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Showing and Sharing God's Love

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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. 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 104]

Genesis 1.20-28 (p.3)

Luke 15.11-32 (p.1049)

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

Collects / Prayers for this week

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.**

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Alison, Jackie, Pam, Joan & Vic, Vivian, Phil, Joy, Tracy, Maureen, Caroline, Matthew & his young family, Robert, Fiona, Simon, William, Shane, Kath
- **Baptism** – Darcey, next Sunday; her family and friends who come
- **our parish** – those who live in Underwood Road
- **Unshakeable youth** – meeting on Saturday; all the young people who come and their leaders
- **young people in our parish** – all doing exams at the moment
- **our Eco team** – all they do to help us to care for God's creation; their work towards our becoming an Eco Church
- **creation care** – please pray for ourselves and all the world to take the necessary action to stem climate change and damage to the environment
- **the 2022 Lambeth Conference** – to find out more, please go to <https://www.lambethconference.org/lcalls/>

- **peace** – between Ukraine and Russia; in other places where there is conflict between peoples or military occupation
- **Covid-19** – everyone affected by this in any way; those whose mental health is being challenged; those in the Developing World and vaccination equity; the life and witness of the church at this time

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This Week

Mon	3 pm	Prayer Healing Fellowship (St Paul's)
	3.30 pm	Communion service (Bishopstoke Park)
	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)
Wed	12.30 pm	Churches Together in BiFOHH (Zoom)
	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)

This morning we are holding a 'Climate Sunday' and are very pleased to welcome Victor Humphrey, former professor at Southampton University and a member of the Diocesan Environment Group, as our speaker.

Following Church Together we will have a picnic in the churchyard (or in church if the weather isn't good) for anyone who would like to stay. If you'd like to go on to Martin and Margaret's Open Garden afterwards (please see below), we can hopefully organise some car-sharing.

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.

Open Garden As part of the National Garden Scheme, Martin & Margaret are opening their garden at 5 Oakfields, Boyatt Wood SO50 4RP for charity THIS AFTERNOON from 2 – 5 pm. Adults – £4, children – free. There will be teas and plants for sale. Well behaved dogs are welcome, and there is wheelchair access.

Café @ St Mary's Our next café will be on Saturday 16 July from 10 am – 12.30 pm. As usual, it will be just £2 for a drink and delicious slice of cake, and there will be additional stalls. If you would like to donate homemade cakes, have your own stall, or help in any other way, please contact Wendy Dale on 8064 2292. Otherwise, please just come along if you can – and do invite friends!

Christian Aid Week We are very pleased to let you know that we raised a total of £1419.10 this year (not including Gift Aid) for Christian Aid. Thank you so much for all your giving and fundraising which made this possible, including the café and plant sale. It's a wonderful result!

St Paul's altar cloth We are looking for someone who would be willing to wash and iron the cloth for the communion table at St Paul's about three times per year. If you would like to do this, please let Richard know. Many thanks.

PCC Secretary We are very grateful to Monica for being our PCC Secretary for several years, but she would now like to hand this on to someone else. It involves taking minutes at our monthly PCC meetings (normally 9 per year) on Monday evenings and typing them up. If you would be interested in doing this or would like to find out more, please let Richard know. Many thanks.

The Ration Challenge This involves living on the very small rations that a refugee is given for one week. Jenny Meldrum is undertaking it again THIS WEEK and would be very grateful to receive sponsorship from friends in church. You can find her fundraising page at <https://www.rationchallenge.org.uk/jennifer-meldrum> If you can't give online or would rather not, you are welcome to bring a donation to church. Please put it in an envelope marked 'Ration Challenge' and add your name if you wish. If Jenny is at the service, please give it directly to her; otherwise, please give it to Richard, who can pass it on. Many thanks!

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 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.