

Binfield Beacon

December 2016 / January 2017

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BINFIELD

Carol Service

6.30pm

Sunday 18th December

Christingle

3pm and 5pm Christmas Eve

Midnight Service

11.30pm Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

9.15am BCP communion

10.30am All Age Service
(no communion)



Christmas Cards for sale!

At both churches and online:
binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/shop

Coming up...

Until We Meet Again

6.30pm 4th December

Celebrate the Joy
and Hope of
Christmas
While

Remembering
Loved Ones No
Longer With Us



SERVICES AND GROUPS @ ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S CHURCHES

DECEMBER 2016

Friday 2nd December

10.00am Open Door Christmas Special at St Mark's

Saturday 3rd December

7.30am Men's Walk from Binfield shops car park

Sunday 4th December

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am All Age Service with Baptism at All Saints'
NO Whizz Kids
NO Evening Prayer at St Mark's
6.30pm Until We Meet Again service at All Saints'

Monday 5th December

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's
8.00pm Open Door Christmas Special at St Mark's

Wednesday 7th December

9.00am Women's Walk&Talk from Crema Coffee Shop
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Thursday 8th December

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 11th December

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'
11.00am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
NO Evening Prayer (Binfield Singers Concert)

Monday 12th December

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 13th December

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 14th December

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Sunday 18th December

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Informal Service with Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Whizz Kid at St Mark's
6.30pm Carol Service at All Saints'

Monday 19th December

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 21st December

NO Women's Walk&Talk
NO 3G Group at St Mark's

Saturday 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00pm Christingle Service at All Saints'
5.00pm Christingle Service at All Saints'
11.30pm Midnight Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

9.15am BCP said Communion at All Saints'
10.30am All Age Christmas Service at All Saints'
NO Evening Prayer Service

JANUARY 2017 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday 1st January

NO Holy Communion
10.00am All Together Communion Service at All Saints'
NO Whizz Kids
NO Evening Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 4th January

9.00am Women's Walk&Talk from Crema Coffee Shop
NO 3G Group at St Mark's

Saturday 7th January

7.30am Men's Walk from Binfield shops car park

Sunday 8th January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'
11.00am Whizz Kids at St. Mark's
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Mark's

Monday 9th January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 11th January

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Thursday 12th January

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 13th January

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

Sunday 15th January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Informal Service with Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Whizz Kid at St Mark's
6.30pm Compline at St Mark's

Monday 16th January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's
8.00pm Practice the Presence Of God

Wednesday 18th January

9.00am Women's Walk&Talk from Crema Coffee Shop
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Sunday 22nd January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'
11.00am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
6.30pm Evening Prayer Service at St Mark's

Monday 23rd January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 24th January

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 25th January

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
8.00pm Practice the Presence Of God

Saturday 28th January

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 29th January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'
11.00am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
6.30pm Evening Prayer Service at St Mark's

Monday 30th January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

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FROM YOUR RECTOR



A Brother Like That

A friend of mine named Paul received a car from his brother as a Christmas present. On Christmas Eve when Paul came out of his office, a street urchin was walking around the shiny new car, admiring it. "Is this your car, Mister?" he asked.

Paul nodded. "My brother gave it to me for Christmas."

The boy was astounded. "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you nothing? Boy, I wish..." He hesitated.

Of course Paul knew what he was going to wish for. He was going to wish he had a brother like that. But what the lad said jarred Paul all the way down to his heels.

"I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that."

Paul looked at the boy in astonishment, then impulsively he added, "Would you like to take a ride in my automobile?"

"Oh yes, I'd love that."

After a short ride, the boy turned and with his eyes aglow, said, "Mister, would you mind driving in front of my house?"

Paul smiled a little. He thought he knew what the lad wanted. He wanted to show his neighbours that he could ride home in a big automobile. But Paul was wrong again.

"Will you stop where those two steps are?" the boy asked.

He ran up the steps. Then in a little while Paul heard him coming back, but he was not coming fast. He was carrying his little crippled brother. He sat him down on the bottom step, then sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car.

"There she is, Buddy, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas and it didn't cost him a cent. And some day I'm gonna give you one just like it...then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the Christmas windows that I've been trying to tell you about."

Paul got out and lifted the lad to the front seat of his car. The shining eyed older brother climbed in beside him and the three of them began a memorable holiday ride.

That Christmas Eve, Paul learned what Jesus meant when he said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Acts Chapter 20 verse 35.

(Story taken Chicken Soup for the Soul)

Luke

BINFIELD LIGHTHOUSE

It is that time of year when the temperatures have started to drop below zero and those that don't have a cosy home are at their most vulnerable.



