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Showing and Sharing God's Love

3 November 2024
All Saints

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

10.45 am Parish Communion

St Paul's

4 – 6 pm Messy Church

Bible Readings

Job 42.1-6,10-17 (p.542)

Psalm 24

John 11.32-44 (p.1078)

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

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.**

Psalm 24.1-6,9-10

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 **For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 **'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;**
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 **Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.

- 10 **‘Who is this King of glory?’ ♦**
‘The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.’

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Tim, David, Fiona, Denise, Pauline, Edna, Joy, Chris, Margaret, David, Robert, Tom, Jocelyn, Shane, Julia, Amelia, Margaret, Glyn, Finn, David, Karen, Joan, Tracy, Maureen, Liz, Charlotte, Janet & Michael, Brenda, Tommy
- **baptism** – Gwen on Saturday; her family and friends who come
- **our parish** – those who live in Otter Close, Hunters Way, Beaver Drive, Heather Chase, Elkins Square
- **School Pastors** – Tuesday lunchtimes at Stoke Park Juniors; those training to be School Pastors
- **Open the Book assemblies** – Wednesday morning at Stoke Park Infant and Junior Schools
- **Rotary shoe boxes** – the children and young people who will receive them; their families and communities
- **the ecological and climate emergency** – COP29 climate summit, starting on 11 November. A prayer from CAFOD:

God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.
Inspire world leaders at COP29
with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.
Amen.

- **peace** – for all whose lives have been shattered and for a just, lasting peace in Israel-Palestine, Lebanon, and across the Middle East; for other parts of the world where there is conflict

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This Week

Mon	2.30 pm	Prayer Healing Fellowship (St Paul's)
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer (Methodist Church)
	8 pm	Home group (Zoom)
Wed	8 pm	Compline / Night Prayer (Zoom)
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion – BCP (St Paul's)
Sun	8 am	Holy Communion – BCP (St Mary's)
	9.15 am	Holy Communion (St Paul's)
	10.45 am	Remembrance service (St Mary's)

Harvest of Hope appeal Thank you so much for all your donations to Christian Aid's Harvest appeal this year. They came to an amazing £503 (not including Gift Aid), and more people contributed than in other recent years!

Prayers of Love and Faith Many thanks for all your responses to the survey regarding offering prayers for those in same sex relationships in our churches. A good majority of those who responded were in favour, and Richard will therefore offer the prayers knowing that there is good support from our church family. At the moment, the prayers may only be used in private or in an existing church service, but we will use them in standalone services when the Church of England gives the go-ahead for this. If you have any concerns about this, please have a word with Richard.

Rotary shoe boxes A huge thank you to everyone who bought items for and packed one of these.

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 at 10.45 am promptly and last about 55 minutes. There will be refreshments following the service.

Quiz We will be holding a quiz at St Mary's on Friday 15 November at 7 pm, and the quiz master will be Roy LeMarechal, our Belltower Captain. If you'd like to come, please sign up on the list at the back of church. You're very welcome to invite friends, as long as you add them to the list. Teams should be of 4 - 6 people, and you may sign up as a team, or we can place you in a team. The cost will be £5 per head, and basic refreshments will be available, but you're very welcome to bring your own food and drink (including alcohol). All proceeds will go towards the Urgent Repairs.

Cream Tea Our next cream tea will be on Saturday 16 November from 2.30 – 4.30 pm at St Mary's. If you'd like to come, please add your name to the sheet at the back of either church or text Sibon on 07930 811238, saying if you have any dietary requirements. There's no charge, but you may wish to make a donation towards the costs and the Urgent Repairs Fund on the day.

'Christmas' Café We're holding our 'Christmas' café on Saturday 23 November, from 10 am – 12.30 pm at St Mary's. 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 would like to donate homemade cakes, donate a raffle prize, or help on the day, please contact Wendy Dale on 8064 2292. Otherwise, please just come along if you can – and do invite friends!

Winter Hymnathon On Saturday 30 November, the day before the start of Advent, we will be holding another hymnathon. It will be at St Mary's, from 2 – 4 pm, and there will be refreshments, a raffle, and the opportunity to donate to the Urgent Repairs fund. You are invited to select one or two favourite hymns for this, and we will try to include at least one from each person. You may wish to think of hymns related to the time of year, but please don't feel limited to them. You may also wish to say a few words about your chosen hymn. To request a hymn, please fill in a slip from the back of either church and place it in the box. Alternatively, please email music4bishopstoke@gmail.com
Please come, enjoy, and sing to the roof – or the walls!

St Mary's Urgent Repairs Fund Thank you so much for all your giving and fundraising so far for this. We have now raised over £16,600. 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!

Grant finders If you would be willing to help the church by applying for grants for the Urgent Repairs, please have a word with Richard. We will be able to give you all the information you need, as well as some ideas of where to apply to, and a PCC member will be able to support you in doing it. You would need to be able to access the internet.

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.

Looking ahead...

December 20 – *The Madding Crowd* Christmas performance –
7.30 pm, St Mary's

All proceeds to the Urgent Repairs

Eco Actions for November – Around the home



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. If in doubt, switch to off: it is never more efficient to leave appliances running when you are not using them. Make sure you

switch everything off at the plug before you go out and before you go to bed.

2. Ensure your heating is switched off at night and when you are away from your home (except in sub-zero conditions), and save 500kg CO₂e a year. Don't heat rooms you don't use, turn the radiator off and close the door.
3. Read your meters monthly to check how much fuel you are using. This kind of monitoring can save on your fuel bills and also save up to 250kg CO₂e a year, as you keep a closer eye on your energy use.
4. Find out if you have any unfilled cavity walls and, if so, have them filled. This extra insulation can make a significant difference to the comfort of your home and save over 1 tonne of CO₂e.

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](#).



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.*** 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 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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