

The Binfield Beacon

Your Binfield Parish Community Magazine - there's lots going on!



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What is my purpose in life.....

You always have a choice so
choose the better side.....



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SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

(All Services are held at All Saints' Church unless specified)

AUGUST 2024

Sunday 4th 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal All Age Service

Sunday 11th 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

Sunday 18th 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service with Communion

Sunday 25th 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 1st 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal All Age Baptism Service

Sunday 8th 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

Sunday 15th 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service with Communion

Sunday 22nd 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

Sunday 29th 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

OCTOBER 2024

Sunday 6th 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal All Age Service

DIARY

AUGUST 2024

Sat 3rd 7.45am Men's Monthly Walk

Tues 20th 12 noon Silver Service at The Butts, Beehive Road

SEPTEMBER 2024

Wed 4th 9.00am Wednesday Women's Walk
10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church

Thurs 5th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

Sat 7th 7.45am Men's Monthly Walk

Wed 11th 10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church

Thurs 12th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

Mon 16th 7.30pm Practice the presence of God at The Rectory

Tues 17th 12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's Church

Wed 18th 9.00am Wednesday Women's Walk
10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church

Thurs 19th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

Wed 25th 10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church

Thurs 26th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

OCTOBER 2024

Wed 2nd 9.00am Wednesday Women's Walk
10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church

Thurs 3rd 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

Sat 6th 7.45am Men's Monthly Walk

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 3rd August, 7th September and 5th October

The Men's Monthly Walk takes place on the 1st Saturday of each month. We start at 7.45am from the car park at Oakmede Shops. The walk lasts approximately 1 hour.

Be ready for all weathers!

For more information contact Kim Swain on 07894 469633 or kimswain@pm.me

PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The next month's Practice the presence of God session takes place on

Monday 16th September, 7.30pm at The Rectory

This is a time to be still and to practice listening to God and learning to recognise how he speaks to you.

Creative Table

(for Pre-school and Reception year children)

The creative table is available during the 11am service every Sunday (except on the first of the month) for younger children to use during the service.

AUGUST

VERSE OF THE MONTH

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity

Proverbs 17.17

contributed by
Chris White

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S WALK

A gentle 2-3 mile walk (which takes about an hour) in and around Binfield village, for women of mixed ages and abilities. Usually on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The walks go ahead in all weathers and normally start at 9am from outside Foxes' Den Café and finish there around 10am for a coffee.

7th August - NO WALK

21st August - NO WALK

4th September - 9am meet Foxes' Den

18th September - 9am meet Foxes' Den

2nd October - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information contact:
Gisele on
07724 889169

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



What's my purpose

Cry has three letters but so does **joy**.
Hate has four letters but so does **love**.
Enemies has seven letters but so does **friends**.
Failure has seven letters but so does **success**.
Negativity had ten letters but so does **positivity**.
You always have a choice.
So choose the better side.

"What's my purpose in life?" I asked God
"What if I told you that you fulfilled it when you took an extra hour to talk to your children about their life?" God said.
"Or when you paid for that couple in the restaurant? Or when you saved that dog in traffic? Or when you tied your father's shoes for him?"
"Your problem is that you equate your purpose with goal-based achievement. I'm not interested in your achievements, just your heart. When you chose to act out of kindness, compassion and love, you are already aligned with your true purpose."
"No need to look any further!"

Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

Illustrations taken from Instagram.

Luke Taylor



It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to our beloved youth leader, Daisy. As Daisy and Chris embark on their new adventure in Ipswich, we pray for God's blessing, peace, wisdom, discernment, and success in all they do.

Daisy has dedicated the past 10 years to nurturing and guiding our young people. She has been a pillar of our church family, and her influence has touched countless lives. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Daisy for her unwavering commitment, boundless energy, and the positive impact she has made on our youth. Her passion and dedication will be greatly missed.

**FAREWELL &
BEST WISHES!**



SEPTEMBER VERSE OF THE MONTH

If God is for us who
can be against us?

