creation and thinking about our God-given responsibility to care for it. From time to time during the month we will post relevant videos on our [Facebook](#) page – please take a look!

**Harvest Festival** We will celebrate Harvest NEXT SUNDAY. We will have a bring-and-share lunch from about 12.15 pm at St Mary's, so please bring something savoury or sweet for that if you're able to come; squash, water, coffee and tea will be provided. Our Harvest campaign this year is from Tearfund, and it will equip people in Nepal

with the skills they sorely need to adapt to the changing climate, as well as to find community again after being dispersed. If you'd like to donate to this, you can do so [here](#). You can also donate at a church service next week, when we'll find out more about the projects in Nepal.

**Work morning** We will be holding a work morning at St Mary's on Saturday 8 October to do a few maintenance jobs which we can do ourselves. If you're able to come, please let Richard know or sign up in church. We'll be able to let you know in advance what sorts of things you'll be able to do.

**Eco event – Mushroom Trail** On Saturday 15 October we are holding a Mushroom Trail in Stoke Park Woods from 9.30 – 11.30 am. Led by Peter Orme and organised by our Eco Team, it should be a great way to appreciate God's creation and get to know others in our church and community. You can find out more and book places at <https://www.facebook.com/events/5509769542474124>

### **September Eco Action...**

This month, to coincide with the Season of Creation, we would really like as many



people as possible in our church family to do a personal environmental lifestyle audit. If you are online, you can do this at

<https://creationcare.org.uk/>. It might take you a while, and you might change your lifestyle as you go along, but the idea is to start it during this month. When you register, please would you add that you are from the Parish of Bishopstoke? (This isn't possible just at the moment, but do look out for our church on the list whenever you do some of the survey.) If you do well, you can even get an award! We also aim to provide a hard copy of this or something similar for those who are not online.

**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. At the moment, they are in particular need of:

- Tinned meat, fish, fruit

- Instant meals (pot noodles, pasta sauces)
- Cook in sauce jars
- Desserts (rice pudding, Angel Delight, jelly, sponge puddings, custard)
- Long grain rice
- Porridge
- Biscuits
- Sugar
- UHT / longlife milk
- Coffee
- Squash
- Toilet rolls
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Baby wipes
- Nappies (sizes 4+, 5+, 6+)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Washing up liquid
- Dog food

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** We encourage you to bring your standard milk bottle tops (red, green, blue or orange) to church, as someone is very kindly willing to take them to be recycled. 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.

**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](mailto:compostjen@gmail.com) Many thanks.

**St Paul's roof** If you would like to donate towards this, please put your donation in an enveloped marked 'St Paul's roof' and place it in the offering at a service or deliver to The Rectory, 10 Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke. SO50 6DA. (For online giving please see below.) We will also let you know the total amount needed as soon as we can.

Many thanks to those who have already given towards this. So far, we've raised £5,295, including some projected Gift Aid.

**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.

**Parish Giving Scheme** This will enable you to give regularly to our church. If you wish to Gift Aid your donations, this can be done without filling in an additional form. To join the scheme, please go to our page at [PGS](#). Many thanks.