This year we will be once again be opening St Mark's Church overnight on Tuesdays to give shelter to the homeless in the area (other churches are opening on other days of the week). This starts in December and will go on throughout winter till the end of March.

We have the start of a great team to make this happen and we are now looking out into the community to see if anyone else would like to join in and volunteer their time, skills, food, sleeping bags and anything large or small that you think might help.

Many of you have already come forward to volunteer for one of the three shifts and we are starting to put together a rota. However, in order to really get this sorted out please have a look at the shift timings below (we only ask you to do every other week) and see if you would like to volunteer.

Tuesday Evening (7-10pm)
Tuesday Night (9.45pm-7am)
Wednesday Morning (6.50am-9am)

Of course you are more than welcome to come along to the evening shift every week if you so desire. We just need to ensure we have a minimum number of volunteers on shift to allow us to open our doors.

There are all sorts of jobs that need doing—from driving the mini bus to collect our guests to cooking to doing the laundry. We are even wondering if there are any counsellors or people with other skillsets that we haven't thought about that might like to pop in to see if they can help.

I am more than happy to chat over your ideas and queries you may have about contributing to this much needed and worthy annual project. It really is important for us to step out and help those around us less fortunate than ourselves. Any offer of help small or great is very much appreciated. Please do get in touch!

Dave (saundersdave2@aol.com)

PS: We are urgently looking for sleeping bags, under mats and sleeping bag liners for St Mark's and Newbold Church. If you have a spare sleeping bag you can donate please bring this along to a Tuesday evening or drop it into the St Mark's office one weekday morning.



From the Registers: November

Baptisms

Laura Marshall

Funerals

Ronald Branchflower

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S



All Saints'
Repair & Care

The Binfield ARC project: Fundraising for essential repairs to our historic Parish Church

All Saints' Church Needs Your Help!

Fundraising Update

Donations received:	Binfield PCC:	Charitable Grants:
£52,811	£100,000	£35,000

NEW TOTAL
£189,811

Phase 1 Project Cost: £230,000

Phase 1 preparation work starting Summer/Autumn 2016
Total projected project cost: £750,000

We have had an amazing fundraising month in October. Everyone had a great time participating in the first Binfield Scarecrow Trail, which raised an amazing £1,618. I think it's safe to say that we were all inspired and are looking forward to the next one already!



We also had a wonderful concert by the Occasions Singers with their visitors from Russia which raised £602. The Pamper Day at the Red House raised £850 and the Newbold Bake Sale raised another £355. Thank you to all those who organised and joined in with these events and those in November!

There are some more great things going on in the run-up to Christmas. Don't forget to keep an eye on the website and notice sheets at church as we continue to have kind offers and suggestions of events to take place in aid of the project. The fundraising team is currently looking into the possibility of a "Buy a Tile" scheme which a few people have also mentioned, and don't forget you can purchase packs of Christmas Cards from the office or church featuring Ken Brunt's stunning photo of All Saints' in the snow.

Thanks as ever for all your support, and we hope that you have a wonderful Christmas.

The Fundraising Team

Please contact us at

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

See our website for more information on our project, easy links to fundraising and dates for upcoming events:

www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk

How to donate or fundraise for us:

If you are able to make a donation, however big or small, it will all help! You can donate by:

- **Cheque:** please send a cheque to the church office, made payable to "Binfield PCC Church Repairs". Include your name and address especially if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim Gift Aid.

- **BACS:** a/c no: 03290131 sort code: 20-11-74 Account: Binfield PCC Church Repairs

- **JustGiving:** See our JustGiving Binfield ARC campaign and set up your own fundraising page at: <http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/binfield-pcc/binfieldarcproject>

- **JustTextGiving:**

Text "BARC16 £10" to 70070 (*or your amount) Don't forget to Gift Aid it if you are a UK Tax Payer – this will add an extra 25% to your donation! Ask at the church office for more details. Please also ask at the office for ways to add to your regular giving if you belong to the congregation.

Upcoming Events: December

- Friday 2nd: **Fundraising Quiz Night** at Billingbear Park Golf Course
- Sunday 4th: **Christmas Market** at St Mark's, 2-5pm
- Tuesday 6th: **Ladies Fashion Evening** at Roebuck Cottage, St Mark's Road. 5-10pm
- Saturday 17th: **1st Binfield Rainbows and Brownies Carol Singing**, Tesco Warfield 3-5pm



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MEETINGS & GROUPS - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

THE SILVER SERVICE



A more traditional short service designed and led by our retired congregation members followed by a delicious homemade lunch

Tuesday 13th December
Tuesday 24th January
12 noon
at St Mark's Church

We'd love to meet you and please bring your friends too!

