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*Showing and Sharing God's Love*

**7 June 2026**

**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. 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 at St Mary's**

**10.45 am Parish Communion**

**4 - 6 pm Messy Church**

## **Bible Readings**

**Romans 4.13-17 (p.1131)**  
**Psalm 50.7-15**  
**Matthew 9.9-13,18-26 (p.973)**

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## 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.**

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

## Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Molly, Wendy, Annette, Leah, Graham, Sandra, Pamela, Finn, Clare, Pauline, Robert, Bob, Elizabeth, Fiona, Sue, Denise, Edna, David, Jocelyn, Shane, Amelia, Glyn, Karen, Tracy, Maureen, Liz, Charlotte, Janet, Tommy
- **we commend Ann Dietman and Carl to God** and pray for their families and friends
- **baptisms** – Bella & Jack next Sunday; their family and friends who come
- **our parish** – those who live in Haig Road, Earls Close, Charden Road, Hartley Road, Hartley Close
- **School Pastors** – Tuesday lunchtime at Stoke Park Junior
- **Orchard Gardens** – all the residents and staff; their communion service on Tuesday afternoon
- **Open the Book assemblies** – Wednesday morning at Stoke Park Infant and Junior Schools
- **young people and students** – all who have exams at the moment, including those in our church family

- **peace** – in the Middle East; between Ukraine and Russia; in Sudan; and other parts of the world where there is conflict.
- **Ebola** – those suffering in the DRC, Rwanda & Uganda
- **the ecological and climate emergency** – today is Environment Sunday, and this week is Great Big Green Week. Please pray for greater awareness in our area of the threats to nature and the climate. You may wish to use the [Green Christian Prayer Guide](#) or take a copy of *Storm of Hope* from the back of church.

God our Father, As we celebrate the beauty and diversity of your creation, we are truly sorry for our consumerism and wastefulness. Have mercy on us for contaminating the Earth with billions of tons of plastic waste. Please give each one of us the desire and the means to put things right, no longer trusting in ourselves but in your grace and wisdom alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen. (Revd Arthur Champion)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### This Week

Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer (Methodist Church)
	9.30 am	Tots & Tinies toddlers (St Mary's)
	8 pm	Church family group (St Mary's)
Wed	8 pm	Compline / Night Prayer (Zoom)
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion – BCP (St Paul's)
Sat	10 am – 12.30 pm	Café @ St Mary's (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)

**The flowers at St Mary's altar today have been donated and arranged in loving memory of Audrey & Reg Phillimore, giving thanks for their generosity with their time and resources to our church and community over many years. Reg would have been 100 this year.**

**Café @ St Mary's** Our next café will be THIS SATURDAY - 13 June - from 10 am - 12.30 pm at St Mary's. It will be just £3 for a drink and

delicious slice of homemade cake. There will be a raffle and stalls, including books, and all proceeds will go to the Urgent Repairs fund.

**Open Garden** On Saturday 13 June and Sunday 14 June Martin and Margaret's garden will be open for charity from 2 - 5 pm. Admission: £5 for adults; children free. Wheelchair access; dogs welcome; plants for sale; tea, coffee and cake. Their address is 5 Oakfields, Allbrook, Eastleigh. SO50 4RP

**St Paul's final service** The final service at St Paul's will be on Sunday 19 July at 9.15 am, 64 years and one day after it was opened, and we are very pleased that Bishop Rhiannon (Bishop of Southampton) will be presiding at communion and preaching. Anyone is of course most welcome to come, and if you know people who have attended St Paul's in the past, you may wish to let them know about it. There will still be Church Together on that day. If you sometimes lead a zone at Church Together but intend to go to St Paul's, please could you let Richard know, so that he can fix zone leaders appropriately?

After 19 July, every church service or group that still takes place at St Paul's will move to St Mary's.

**Prayer evening** On Tuesday 30 June there will be a time of prayer in and around St Paul's from 8 - 9 pm, with Compline from 8.45 onwards. It will give us an opportunity to give thanks for everything that has taken place there over the years and to pray for the surrounding community, which we are still called to serve.

**Mission to Seafarers** We are very pleased to let you know that around Christmas we raised an amazing £1018 for the Mission to Seafarers. A huge thank you to everyone in our community who donated to this. Kate Powell, the Port Chaplain in Southampton, is extremely grateful.

**Anna Chaplaincy** We are very sorry that Janet has stood down from preparing to be our Anna Chaplain and moved to another church. We are grateful for all she contributed to our church over the past year.