ROMANS 8.13

CONTRIBUTED BY IAN WHITE

From the Registers:



Funerals
Leon Ellison
Peter Bruford



3G, a group for babies and toddlers, meets
every Wednesday during term time.
From 10am to 11.30am at

St Mark's Church on Popeswood Road, Binfield.

DATES:

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th September and 3rd October

Come and join us for lots of fun, with toys, a story and singing plus refreshments for the little ones as well as the adults. It is an opportunity for everyone to make new friends.

You are assured of a warm welcome. **Christine White and Team**

ClothesBank



On 9th July we had our summer giveaway and would like to say a huge thank you to all those that helped make it such a success. Thank you to everyone who donated time, money and clothes, we really couldn't do it without you. We were able to help clothe over 48 clients.

Thank you to Newbold College for the loan of their minibus which enables us to transport clients without transport from Bracknell to St Mark's. Also thank you to Foxes Den for their collection point for new underwear donations.



Our next giveaway is in October, please see on page 16 how you can help.
For more information or if you have any questions contact
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(Please note: The office will be open 9am - 1pm on Wednesday's (only) from 24th Jul - 4th Sept except Wed 14th August when it will be closed.)

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Pastoral Care Visiting Team -need a friend?



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Jill Hanson

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



Bereavement Support Team

We will all suffer loss, grief or bereavement at some time in our lives, mainly through death, but also in other ways such as relationship breakdown, loss of a job, or sudden disability. The Bereavement Support Team are not counsellors, but can offer support and companionship if you are suffering a loss of any kind. There is no charge for a visit. All support team members have ID badges.

Friday Morning Bereavement Group Coffee Morning

Foxes' Den Café on Fridays 10.30am – 11.30am
(term time only)

Peer to Peer support open to anyone dealing with grief. It is not a counselling group, just a friendly get together over a drink.

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact Liz Hall
for more information orinocco@hotmail.co.uk /07850 799434
or Margareta Hawkins 01344 411681



St Mark's Church Hall Available for booking.

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for more information or to make a booking.



Praying for and with you

We have weekly prayer sheets — please email
office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
if you would like something to be included.

The Binfield Beacon



**The deadline for Beacon Contributions
for the October 2024 issue
is Monday 9th September 2024**

Please email:

Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND CHURCH



Hey Everyone!

We're heading into the summer holidays, and have had lots of things to celebrate this month, along with a few goodbyes...

At Whizz Kids we have finished our theme of the armour of God, and now know all about putting our trust in God. We've made our own armour, played lots of games, and had an ice lolly or two! Our older youth group have been enjoying time outside playing sports and games, and even had our own pub quiz one week.

On the 14th July we celebrated with lots of cake and a bouncy castle at All Saints' after our all-age service, it was so much fun and a perfect way to break before the summer holidays.

At 7UP we spent our last week together having a summer party, with an inflatable slide and a delicious BBQ it was a great evening spent together. We still have our trip away to Satellites for those who are joining us, and we can't wait for a week of fun!

After nearly 10 years at Binfield Church, I am unfortunately leaving this wonderful community to do youth work in Ipswich. It has been a joy to be involved with the young people of Binfield, and a huge thank you to everyone who has supported myself and the ministry over the time I've been here!

Daisy Osinaike - Children's and Youth Worker
youth@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk





**All Saints' with St. Mark's
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WE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO NEW LEADERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Our current Youth worker Daisy is moving on and we are looking for two new leaders - one to work with teens (school years 7-13) and one for our younger children - to build on the fantastic work she has achieved.

It is essential that they have a passion to impart the teachings of Jesus to children in a fun, lively, exciting and creative way.

They will need the confidence and maturity to be a positive leader who can develop and work as part of a team.

Both Leader roles are salaried positions, taking approx 8 hours per week

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 16
FOR THE FULL ADVERTS**

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rector@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

THERE IS A GENUINE OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENT THAT THE POST HOLDER IS A CHRISTIAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EQUALITY ACT 2010. AN ENHANCED DISCLOSURE UNDER THE VETTING & BARRING SYSTEM (DBS) WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT.