If you would like help with transport please contact Beverley Cornish on 01344 307271 or 077044 37207

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



Men's Breakfast is usually held on the 4th Saturday of each month **at St Mark's Church**
NO MEN'S BREAKFAST IN DECEMBER

Next Date: Saturday 28th January

"Increase in Allergies - Fact or Fad?"

07.30 "Smell the Coffee"
 07.45 "On the Soapbox"
 08.45 "On your Bikes"



Our Speciality: BACON & EGG BAPS

for more information contact Tony on 07596 461160

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



1st and 3rd Wednesday every month, except August

Meet at Crema Coffee Shop at 9am

7th December - Going on to Dinton Pastures

21st Dec - No Walk

4th Jan, 18th Jan, 1st Feb

15th Feb - No Walk

For more information contact Gisele Taylor or Claire Thomas on 07724 889169

OPEN DOOR



We would love you to join us for a short informal service at **St Mark's Church, Binfield**

...followed by refreshments

A crèche is available if you have young children

10am 2nd December - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

8pm 5th December - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

10am Friday 13th January

Please contact Liz for more details at orinocco@hotmail.co.uk

**EVERYONE WELCOME
 THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN**



MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



Saturdays:

**3rd December, 7th January,
 4th February**

We start at 7.45am from the car park of the Binfield village shops. Duration approx. 1 hour.

Be ready for all weathers!

Contact Clive Betteridge for more information



Small group meetings

A Small Group is a gathering of three or more people who meet up on a regular basis to share fellowship, study the Bible and pray together. If you are interested in joining a small group, meeting in the comfort of someone's home, please contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hi Everyone!!

Woop ! Woop! Christmas is almost here! This is such a wonderful time of year to be in church. Christingles, carol services, midnight service and Christmas day! I love it all !

Spending time with family is so precious and I hope you all get to enjoy it!

Thank you everyone who joined in with the Operation Christmas Child, putting together a shoe box filled with exciting goodies. Rest assured you will be lighting up the faces of many children around the world ! Imagine the excitement you felt when you were little and multiply that out many times! Its wonderful to be able to take so many boxes to the collection point each year and this year was just as good! You are all amazing !

At Binfield Youth we have been meeting together for the Youth Alpha course. Youth Alpha is very relaxed where we watch a short video brought to us from HTB Alpha. Sometimes we have a short talk and Rosie gave us a very interesting one, out of which we decided the best bit was "Jesus is the best friend ever!". This gives us many thought -provoking topics for discussion. It's your space to talk about what you think and even be challenged about what you know so far! This makes for a lively discussion!



It has been a lot of fun and very informative. We get creative with shared food such as hot chocolate topped with cream, mini marshmallows and sugar sprinkles all accompanied with doughnuts and strawberries! Yum !! I even introduced a favourite of mine as a teenager - Ice Cream Float !! We have had fun with games and even had sparklers around Guy Fawkes night representing Jesus being the light of the world.



How do you feel about the world today? How does Faith and the Church fit into it all? How does it all relate to you? Well if you have questions like this why not come along to Youth Alpha and see if you can get some answers?! We meet on Wednesdays at St. Mark's Church in Popeswood Road at 8.15pm . Come and join us!

If you want more information get in contact with me at

ifco_madhouse1200@msn.com or 07941711924

John 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**"

I hope you all have an amazing Christmas and that God blesses you all of the year!

Fiona - Youth Worker

My
greatest
adventure

Bear Grylls' story



Alpha

**NEW YOUTH
ALPHA COURSE
(11-18yrs)**

8.15pm-9.45pm Weds @ St Mark's

COME AND JOIN IN

Call the office 01344 421079 or Fiona 07941 711924

YOUTH CHOIR Aged 7+



Practice is on Thursday's 6.30-7.30pm at St Mark's and we sing at the first 9.30am Parish Communion each month, some All Age services and special occasions.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Contact Michael Hawkins on 01344 411681

3G



3 Generations playing together!

Every Wednesday 10am until 11.30am at St Mark's Church, Popeswood Road. Everyone is welcome: babies, toddlers, parents, carers and the older generation.



Come and join us for cake, coffee and a chat while the little ones play!

For more info contact Jan Watts: 01344 305965

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hello Everyone and Merry Christmas!

We are drawing near to the end of the year now, and what a year it has been. We've met many new faces, and had plenty of old timers too!

As I am writing this, we have our cinema trip coming up soon, which will be a great chance to hang out and have fun with friends. We also have a party coming up later in the month, but more news on that later...

