# The Binfield Beacon

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

**August/September 2025**

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Cabbage Hill by S Naxton

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# SERVICES & DIARY

## SERVICES

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

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| **AUGUST 2025** | | |
| **Sunday 3rd** | 8.15am | Book of Common Prayer Communion |
| | 9.30am | Common Worship Communion |
| | 11.00am | Informal All Age Service |
| **Sunday 10th** | 9.30am | Common Worship Communion |
| | 11.00am | Informal Service |
| **Sunday 17th** | 9.30am | Common Worship Communion |
| | 11.00am | Informal Service |
| **Sunday 24th** | 9.30am | Common Worship Communion |
| | 11.00am | Informal Service |
| **Sunday 31st** | 9.30am | Common Worship Communion |
| | 11.00am | Informal Service |
| **SEPTEMBER 2025** | | |
| **Sunday 7th** | 8.15am | Book of Common Prayer Communion |
| | 9.30am | Common Worship Communion |
| | 11.00am | Informal All Age Baptism Service |
| **Sunday 14th** | 9.30am | Common Worship Communion |
| | 11.00am | Informal Service |
| | 7.00pm | Informal Worship & Prayer at St Mark's Church |
| **Sunday 21st** | 9.30am | Common Worship Communion |
| | 11.00am | Informal Service with Communion |
| **Sunday 28th** | 9.30am | Common Worship Communion |
| | 11.00am | Informal Service |
| **OCTOBER 2025** | | |
| **Sunday 5th** | 8.15am | Book of Common Prayer Communion |
| | 9.30am | Common Worship Communion |
| | 11.00am | Informal All Age Service |

## DIARY

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| **AUGUST 2025** | | |
| **Sat 2nd** | 7.45am | Men's Monthly Walk |
| **Tues 19th** | 12 noon | Silver Service at St Mark's Church |
| **SEPTEMBER 2025** | | |
| **Wed 3rd** | 9.00am | Wednesday Women's Walk |
| **Thurs 4th** | 7.30pm | Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church |
| **Sat 6th** | 7.45am | Men's Monthly Walk |
| **Wed 10th** | 10.00am | 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church |
| **Thurs 11th** | 7.30pm | Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church |
| **Mon 15th** | 7.30pm | Practice the presence of God at The Rectory |
| **Tues 16th** | 12 noon | Silver Service at St Mark's Church |
| **Wed 17th** | 9.00am | Wednesday Women's Walk |
| | 10.00am | 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church |
| **Thurs 18th** | 7.30pm | Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church |
| **Wed 24th** | 10.00am | 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church |
| **Thurs 25th** | 7.30pm | Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church |
| **OCTOBER 2025** | | |
| **Wed 1st** | 9.00am | Wednesday Women's Walk |
| | 10.00am | 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church |
| **Thurs 2nd** | 7.30pm | Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church |
| **Sat 4th** | 7.45am | Men's Monthly Walk |

## MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

**DATES: Saturday 2nd Aug, 6th Sept, and 4th Oct**

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***

## 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.

***6th August - No WALK***
***20th August - No WALK***
***3rd September - 9am meet Foxes' Den***
***17th September - 9am meet Foxes' Den***
***1st October - 9am meet Foxes' Den***

For more information contact:
Gisele on
07724 889169

## PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The next month's Practice the Presence of God session takes place on
**MONDAY 15th 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.

## INFORMAL WORSHIP & PRAYER EVENINGS AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Join us for an informal evening of worship and prayer, a time to gather together and seek God through praise, worship, and reflection. These evenings will provide a peaceful and uplifting opportunity to connect with God and one another

The sessions, led by Steve Whatley, will take place at St. Mark's on the second Sunday of each month, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**The upcoming date: September 14th**

We look forward to welcoming you as we come together in fellowship and prayer.

## THE SILVER SERVICE

A traditional short service designed and led by our retired congregation members followed by a delicious homemade lunch at St Mark's Church.
**Tuesday 19th August and 16th September at 12 noon**
*If you need a lift, please call Beverley on 07704 437207*

## 3G

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: No group in August, 10th, 17th, 24th Sept, and 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd Oct***

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***

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR

My grandpa once asked me:

We live on a blue planet

That circles around a ball of fire

Next to a moon that moves the sea,

And you don't believe in miracles?

Taken from Instagram. Miletheworld

So you relax on the plane when you don't know the pilot

You relax on the boat but you don't know the captain

You relax on the bus but you don't know the driver

So why don't you relax in life knowing that the Almighty God has got you.

Taken from Instagram. everydaymotivation200

Once, a man was asked, "What did you gain by regularly praying to God?"

The man replied, "nothing, but let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear."

Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing, which ultimately is the gain.