FUNDRAISING NEWS



BINFIELD VILLAGE CALENDAR 2025 PHOTO COMPETITION



Our photo competition is back!
Send in your photos of Binfield, and the best 13* selected will feature in the ever popular annual Binfield Village Calendar

Send photos in by Sunday 1st September to
fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

See the church website for full rules and details
www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



*12 monthly landscapes and 1 portrait front cover



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and ad-hoc maintenance work
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running our churches and services,
including the Parish Share payment
and Youth work

Update

As we get ready for the Summer (it will turn up eventually, right?!) we are looking forward to a break, followed by an exciting Autumn of fundraising events.

We are sad to say that this will not include the **Binfield Church Fete** this year, but we are happy that there are some other great events on the horizon.

Don't forget to get your entries in for what we're sure will be another tough-to-judge **Calendar Photo Competition**. Not long to be followed by the always amazing **Scarecrow Trail**.

Also keep an eye on our Facebook page for a possible return of the hugely popular **Clothes Swap** event later in the year – please let us know if you'd like to help!



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Upcoming Fundraising Events

From now until 1st Sept: Binfield Calendar Photo Comp.
Sunday 15th September: Church Fete. **Cancelled**
October Half Term (19-26th Oct): Binfield Scarecrow Trail
Check www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for more details

Other Upcoming Events
Tuesday 23rd July: End of Term BBQ on Foxley Fields in conjunction with The Foxes' Den Café.
October Half Term: Arts Week

How to make a donation:

We would really appreciate your donation; however big or small, it will all help!

- **Online:** see our updated 'Giving' pages on the website, with easy links to make a one-off donation: www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/giving-page or click on the 'Donate' link on the Home Page.
- **Cheque:** send a cheque to the church office, made payable to "Binfield PCC".
Please write 'Church Care', 'General Funds', or where you would like your donation used on the back
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Please add **your name + a reference** (as above) if you would like to specify where your donation goes.

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Contact the church office for more details, or see the church website more information and other ways to raise money!



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Binfield Church *Fete 2024 Update*

15TH SEPTEMBER 2024
ST. MARKS' CHURCH, BINFIELD

The Fete committee has sadly had to make the decision not to run the Fete, or any reduced event on the same date this year.

We usually would have planning well underway by now, ahead of the busy summer holiday period when people tend to be away a lot, and this year we have just not been able to do this.

However, we would like to say a big thank you to those who have responded to our updates and we're hoping to have a bigger, stronger committee in place before the end of this year so that we are ready to take it on again for 2025! If you would like to join the team to help in any way you can, please get in touch to let us know.

Please keep an eye out for other events the church fundraising team are planning to help make up for the lost income for the church and let them know if you can support us with these too.

We hope you have a wonderful Summer and we will see you next year!

Email us at binfieldchurchfete@gmail.com
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The Foxes' Den

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Have a great summer!

We are used to weird summers from the last few years; from covid measures to extreme heat and torrential rain. We are hoping to have some normality over here at the Den this year.

We are going to try and keep some activities going over the summer starting with Rhyme Time. This is our 30-minute weekly free singing session for babies and toddlers. It has always been run by local mums and is such a lovely way to start the week with your littles ones. Please keep an eye on the chalkboard to see which other activities are still running over the summer.

We are also bringing back birthday parties at the Den. These were hugely popular before Covid and for many reasons we have held off reintroducing them. These are available out-of-hours (after 4.30pm at weekends). Currently, we are only thinking children's parties and ones that don't require moving the furniture around, so if you are interested in booking please get in touch!

Have a great summer! Kerrin & Claire x
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BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2024

By the time you read this our Summer Reading Challenge will be well under way but we're always open for children aged 4 to 11 to join in. This year's theme is 'Marvellous Makers' it's completely **free** and fun!



