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Showing and Sharing God's Love

20 November 2022
Christ the King

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 Paul's

9.15 am Morning Worship

Service starts on p.30

St Mary's

10.45 am Church Together

with communion

Bible Readings

Psalm 29 (CW, p.623)
Jeremiah 23.1-6 (p.783)
Luke 23.33-43 (p.1060)

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

Collects / Prayers for this week

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Alison, Pauline, Joy, Rosalyn, Debbie, Finn, Wendy, David, Joan & Vic, Vivian, Jackie, Phil, Tracy, Maureen, Liz, Fiona, Caroline, Matthew & his young family, Robert, William, Shane
- **we commend Michael Rose & Peggy Bungay to God**, and pray for their families and friends
- **our parish** – all that happens at the Methodist Church building, Precious Steps pre-school
- **our PCC** – meeting on Monday evening
- **Christmas** – our Christmas Café; planning for Christmas services; choir starting this week
- **St Paul's building** – the possibilities for the site and the business plan
- **a new Bishop of Winchester** – please continue to pray for the Vacancy in See Committee and the Crown Nominations Commission as they seek to discern the right person to be our next Diocesan Bishop
- **peace** – in all places where there is conflict between peoples or military occupation; that nuclear weapons would not be used by any nation

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This Week

Mon	2.30 pm	Prayer Healing Fellowship (St Paul's)
	3.30 pm	Holy Communion (Bishopstoke Park)
	7.45 pm	PCC meeting (St Mary's)
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer (Methodist Church)
	9.45 am	Tots & Tinies toddlers (St Mary's)
	8 pm	Home group (St Mary's)
Wed	7 pm	Christmas choir practice (St Mary's)
	8 pm	Compline / Night Prayer (Zoom)
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion – BCP (St Paul's)
Sat	10 am – 12.30pm	Christmas Café (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 We are now going back to the standard way of sharing the chalice in communion. If anyone is uncomfortable with this, though, they may still receive the wafer dipped in wine (from a different chalice).

'Christmas' Café We're holding our Christmas Café NEXT SATURDAY – 26 November – from 10 am – 12.30 pm at St Mary's. As usual, it will be just £2 for a drink and delicious slice of cake, and there will be a variety of stalls, including Fair Trade. You might be able to buy a Christmas present or two! If you would like to donate homemade cakes, donate a raffle prize, 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!

Bishopstoke Churches' Christmas event On Saturday 17 December at 4 pm, the churches will be running a community carols by candlelight outside Bishopstoke Methodist Church. If anyone from our church would be willing to help with refreshments, please let Richard know (it would be good to have at least two people from our church). Many thanks!

Christmas services The Church of England's Christmas campaign this year is *Follow The Star: The Great Invitation*, and we are encouraged to invite people to our Christmas services. The services can now be found at [What's On](#), and there will also be a Christmas page on our website very soon. Flyers and posters will be available from next weekend. This week, why not think of 3 people (or more, if you wish), and pray that you would have the opportunity to invite them to a Christmas service?

Cleaning St Mary's We do not currently have enough people to clean St Mary's every week. If anyone would be willing to clean the church once a month for 1 – 2 hours, we would be really grateful. Please speak to Jeanette or Richard if you are able to help or would like to find out more.

ARK Eastleigh would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated advent calendars for the families they serve this year. They will be given out very soon!

November Eco Action...

Swifts are in decline at approximately 5% per annum due to the lack of nesting

sites. They live here in summer and fly all the way to Africa for the winter. They then return, often without landing, but need homes for when they are here. Hampshire Swifts have been recognised in Bishopstoke and would like people to have boxes on their houses. They charge £35 to supply and install a box, but say it is better if a few people in the same community order them, so they can install them together, as they are all volunteers. If you would like a box, please go to [Hampshire Swifts](#) or speak to Karen Caws.



Talking Climate Justice Tour This Christian Aid event is coming to St Luke's, Hedge End THIS TUESDAY from 7.30 – 9.30 pm. You are invited to join others for powerful and honest conversations that stir up action for climate justice – over coffee/tea and cake! If you're interested in going, please contact clive@stlukeshedgeend.co.uk

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.

Takeaway boxes If you ever have any, we would be very pleased to receive any plastic takeaway boxes with their lids for Messy Church, so that we can give leftover food to people to take home. (They are often used for things like Chinese takeaways and are like small lunchboxes.)

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)
- Tinned vegetables, including potatoes
- Tinned spaghetti
- Long grain rice
- Desserts (rice pudding, Angel Delight, jelly, sponge puddings, custard)
- Tinned fruit
- Spreads (jam, marmalade, peanut butter, honey, etc.)
- UHT / longlife milk
- Squash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Washing up liquid
- Detergent capsules
- Toothbrushes

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.

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.