This month we have learned about stories from the bible, but more importantly, we have thought about what we can take from these stories, and how we can change our lives for the better! When we heard about Daniel in the lion's den, we realised we can trust God with anything, and he can help us. We've had some amazing discussions, and even had an interview time with some of the Whizz Kids leaders and young leaders! We asked them really big questions that we haven't been able to ask before, and heard lots of opinions about them. It was great to be able to talk about unusual questions!

We are going to vote at the next Whizz Kids session to decide what to raise money for over the Christmas period, we'll see how much pocket money we raise in that time! We've funded some very interesting gifts the past year, including chickens, a toilet, and even manure to help farmers in developing countries with their crops!

The Christmas Season is great, because it gives us a chance to talk to people about Jesus, and to have fun while doing it! We will have lots of stuff going on at the Church this month, and hopefully, the Whizz Kids can prepare something for some of the Christmas services!



So, about this party... We are going to have a Whizz Kids Christmas Party, which will be a fab chance to come and dance, eat, play games, and go a little crazy just in time for Christmas. It will be on Friday 23rd December, from 6:15pm-8pm. It will be open to anyone in years 1-6, friends are very welcome, but you must book in advance so please email me to book a place! The cost will be £3 per person, but £2 for siblings. It would be great to see as many people there as possible!

From everyone here at All Saints' with St Mark's, we hope you have an amazing Christmas and New Year!

Daisy— Children's Worker daisyridell@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUP: 11am-12noon @ St Mark's Church

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES...GAMES...FUN...AND MUCH MORE!!

A group for children of school years 1-6 every Sunday (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

All children welcome - Bring your friends

(Leaders have enhanced DBS clearance)



Creative Table (for pre-school and Reception year children)

The creative table is available during the 11am service every Sunday
(except the first of the month)

for younger children to use while their parents are enjoying the service.

Some of the children's work is displayed in the Lady Chapel at All Saints' Church

HELPING EACH OTHER

Keeping you informed

Here at All Saints' and St Mark's Churches we are looking to improve our communication with everyone in the village and congregation. To do this we need to keep our contacts database up to date.

If you are not already on it but would like to receive information and updates on what we are doing here in Binfield, please email the church office on office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk or call on 01344 421079

Please note: we do not sell your information and you will only be contacted with information relating to church activities

PASTORAL CARE VISITING TEAM - need a friend?



In All Saints' and St Mark's Churches we have a small pastoral care team, who are happy to visit and befriend the people of Binfield. So, if you have recently moved to the area and don't know many people; if your family live far away; if you are a Mum at home with a baby and would like adult company; if you find it difficult to get out or just fancy a friendly chat over a cup of tea, please get in touch with one of us. You don't need to be a member of the church; just enjoy some company occasionally!

And, if visiting others is something you would enjoy doing, please also let us know

Jane Aylwin	tel. 481692
Jill Hanson	tel. 452694
Margareta Hawkins	tel. 411681
Sarah Muller	tel. 428782
Jan Vigar	tel. 411267
Daphne Steel	tel. 452450
Gisele Taylor	tel. 07724 889169
Dave Dawson	tel. 360389

Or contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

All Saints' and St Mark's Volunteers



Meet people and get involved with the many projects and ministries that make up All Saints' and St Mark's Churches.

We are currently looking for help with:

- cleaning at All Saints' and St Mark's churches
- Beacon Deliverers for the new developments
- tea & coffee rotas for the 9.30 and 11am Sunday services

To find out more and to offer your help, please call 01344 421079 or email the church office on:

Until We Meet Again



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Loved Ones No
Longer With Us

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News from the Parish Office – December 2016 & January 2017

Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Parish Office adjacent to Foxley Fields



Date	Meeting	Time
Tuesday 6 December	Amenity Committee	8.00pm
Tuesday 13 December	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8.00pm
Tuesday 3 January 2017	Planning & Transportation Committee	8.00pm
Tuesday 10 January	Parish Council	8.00pm
Tuesday 24 January	Planning & Transportation Committee	8.00pm

Upcoming Events – Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Monday 5 December	Switch on of Christmas Tree lights - at the green Foxley Lane/Terrace Road South (opp the new Daruchini brasserie) join us from 6.00pm for carol singing and the grand switch on at 6.30pm with Amber Hill, a Binfield resident who represented Team GB at the Rio Olympics! Refreshments afterward as guests of Newbold Church
Saturday 14 January 2017	Public Consultation – Parish Office extension project please come along to Binfield Library (during their normal opening hours for Saturday) and see proposed drawings to extend the parish office. Please Note any changes to this date will be notified on Facebook and our website

Binfield Parish Council: Current projects

Parish Office extension – those of you who have visited the parish office will know that we aren't exactly spacious. With more activities going on all the time and more residents looking for more meeting or community space, we are proposing to extend the Parish Office to create more office space, display space, meeting room facilities and, with some excitement, a community café. At the time of writing this we don't have a plan to share.... But we will have drawings to get feedback on in early January prior to submitting planning permission! Please pop into Binfield Library (details above) and tell us what you think of the plans and what you'd like to see in the extended space.