Please come along to the library to register (your child just needs a free library card to take part). More information can be found at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk and there are also lots of online activities. Just a heads up the two are separate and it's much more fun to take part through the library or if you're really keen do both :)

We are also continuing our children's activities through the summer holidays Thursday morning is rhyme time at 9.30 followed by a craft for those children who would like to join in. Babies are very welcome and really enjoy the singing, our older children are wonderful singers and very enthusiastic percussion players (we supply musical instruments). There is a small charge - 50p for rhyme time only, £1.50 for rhyme time and craft.

We have Lego we can put it out if your child is interested, just ask a member of staff and they will happily sort it.

Friday afternoon crafts will cease during the summer holidays and recommence when the children go back to school.

Adult events will also be continuing throughout the summer: our **Reminiscence Group** is a very welcoming bunch who meet to discuss memories prompted by specific subjects but generally by the end they're discussing something completely different. We'd love some new members so if there's something you'd like to reminisce about please come along and join us. There's a small charge of £1 to include refreshments and we meet at 11 am on the first and third Thursdays of the month as follows

Our **Quiz** just keeps getting better and better and is a popular group hosted by our fabulous volunteer Derek. They meet on the second and third Thursdays at 11 with a small £1 charge. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier and believe me there is a lot of laughing.

Board games are also available if anyone is interested in a challenging scrabble or Rummikub match? And there is our relaxing Community puzzle to have a bash at.

There are lots of different activities happening in our other 8 libraries so check out Bracknell Forest Library homepage for more details as well as our social media.

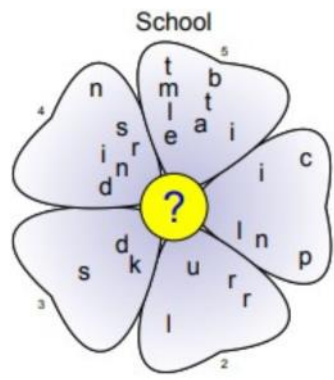
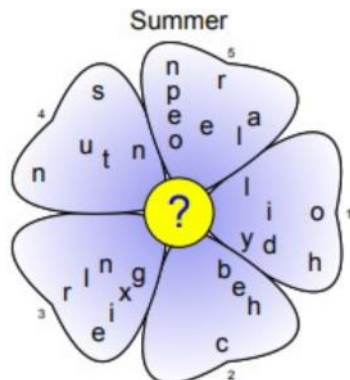
Have an awesome Summer everyone and don't forget we have **AIR CONDITIONING** if we're lucky enough to have some good weather :)

For more details of library events please go to www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries, find us on facebook and twitter or call 01344 306663.

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Daisy Puzzle

Letters are printed on every leaf of the daisy and there is a missing letter in the middle of the daisy. You can make a words with the letters on the leaves and the missing letter in the middle. Try to find out what the missing letter in the middle is and use it to find all the other words on the daisy.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



News from Binfield Parish Council



Welcome to the August and September 2024 edition of Binfield Parish Council News. In this edition, we are looking forward to our upcoming events over the summer and autumn months as well as sharing the latest Parish news.

August 2024

Tuesday 6 August	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 13 August	Cancelled Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 27 August	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

September 2024

Tuesday 10 September	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 24 September	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

- **Summer of Fun**

Various Parish and Town Councils are once again holding the Summer of Fun events. These are a series of free event days for families in the borough over the school summer holiday period.

This years' event for Binfield will be on Wednesday 21st August at Farley Wood Community Centre (RG42 1FW) 11-3pm.

Entry is free and we have a wide range of free activities for you to take part in including inflatables, entertainment, circus skills, mini petting farm, garden games, face painting, climbing walls, and crafts are just some of the activities that will be available on the day.

- **Accessibility Survey**

As part of our strategy to make our Parish as accessible as possible, we are asking all our residents to consider what would improve accessibility and let us know their three most important improvements. Please consider these and email them into the office via office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk. Further information will shortly be available on our website.