**Sound desk at St Mary's** It would be very helpful if more people were able to operate the sound desk during services. If you would like to try this, please have a word with Richard, and he will give you some brief training.

**Some small tasks you may like to help with...** We are very grateful to those who clean St Mary's, normally on a Friday. If you would like to join the rota to do that once a month, please let Richard know. However, you may like to take on one of these smaller tasks at St Mary's, not necessarily every week, but perhaps once a month or as often as you can manage:

- wash the toilet floor on a Sunday afternoon / evening or Monday morning (takes 10 minutes)
- move the chairs and then Hoover the carpet sometime on a Monday ready for our toddler group (takes about 30 minutes)
- change the altar frontal whenever the season changes (8 or 9 times a year, but it wouldn't matter if you couldn't do all of them)

**Church Members' Facebook group** We have a closed Facebook group as a safe and supportive space for members of our church community to share updates and stay connected.

If you are on the church electoral roll or Church Family List, you are able to join. Otherwise, if you'd like to join, please fill in a Church Contact Consent form from the back of church and return it to Richard. You can find the page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1198939002408476> or by scanning this QR code:



**St Mary's Urgent Repairs Fund** Thank you so much for all your giving and fundraising so far for this. We have now raised about £35,000. If you would like to make a gift, please see the leaflets or poster at the back of church, or simply put your donation in an envelope marked 'Urgent Repairs'. We would also be very grateful if you can Gift Aid it – there are Gift Aid forms at the back of church. Alternatively, please go to <https://www.cofebishopstoke.com/urgent-repairs> Many thanks!

**Safeguarding in our church** This is everyone's responsibility! 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](mailto:cofebishopstokesafeguarding@gmail.com). Please also let Margaret know if you have been made to feel unsafe in any way. 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](#).

**Pastoral Care** Our church has two pastoral care co-ordinators, Ann and Joan. Together with others, they are able to offer friendship, support and prayer on behalf of St Mary's and St Paul's to both church members and the wider community. They are happy to arrange for someone to visit you at home or in hospital, bring communion to you if you are unable to get to church, or to ask on your behalf for the Prayer Healing Fellowship to include you in their prayers.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ann or Joan if you need help or you know someone else who might. If you ask on behalf of someone else, please ensure that they consent to receive pastoral care or prayer from the church.

**Ann Brown – 023 8061 3893**

**Joan Cook – 023 8060 2150**

**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 of the form at the back of each church. If you have moved or changed your phone number, there's no need to fill in another form, but please could you let Richard know your new details? (Simply being on the electoral roll doesn't give us permission to contact you under GDPR rules.) Many thanks.

**A Rocha UK's  
Easy Eco Tips –  
June 2026**



Take part in citizen science or a local nature event. Citizen science is a way for ordinary people to get involved in scientific research or data collection. There are many projects to choose from and it's easy to make a contribution. Invite others to get involved with you too. Here are some projects that you could help with:

- Search your local beach with a shore survey:  
[wildlifetrusts.org/shoresearch](http://wildlifetrusts.org/shoresearch)
- Spend ten minutes counting pollinators: [ukpoms.org.uk](http://ukpoms.org.uk)
- Join in with Churches Count on Nature (6 14 June):  
[arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature/](http://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature/)

- Do a Bee Walk: [beewalk.org.uk](http://beewalk.org.uk)
- Join Great Big Green Week (6-14 June): [greatbiggreenweek.com](http://greatbiggreenweek.com)

**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. They would also be very grateful for unwanted carrier bags, which are becoming scarcer! You can bring them to church too. Many thanks for whatever you are able to give.

**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 (behind the hedge in the far corner of the grass). 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.

**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. There are also copies at the back of each church. We really encourage you to Gift Aid donations if you can – if you need any help with this, please contact Carla at [cofebishopstoke.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:cofebishopstoke.treasurer@gmail.com) or phone Richard, as we are between Gift Aid Secretaries at the moment.

**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](#).

**Giving using the card machine and via the Donate button on our website** For some people, using the card machine is ideal, and it is especially helpful for the public at special events. Giving via the website is a very straightforward way of donating, especially for those who do not normally attend church. Please be aware, however, that there is a small charge (just under 2%) to the church for donations made in this way. We encourage church members to give to our church regularly if they can, and the Parish Giving Scheme, a standing order, or cash / cheque in a stewardship envelope are the best ways to do this. The Parish Giving Scheme tops them all, as they administer the Gift Aid for us!

Many thanks for whatever you are able to give or already give!

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