Parish website – the parish website is not particularly well visited or easy to navigate. A project will start early in 2017 to write a specification for a new website. If you have ideas you would like to see please let us know.

Vacancy for Admin Officer – the Parish are looking for an experienced administrator for 20 hours per week at the Parish Office. If you are interested in this vacancy please contact Ally, the Parish Clerk for more details. The vacancy will close on Friday 16 December with interviews early in January.

Artsweek - Another Artsweek was held during the October half term. Feedback suggests that lots of fun was had by a large number of children, families and adults across the three parishes of Binfield, Warfield and Winkfield. Thanks go to the wide group of individuals, both paid & unpaid, who make the week a success plus a special mention to Jonathan Greenyer and Janis Harding for their hard work throughout the year. If you have an idea for a workshop or activity that we could include, or a better way to handle the week please let us know.

Grit Bins - 18 grit bins are in place for winter to assist residents in keeping roads clear if we get bad weather. Please work with your neighbours to keep surrounding roads safe. These should give good cover across the parish.

Dual Purpose Bins – no excuse to drop litter or pick up after your dog! We would like to remind you that all the litter bins throughout Bracknell Forest have a dual purpose in that they are for both rubbish and dog waste bags. We encourage all dog owners to clean up after their dogs. We do know that the majority of dog owners are very responsible, but the few that aren't are really making everyone else quite cross.

Used Stamps and Lost Property Just our regular reminder that your used stamps can be handed into the Parish Office, from where they will be used to raise money for charity. With regard to Lost Property, people hand us items they have found from time to time. You might like to call us if you lose an item as we might have it here.

And we sign off with our usual festive Christmas greetings
and with good wishes for a
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BINFIELD UPDATE:

Theft from vans: Bracknell & Binfield are still suffering from tool thefts from vans. There are extra measures that can be taken to secure vans making them unattractive to thieves. If the tools within are your livelihood then it is really important to take extra precautions to protect them. Info packs on security measures are available from the Parish Council Offices.

CCTV: Recently there have been a number of instances where residents have shared images from CCTV footage on social media. It is really important that this is not done unless the investigating officer has been consulted and agrees it is suitable to do so. The reason for this is that it can seriously jeopardise the prosecution leading to court cases being dropped. I would therefore urge our residents to think twice before doing this and instead trust in our procedures to investigate crime properly.

Scarecrow Trail: It was disappointing that the recent charity scarecrow trail was disrupted due to selfish vandalism. We are investigating this and would like anyone with information about who may be responsible to contact me directly at cassandra.oswald@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Christmas: Please take extra care leading up to Christmas in regards to not having presents on show (keep curtains drawn when the lights are on at night etc), and to not leave evidence of expensive gifts on show (boxes out for recycling) as this could make your home a potential target. You can contact the team for further crime prevention advice on BracknellNorthernParishesNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



On behalf of the team I would like to wish you
all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

PS 5679 Cass Oswald



Binfield CE Primary School

Enrichment Week

In the week beginning the 17th of October, the children at Binfield CE Primary School took part in an Enrichment Week. They were asked to focus on the school's core values of 'Community', 'Inclusion', 'Integrity' and 'Creativity'. They were also asked the question 'What difference does it make being a church school?'

Across the school children produced beautiful art work depicting the values including stained glass windows, illuminated prayers and Bible stories. They looked at pictures that captured feelings of Awe and Wonder, and created thoughtful writing and poetry around these images.

The staff and children all felt that it had been a really creative and worthwhile week raising the awareness of our school as a central part of the Community.

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News from Binfield Patient Group

SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT GENERAL PRACTICE AND BINFIELD SURGERY

General Practice provides approximately 90% of patient contacts in the NHS. (Information provided by NHS digital 2016).

General Practice receives only 8.4% of the NHS budget, down from 10.6% in 2006. (Information provided by BMA Feb 2014).

Funding for primary care as a share of the NHS overall budget fell every year in our five-year study period, from 8.3% to just over 7.9%. (Information provided by The Kings Fund Report 2016).

Consultations at Binfield Surgery have increased from approximately 28,000 in 2006 to 32,760 in 2015, an increase of 17%. Of these 32,760 booked consultations, 1860 failed to attend.

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COUGHS AND COLDS

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Most common winter ailments, such as colds, sore throats, coughs, a blocked nose or a painful earache cannot be treated with antibiotics.