- **Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group**

Binfield Parish Council will shortly be starting the process of reviewing our Neighbourhood Plan. This is important as BPC need to ensure the plan stays current and relevant. A working group, which will be made up of Councillors and residents, has been constituted to assist the Council with the review process. If you would like to be part of this group, please email the parish office on office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk If you would like any more information on our Neighbourhood plan please visit our website.

- **Parish Office and Binfield Community Centre Room bookings**

Please don't forget you can pop in and see us Monday-Friday 9am-1pm at the Parish Office on Benetfeld Road, please come to the window for any enquiries. If you wish to book one of our rooms either at the Parish Office or the new Binfield Community Centre, please could you email us on our dedicated email address: bookings@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any requests that are not submitted by email. Any questions please do let us know.

- **Community Grants**

There will be one more opportunity to apply for our community grants in the financial year 24/25.

Applications will open on the Sunday 1st September 2024 and will close on Sunday 27th October at 23.59pm. Application forms can be found on our website, or a form can be picked up from the Parish Office.



News from Binfield Parish Council



Binfield Parish Council Autumn and Winter Events 2024

Silver Sunday – Sunday 6th October 2024

Age UK's Silver Sunday is a national day where people of all generations can come together by hosting fun and free activities for older people. Following on from our successful events over the last year we will be joining in with the national day and hosting an event.

Exact venue and time will be available from the Parish office nearer the time so please do get in contact to book your space.

Arts Week -Sunday 27th October -Sunday 3rd November 2024

The 2024 Binfield Warfield and Winkfield Arts Week runs for eight days, from Sunday 27th October to Sunday 3rd November during the Autumn half term. There will be many arts, crafts and music events for local residents' aimed at adults and children of Binfield Warfield and Winkfield taking place in various venues across the area. There is also a three-day Community Arts and Craft Exhibition at Brownlow Hall.

Our Arts Week aims to encourage everyone to try or sample a new creative activity which could then lead to taking it up as an enjoyable and rewarding leisure activity or maybe they could become involved in organising these activities.

The final programme of events will be published over the summer and online bookings open late September.

Remembrance Parade - Sunday 10th November 2024

Binfield Parish Council will be organising this year's Remembrance Day Parade. The Parade will take place on Sunday 10th November. Starting from the car park at Oakmede shops, walking down Terrace Road North to All Saints Church ready for the Church Service. The Parade will then leave the Church after the Service and return to the car park. Finalised times and road closures will be communicated nearer the time.

Binfield Parish Annual Christmas Tree Light Switch On! -Thursday 28th November 2024

Join us for the annual light switch-on at the Parish Council Office (Foxley Fields), with refreshments after at the Foxes' Den. Join your Parish Councillors and possibly a very special guest as we turn on the lights and enjoy some carol singing around the tree. Exact times and further details will be published in November.



Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa & Tracey

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Join us in celebrating 10 years of enjoying the arts

The Arts Society Wokingham has a fascinating programme of monthly illustrated talks, study days and visits planned for the coming season.

This season's talks cover all aspects of the arts including painting (from the golden age of the Dutch masters through to David Hockney), music, photography, book illustration, architecture and garden design.

The first lecture is entitled 'Caravaggio: a rebel with a cause'. It will take place at King's Academy, Binfield on Monday 16th September.

The Society meets every 3rd Monday of the month. Tea and coffee is served from 7.15pm and lectures start at 7.45pm.

Lectures are also live-streamed to the Society's YouTube channel so you can watch from your own home.

New members and guests are always welcome

Full details of all next season's lectures are available on the Society's website

www.TheArtsSocietyWokingham.org.uk



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Watching Wimbledon and thinking of dusting off that racquet?

The coaching team based at Binfield tennis courts can offer a free trial session of their term-time coaching programmes. So if you'd like to try cardio-tennis, ladies / mixed tennis drills or group / 1-1 coaching at your local courts you can try before you buy!

