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Showing and Sharing God's Love

August 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
- 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>.

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SUNDAY 7 AUGUST

Service

10.45 am Parish Communion (St Mary's)

We are very pleased to welcome Revd Brian Pickett to preside at this service.

Bible readings

Genesis 15.1-6 (p.15) Psalm 33.12-22 Luke 12.32-40 (p.1045)

Collects (Prayers for this week)

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST

Services

8 am Communion – BCP (St Mary's)

10.45 am Worship for all ages (St Mary's)

Bible readings

[Psalm 82] Jeremiah 23.23-29 (p.784) Luke 12.49-56 (p.1046)

Collects (Prayers for this week)

Almighty God,
who didst send thy Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of thy Church:
open our hearts to the riches of thy grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST

Services

9.15 am Communion (St Paul's)

10.45 am Worship for all ages (St Mary's)

Bible readings

[Psalm 103] Isaiah 58.9-14 (p.746) Luke 13.10-17 (p.1046)

Collects (Prayers for this week)

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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.**

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST

Services

8 am Communion – BCP (St Mary's)

10.45 am Worship for all ages (St Mary's)

Bible readings

[Psalm 112] Proverbs 25.6-7 (p.661) Luke 14.1,7-14 (p.1047)

Collects (Prayers for this week)

O God,
who declarest thy almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace
that we, running the way of thy commandments,
may obtain thy gracious promises
and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Alison, Jackie, Joan & Vic, Vivian, Phil, David, Tracy, Maureen, Robert, Brenda, Joy, Liz & Allan, Fiona, Charlotte, Caroline, Jenny, Fiona, Janet & Michael, Matthew & his young family, William, Shane, Tommy
- **we commend Diana Purvis to God**, and pray for her family and friends
- **Baptisms** – Elsie (14 Aug), Courtney (28 Aug); their families and friends who come
- **Thanksgiving for the birth of a child** – Olive (14 Aug)
- **Marriages** – Helen & Scott (12 Aug), Ruby & Ollie (13 Aug), Chrissie & Ethan (20 Aug), Nicola & Sam (21 Aug), Emma & Nat (29 Aug)
- **our parish** – week beginning:
 - 7th Glebe Meadow, Stoke Park Wood and the Cemetery, other play areas and open spaces
 - 14th Stoke Park Rd, Stoke Park Drive, Colchester Avenue
 - 21st Cotton Close, Shears Rd, Guest Rd

28th

Templecombe Rd, Winsford Ave, Winsford
Gardens, Winsford Close, Greens Close

- **children** – for refreshment and safety during the summer holidays; families struggling through the cost of living crisis
- **Christian summer festivals and camps** – including Greenbelt (26-29 Aug); for people of all ages to grow in faith over this period
- **September** – the start of the new term and our events during the month; for a renewal of our outreach to our parish
- **peace** – between Ukraine and Russia; in other places where there is conflict between peoples or military occupation
- **the ecological and climate emergency** – for those suffering most from this; for the decisions and actions of world leaders; for each of us to do what we can to make a difference for the better
- **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?

Mon	3 pm	Prayer Healing Fellowship (St Paul's)
Wed	8 pm	Compline / Night Prayer (Zoom)
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion / Morning Prayer (St Paul's)

Worship for all ages Worship for all ages is a short service with songs, a short talk and prayers suitable for everyone. There will also be sheets / activities for younger children to do during the service. It starts with refreshments for about 15 minutes and ends at about 11.40 am.

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.

Pam Andrews There will be a thanksgiving service for Pam on Wednesday 10 August at 3 pm at Velmore Church, Falkland Road, Chandler's Ford. Anyone is most welcome to attend.

Diana Purvis Diana's funeral service will be on Friday 12 August at 12 noon at St Mary's, and anyone is most welcome.

August Eco Action... We know that most of you live locally and many of you already walk to church – or



cycle or come on a mobility scooter! But if you drive and could possibly walk, why not make a special effort while the weather is good? (You may have a bit more time for walking during August too.)

Save the Date! Looking ahead to September...

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| Sun 4 th | 10.45 am | Parish Communion (St Mary's) |
| Sun 4 th | 4 pm | Messy Church fun and BBQ (St Paul's) |
| Sat 10 th | 10 am – 12.30 pm | Café @ St Mary's |
| Sat 17 th | 2.30 – 4.30 pm | Ladies' cream tea (St Mary's) |
| Sat 24 th | 2 – 4 pm | Eco Afternoon (St Mary's) |

including speakers from A Rocha, The Wildlife Trust, Eastleigh Borough Council (on recycling); stalls showing produce from local allotments; activities for children – part of 'The Great Big Green Week'

Sun 25th Harvest Festival

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.

A Prayer for Afghanistan

Merciful God,
We pray for the people and communities
In Afghanistan already in crisis
Now devastated by earthquake.

We hold in our hearts those who are without shelter, food or water;
Those who have lost friends and family;
Individuals and communities overwhelmed by disaster.

Strengthen those bringing humanitarian relief
Guide those navigating difficult political decisions
Stand with those in greatest need.

May the prayers we offer,
And our acts of compassion,
Bring a possibility of hope
In this desperate moment.

Amen.

from Christian Aid