ALWAYS ASK YOUR LOCAL PHARMACIST FOR ADVICE

Season's Greetings and Have a Good New Year.

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group

COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Garden Club

After welcoming everyone to our November meeting, Richard advised us that next February's competition will be hyacinths in a pot/bowl so we need to think about planting them in good time!

He then introduced our speaker, Dr Michael Keith-Lucas with his talk about the use of pollen in solving crime.

What an interesting and instructive evening then followed, hearing so much about the almost invisible, but so important pollens. They are everywhere, all year round and whether we like it or not, grains are always up our noses!

Dr Keith-Lucas described his fascinating career, even working on many murder cases and mysterious bodies, helping identify date and place of death by testing pollen. This is possible because the Met Office keep tables of pollens in the air every day and because all plants release their pollens at different times.

We were not only enthralled by tales of criminals, but Dr Keith-Lucas also described how important pollen testing is to ensure honey jars carry correct labels of origin. Bees travel up to 5 miles and there have been cases of honey containing 35% opium pollen grains after the bees visited poppy fields. This sounded a very interesting area of research and apparently some bees are even fitted with barcodes to check where they have been!

We were sorry to come to the end of such a spell-binding talk, but it was then time for tea followed by the raffle of many super prizes. The competition of chrysanthemums in a vase was won by Roy Cox – a unanimous decision as, surprisingly, his was the only entry.

Next month's meeting on December 1st is our Christmas Party and this is for members only.

Looking ahead to January 5th, we are excited to announce a talk by

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Next year's programme is all finalised and full of super speakers and visits. New members and visitors are always welcome at The Memorial Hall, 7.15pm on the first Thursday of each month. Further details are on our website binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com and see us on facebook too!

Sue Jeffery



The Binfield Belles

With the festive season approaching the WI are enjoying a party spirit as they celebrate their 98th birthday next week as you read this in December it will have been and gone. Christmas will be calling and we have Christmas lunch at Mill Ride Golf course on the 6th December and a Christmas market visit to Winchester on the 1st December, when a bevy of our girls take a bus ride for a glitzy day out we are hoping for bright and crisp and even without the snow but you never know.

Our last meeting in October was an open meeting and members from our group WI attended with friends and family and gentlemen to boot. I told them they were honoured to be invited to the hallowed boards of the memorial Hall. Jerusalem was sung by all and we opened the meeting with a few notices about future events. Our speaker Kit related days as a steward about a cruise liner, when cruising was only for the elite furnished with slides and memorabilia an interesting hour unfolded.

Duly thanked, coffee and cake followed of course and much chat and laughter along with new members and guests. I am pleased to welcome a host of new ladies to the fold it seems we have all ages in our group.

Our coffee mornings are proving popular with the Belles and some 20 met at Wyevalle in October; it's good to chat with other members as the meetings are quite busy and this provides a relaxing change for me as well. South Hill Park in November, and then in December Mavis normally hosts a Christmas morning with coffee and nibbles + cake of course in her house to view her decorations. A theatre visit to see a production of Rumpy Pumpkin a farce about the WI at Windsor theatre was enjoyed by a group of Belles, it's a true story about WI ladies who campaigned to get prostitution legalised in brothels. My God it's amazing what some of this crowd get up to...A good time was had by all.

8th December will be our Christmas party with a musical accompaniment. Like to visit us give me a call Linda on 01344 454503 or 07708 731 294-- binfieldwi.wix.com/ binfieldwi we would like to hear from you. January's meeting is on the 12th at the Memorial Hall at 7.15pm - love to see you!

Merry Christmas, Linda

A VERY SPECIAL COMMEMORATION: October 17th, 1916

Exactly 100 years from the day of his death, bell ringers from Binfield and Easthampstead rang a quarter peal to commemorate Sydney Gearing. Sydney was 22 when he died. He had lived with his family in Rose Hill, and worked as a gardener, as did his father. He enlisted and joined the Royal Berkshire Regiment at the beginning of the first world war, later training as a gunner.

His name is on the war memorial at All Saints' and on the Thiepval memorial in France. However, he was also a bell ringer and is recorded as a tower member at All Saints' from 1911 to 1916. He must have been a quick learner because we also know that he rang three full peals during 1912 –1913.

This quarter peal was rung as part of a nationwide project to identify and commemorate ringers killed in the first world war.

David Fawcett

Monday, 17th October, 2016. All Saints, Binfield 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Liz Harris 2. David Creasy 3. Barbara Wells 4. Bradley Herrington 5. Steve Wells (Conductor)



COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Library News December 2016

Christmas can be a stressful and even lonely time, so please remember that the library will be open on the Thursday and Friday between Christmas and New Year and we will even be serving coffee on the Thursday morning. If you need to get out of the house, have a change of scene and see a friendly face then drop into the library. Please note that on the Saturdays 24th and 31st December we will be closing earlier than usual at 1pm.