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CONTACT

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COMMUNITY NEWS



2024 - 2025 SEASON AUTUMN TERM EVENTS

Bracknell Choral Society is looking forward to an exciting programme of concerts and events in the 2024 - 2025

season. Our busy and successful season of concerts last season included music ranging from Brahms' *Requiem* to jazz standards and members also enjoyed a choral workshop weekend in Malvern, which culminated in singing Choral Evensong at Tewksbury Abbey.

We will be performing two concerts in November and December, but we begin the term with an invitation to an open rehearsal at **Newbold College Church, Binfield RG42 4AN** on Wednesday 11th September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, where you will find a warm welcome if you have ever thought about joining a choir. Music will be provided if you would like to join in though you can also come along and just observe. There will be free refreshments and an opportunity to chat to members of the choir. Please contact our choir secretary Maggie Fairbrother by email at secretary@bracknellchoral.org.uk to confirm your interest in participating. We suggest you arrive at 7:15pm on the night so that we can greet you and welcome you to this open rehearsal.

There will be a further opportunity to join the choir in making

music on Saturday 19th October when we will be holding a **Come and Sing at St John's Church, Crowthorne RG45 7AW** singing choruses from two ever-popular works, Handel's *Messiah* and Faure's *Requiem*. All singers will be welcome at this enjoyable event which will be led by our inspirational musical director Greg Hallam and accompanist Nick Austin. The day will start with 9.30am registration and end with an informal performance for friends and family, finishing at 4.30pm. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided during the day, but please bring a packed lunch. Full details of this event can be found on the website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk.

The first of our two concerts this term will be a **Remembrance concert at Greyfriars Church, Reading RG1 1EH** on Friday 8th November at 7.30pm. We will be singing Faure's beautiful *Requiem* and *Cantique de Jean Racine*, as well as *In Flanders Fields - War Cantata No 1*, an evocative cantata settings of WW1 poetry by John McCrae, Wilfred Owen and others composed by Gareth Treseder. We round off the term and welcome the festive season with a **Christmas Concert** in the glorious surroundings of **Royal Holloway College Chapel, University of London, Egham TW20 0EX** on Sunday 15th December at 4pm. For details of all our concerts and for further information on the choir visit our website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ECO CHURCH WATCH

Late summer, moving into Autumn, is a good time to take stock as the children start a

new school year, students start college and university, adults return to work after the summer holiday and retirees, and anyone else lucky enough to have some spare time, start a new course or hobby. It is also a time for reflection and memories.

Memories are important in bringing us together with family and friends. There are no better memories than those evoked from being in the natural world, as it engages our five senses. We can share such sensations by walking in nature together as a family, hearing the crunch and crackle of drying Autumn leaves under foot, smelling the musty dampness of rotting leaves or fungi, seeing the shy jay, with its pinkish-brown body and bright blue wing feathers resembling epaulettes, fly past with an acorn in its beak or by tasting a fresh blackberry or touching the seed heads in the hedgerow. We can share these memories on our mobile phone via a video or photos on social media.

For me, one of the best memories is that of being in Norfolk where my husband wanted to track down old airfields and runways from the Second World War. The last one on his old map was in a remote area and it felt distinctly creepy, as the sun went down. The atmosphere had a noticeable chill to it. I was glad to get back to where we were staying and have a nice cup of tea and warm up. 'I think you would prefer to do

something different tomorrow,' he said. I suggested having a picnic in the fens. This was where a magical memory was made.

As we sat in the car and were just about to tuck into our sandwiches and crisps, I could see a movement in the reeds which was not a swaying of the reeds in the wind. I said, 'Shh! Don't make a sound,' as my hungry husband unwrapped his sandwich, 'Just look at the reeds to you left.' A slender neck and bill could be seen through the reeds. The body moved and a buff, with darker mottling, small heron like bird could be seen. This was a distinct 'wow' moment for the bird was a bittern which is a member of the heron family, but much rarer. Even more special was the sound of the wonderful bittern's voice. The distinctive 'boom' which we were so lucky to hear. A truly cherished moment to remember! My husband reminded me that the Bittern is also the name of a LNER Class A4 steam locomotive!

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