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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. 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 Mary's

8 am Holy Communion

Service starts on p.229

Collect on p.485

10.45 am Worship for all ages

St Paul's

9.15 am Holy Communion

Bible Readings

[Psalm 14]

2 Samuel 11.1-15 (p.314)

John 6.1-21 (p.1069)

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

Collects / Prayers for this week

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.**

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.**

Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Robert, Tom, David, Pauline, Edna, Joy, Maggie, Fiona, Chris, Margaret, David, Ingrid, Shane, Julia, Amelia, Margaret, Finn, David, Karen, Joan, Tracy, Maureen, Liz, Charlotte, Janet & Michael, Brenda, Tommy
- **we commend June Richardson & Canon Gary Philbrick to God**, and pray for their families and friends
- **baptism** – Arlo on Sunday; his family and friends who come
- **our parish** – those who live in St Margaret's Road, Sydney Road, Windsor Court, Whitehaugh Court
- **children and young people** – for safe, enjoyable school holidays; those in our church family, for their growth in faith
- **St Mary's Urgent Repairs** – thanksgiving for donations and fundraising events so far; for some grant funding
- **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons** (Tuesday) – please pray in particular for children who are trafficked or at risk of it; for urgent and comprehensive action to tackle this dire situation
- **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** – those suffering most from this; the new UK Government and their approach to it

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This Week

Mon	2.30 pm	Prayer Healing Fellowship (St Paul's)
Wed	8 pm	Compline / Night Prayer (Zoom)
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion (St Paul's)
Sun	10.45 am	Parish Communion (St Mary's)
	4 – 6 pm	Pray for Peace (St Mary's)

Sunday services during the summer holidays

11 Aug	8 am	Communion – BCP (St Mary's)
	10.45 am	Worship for all ages (St Mary's)
18 Aug	9.15 am	Communion (St Paul's)
	10.45 am	Worship for all ages (St Mary's)
25 Aug	8 am	Communion – BCP (St Mary's)
	10.45 am	Worship for all ages (St Mary's)

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.

Praying for Peace Hiroshima and Nagasaki memorial days are coming up on August 6 & 9. In advance of those days, on Sunday 4 August, St Mary's will be open from 4 – 6 pm for anyone to come in and reflect or pray for peace in the world today. You will be able to light a candle for peace and, if you wish, make an origami crane for a piece of art which has been commissioned by Christian CND for the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings next year. You can find out more about this project at www.christiancnd.org.uk/1000-cranes/

Café @ St Mary's Many thanks to everyone who came along on 13 July and all who helped in any way. It was a lovely morning, and we raised £267 for the Urgent Repairs.

St Mary's Urgent Repairs Fund Thank you so much for all your giving and fundraising so far for this. We have now raised £14,791.

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. It would be particularly helpful for us to get our data up to date over the next couple of weeks, ready to send a letter to everyone soon.

Wheelchair available If you or someone you know would value a second-hand wheelchair, please let Richard know and he will give you more details.

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. 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 July - Transport Tips



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. Halve the carbon cost of every car journey by car sharing. A medium car emits 360g of CO₂ a mile whether it has one, two or more people in it. Join a car share club online and save up to £1000 a year.
2. If you are driving, show love and respect to cyclists by improving your road behaviour. Their bike mile has a carbon footprint of 2g compared to your small car of 280g CO₂e per mile.
3. Be loving to others by taking the train or coach when you can. It helps ease congestion by taking your car off the road and has half the carbon footprint of a small car (coach 80g and train 100g CO₂e per person per mile).
4. If you are in your car, show love and respect to pedestrians. Park on the road, not on their pavement – think pushchairs and disability scooters. Their walking mile has a carbon footprint of 1g compared to your small car of 280g CO₂e per mile.

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.

Recycling 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 (please remove the plastic lids, though).

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. 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!

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