We have a few spaces left at our Christmas bedtime story session. We will be reading Christmas stories, doing simple Christmas crafts and singing Christmas songs on Monday 19th December at 5.30pm. Children, parents and especially staff will be wearing PJs and slippers for this special event. This is a booking event with a small cost of £1 per child.

We are sorry to announce that one of our team has resigned. Claire has been at the library for over seven years working every Saturday as well as a full time job. We are sorry to see her go but understand her desire for a proper weekend! Thank you Claire for all your hard work and enthusiasm, we will miss you.

Here is a quick summary of dates for your diary:

Children's Events:

LEGO group is on Monday 5th December.

NEW Art Club is meeting on Monday 12th December at 3.15pm. All children between the ages 5 and 9 are welcome to this new group. This month's subject is of course 'Glitter and Gold'.

NEW Children's Knitting sessions. Would your child like to learn to knit? We have 2 sessions this month where we will be passing on this skill. Saturday 17th December at 2.15pm and Thursday 29th at 3.00pm. All materials provided.

Bounce & Rhyme sessions are every Thursday at 9.30 am and are very popular. Please come and teach us some new songs and can anyone show us how to sign? We open at 9 am and you can enjoy a coffee and chat with your friends. We are keeping the Tots craft which is available after the singing session as it has been much enjoyed by kids and parents alike. It is a simple craft involving lots of glue and stickers!

Story time is moving to Friday afternoons at about 2.30 pm., timed to fit in with collecting children from school. We will also be trying some simple rhymes and attempting to do some jigsaws.

Crafts are back to Tuesday afternoon; drop in sessions finishing about 4.30 pm. We rely on small donations to keep these craft sessions going, thank you.

BEST - our Saturday afternoon activity session BEST will be based on the theme of 'Countries'.

Adult Events:

Knit and Natter is on Monday 5th December at 2 pm and Saturday 17th December. New knitters are very welcome.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 8th December at 11 am. Puzzles this month will have a festive theme. Come and join us for a brain workout and you also get tea and cake!

Are you new to Binfield? Drop in for a chat, make new friends and exercise those brain cells at our Coffee morning and Quiz, Thursday 29th December. Yes it is just after Christmas but we will be here with the Kettle and teapot to break up that long week

Rummikub is on Friday 30th December at 2 pm. We play both the numbers and letters version of this game and novices are always welcome.

The drop in book group meets on last Monday evening of the month at 5.30 pm. Last month we read the outstanding book 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' by Khalid Hosseini. The current book is a very unusual novel called 'The Bees' by Laline Paull. Due to the Christmas and New Year bank holidays, we will be holding our group on the 9th January. This book group is aimed at encouraging you to read outside your comfort zone. Call in and collect the book anytime.

The Historical Group is meeting on the 23rd December at 11.15am.

NEW - Board games session on 12th December at 2 pm. If you enjoy scrabble or dominoes etc., why not drop in for this new activity.

Finally to a less pleasant topic. Thank you to everyone who participated in the first stage of the review of libraries. It was lovely to see so much support for us and to be so appreciated. We are now on the second stage of the review with further public consultations. Please pop into the library to collect your survey form or attend the public meeting on Tuesday 15th November at 8 pm at Binfield Primary School. This is your final chance to hear the proposals and give your views.

Please contact the Library for any further details on any of our events.

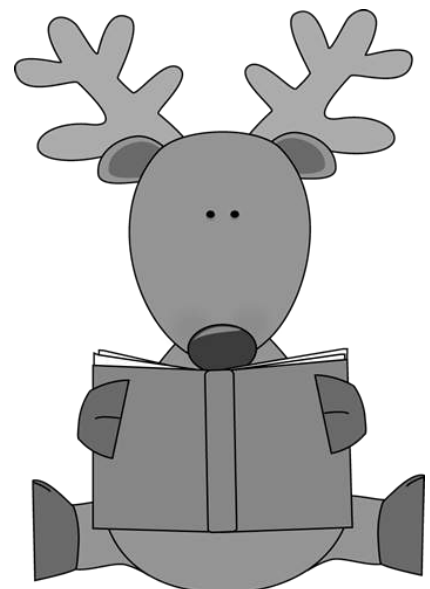
This is your Library, so please use it. We aim to provide services and activities to meet your needs, so please let us know how we are doing and don't forget parking is absolutely free on a Saturday.

We look forward to welcoming you to the library.

