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Showing and Sharing God's Love

1 November 2026
All Saints

Welcome to St Mary's!

- 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. 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's services

10.45 am Parish Communion

4 - 6 pm Messy Church

Bible Readings

Revelation 7.9-17 (p.1238)

Psalms 34.1-10

Matthew 5.1-12 (p.968)

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Collects / Prayers for this week

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love 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.**

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Zena, Len, Joan, Colin, Molly, Carol, Marieanne, Mike, Wendy, Carol, Janet, Leah, Annette, Graham, Sandra, Dave, Pamela, Finn, Clare, Pauline, Bob, Elizabeth, Fiona, Sue, Denise, Edna, David, Jocelyn, Shane, Amelia, Karen, Tracy, Maureen, Liz, Charlotte, Janet, Tommy
- **our parish** – Stoke Park Junior School; all the pupils, staff and governors
- **School Pastors** – Tuesday lunchtime at Stoke Park Junior
- **Open the Book assemblies** – Wednesday morning at Stoke Park Infant and Junior Schools
- **peace** – in Israel-Palestine and across the Middle East; between Ukraine and Russia; in Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar and other places where there is conflict
- **the ecological and climate emergency** – COP 31, the United Nations Climate Change Conference, taking place in Antalya, Türkiye from 9 - 20 November

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

All events at St Mary's unless otherwise stated

Mon	2.30 pm	Prayer Healing Fellowship
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer (Methodist Church)
	9.30 am	Tots & Tinies toddlers
	8 pm	Church family group (Zoom)
Wed	8 pm	Compline / Night Prayer (Zoom)
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun	8 am	Holy Communion – BCP
	9.15 am	Holy Communion – modern language
	10.45 am	Remembrance service

Remembrance Sunday The 10.45 am service NEXT SUNDAY will not be Church Together, but an Act of Remembrance followed by worship for all ages. It will start promptly at 10.45 am and last about 55 minutes. There will be refreshments following the service (but not beforehand). Please could you let Richard know if you would be willing to be an additional sides person and / or take on a fire duty for the service?

Café @ St Mary's Many thanks to everyone who helped with or supported last month's café in any way. We raised £345 for the Urgent Repairs.

Christian Aid Harvest Appeal Many thanks to everyone who donated to this. We raised a wonderful £396.15, not including Gift Aid. Thank you so much for your generosity.

'Christmas' Café We are holding our 'Christmas' café on Saturday 21 November, from 10 am – 12.30 pm. As usual, it will be £3 for a drink and delicious slice of cake, and there will be a variety of stalls – more than we normally have at a café! You might be able to buy a Christmas present or two! If you'd like to donate homemade cakes, donate a raffle prize, or help on the day, please contact Richard. Otherwise, please just come along if you can – and do invite friends!

Fire duties Just in case you're taken aback by a sides person (welcomer) asking you to take on a fire duty as soon as you arrive at church...! For every service with over 20 people, the sides people now

need to fix five other people to help them, should there be a fire. Their tasks are: 2 to help people who have mobility issues, 2 to stop the traffic on the road, 1 to phone 999. Please don't feel you have to say yes! After a while, we will get to know who is happy to do this and who may not be. And you may like a week off, of course!

Friday Club This social group meets at Bishopstoke Methodist Church most Friday afternoons of the year from 2 - 4 pm. Anyone is most welcome to attend, and you can find copies of this term's programme at the back of church.

Borrowing books Julia Clarke has started a simple scheme for lending and borrowing books within our church family. If you'd like to encourage people to read a book which has made a deep impression on you and you are happy to lend it to others, please place it at the back of church and add it to the list. If you'd like to borrow one of the books, please just sign for it. 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. 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 our church 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

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:



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.

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!

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



As winter creeps in... homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house, you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway, do make

sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence). Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all? You'll go further together!

How to address an envelope The Post Office machines for reading envelopes are changing, and your letters will be sent more swiftly if the address is aligned to the left like this:

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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 Many thanks.

Online giving to our church If you would like to give a one-off or regular gift online, 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 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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