The Binfield
Library team

Helen, Chris,
Claire, Fiona,
Gillian, Margo &
Sarah

For more details
of library events
please go to
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COMMUNITY



Remembrance Sunday

A big thank you from the Binfield Branch of the Royal British Legion for a wonderful turn out for this years' parade. All Saints' Church was packed. It was literally standing room only.

The service was arranged by the British Legion representatives in Binfield and included children from the cubs, brownies, guides and scouts.

A large group of adults and children took part in the now traditional parade from the Binfield Club in the centre of the village down to All Saints' Church (accompanied by Dave on the drum). Many others followed and we were thankful that the weather stayed dry.

Once everyone had arrived at the church the Standards of the various groups were presented and Luke (the vicar) started the service shortly after 10am. It was poignant and moving with the hymns 'I Vow to Thee my Country', 'Jerusalem' and 'Mine eyes have seen the Glory' echoing around the church.

The 'Lament to a Fallen Soldier' was played as the Standards made their way from the Altar to the Roll of Honour for the reading of the names of the men from Binfield who made the ultimate sacrifice. Poppies were dropped, one for each person, remembering the men lost in both World Wars and more recently, the Falklands War. This was followed by the haunting melody of the 'Last Post'.

Staff Sergeant Davies gave the first reading, Romans chapter 12 verse 18. This was followed by readings by the 3rd Binfield Brownies, mother and daughter Jo and Jessica Eighteen read "The Poppy" (author unknown). A Remembrance Poem was written and read by Emma Cullen.

Binfield Brownies and Guides sang the poem 'In Flanders Field'. First Binfield Guides wrote and read the prayers. The collection was taken in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The service closed with the National Anthem and then the parade made their way back to Oakmede Place. The Royal British Legion would like to thank the Binfield Club for their hospitality at the end of the parade.



1st BINFIELD SCOUT GROUP

Charity CHRISTMAS POST scheme

26th November-17th December 2016

The Scout Post delivery scheme will be taking place again this Christmas. The Scout Post is operated by the 1st Binfield Scout Group, providing a Christmas delivery service to any household with a **Binfield address**, and at the same time raising funds for the whole Scout Group.

The cost is only **30p per card**. Each envelope will be stamped with the Scout Post logo, before being delivered on Sunday 18th December.

Please post your **carefully addressed** cards, and **30p per card**, in a CHRISTMAS POST box. These will be at the following places between Saturday 26th November and Saturday 17th December:

**The Doctor's Surgery, Terrace Road North,
Lloyds Chemist, Terrace Road North,
Binfield Library, Benetfield Road, and
Crema Coffee Shop, Terrace Road South.**



**CHURCH
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**The call
in action**

All Saints' with St Mark's has received a lovely update from the Salaman family who we support in their mission to Tanzania via the Church Mission Society. To learn more about their work both at St John's University and the mission and evangelism department of the national office please go to churchmissionsociety.org/salaman or come and see the information we have up on the notice boards at both churches.

LADIES FASHION EVENING

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

at Roebuck Cottage, St Marks Rd
5pm - 10pm

Refreshments, raffle prizes and lots of
items at Half Price!

All commissions from clothing sales to
the ARC project.

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COMMUNITY

December dates for your Diary — Village Events

Friday 2nd December	Quiz night at Billingbear Golf course in aid of the Binfield ARC Project
Saturday 3rd December	11am—3pm Binfield School Christmas Bazaar with Living Nativity
Saturday 3rd December	7.30pm Music & Memories Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church Winkfield
Sunday 4th December	2-5pm St Mark's Christmas Market - grab some Christmas presents!
Monday 5th December	6pm Binfield Christmas Light Switch on Opposite the Daruchini Brasserie
Tuesday 6th December	5pm-10pm Ladies Fashion Evening at Roebuck Cottage, St Marks Rd
Sunday 11th December	7.30pm Binfield Singers Christmas Carol Concert at St Mark's Church

Email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk to list your event for free!



All Saints' Christmas Cards for sale!

The beautiful All Saints' Church was captured veiled in crisp white snow by Ken Brunt and the image is now available as Christmas cards for £5 per pack (10x a6 cards or 5x a5 cards and envelopes)

Available to buy from both churches and our new online shop: binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/shop



Christmas Carol Concert

**On Sunday 11th December
at 7.30 pm
in St Mark's Church, Binfield**

**Tickets (on the door) £5
to include Festive Refreshments**

Come and enjoy the Carols Old and New - Join in and Sing

For more details contact Jan on 01344 411267

www.binfieldsingers.org

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FOBS Christmas Bazaar

3rd December

Featuring:
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Binfield Primary School
Benetfeld Road, Binfield
11am - 3pm



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