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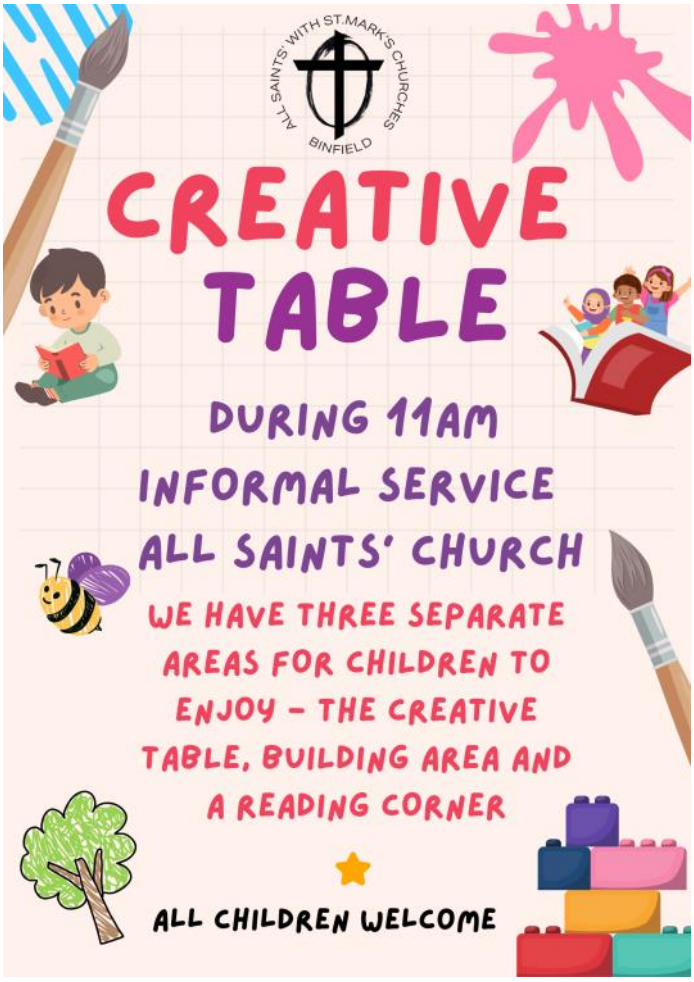
***Luke Taylor***

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**13th, 20th 27th August and 3rd September**

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## Pastoral Care Visiting Team -need a friend?

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***Or contact the church office on 01344 421079***
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### Praying for and with you

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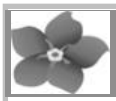

## Bereavement Support Team

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

## The Binfield Beacon

**The deadline for Beacon Contributions for the October issue is**

**Monday 8th September 2025**

**Please email:**
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*Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)*

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Meet Revd. Lucy Bowley – Our New Associate Curate

Hello! My name is Lucy Bowley, and I'm delighted to be joining you as your new associate curate. I was born and raised in Twyford, and I still live there today. My faith journey began in the Roman Catholic Church, and just before marrying my first husband, I found a new home in the Church of England.

I'm now happily married to John, and together we share five wonderful adult children—three of whom bring extra layers of joy and complexity to our lives through their additional needs.

Faith has always been my constant companion. I can't recall a moment when I felt truly distant from God—even in life's darkest seasons. My path to ordination began when I was elected churchwarden, a role I prayed about deeply. In that moment, I vividly sensed Jesus at a crossroads with me, gently reaching out and saying, "Come on—we're heading this way."

Being a churchwarden was a joy: I loved serving and stewarding the life of the church. From there, conversations blossomed about exploring ordained ministry, and after some soul-searching (and soul-listening), I began training at Cuddesdon. I was a bit daunted by the academic side at first, but with courage and tea (lots of tea), I managed just fine—and even rediscovered a bit of self-belief in the process. I met many brilliant, faith-filled people, and truly cherished my time there. Meanwhile, John masterfully took over laundry duties while I was away for training—an act of love I may never reclaim!

Now, I'm excited to serve in Binfield, to walk alongside you in worship, laughter, and the quiet holy moments that stitch community together. Your warm welcome has already made me feel at home.

I'll be with you part-time in a self-supporting role, and the rest of my working week I spend as an administrator for Wargrave Parish.

Outside of church life, I love cooking and gathering people around the table. I'm passionate about inclusion in every sense of the word, and I'm proud to be the founder and chair of Regatta for the Disabled—a joyful annual event that brings together people with disabilities, their families, and friends for a day on the river.

I can't wait to meet more of you, hear your stories, and find the holy in the everyday—together.

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# FUNDRAISING NEWS

**The Church Care Project:**
Funding large building projects and ad-hoc maintenance work on our church spaces

**General Funds:**
Supporting the ongoing costs of running our churches and services, including the Parish Share payment and Youth work

## *Upcoming Fundraising Events*

**23-29th August**: Eco-Week with Binfield Environment Group
**Sun 14th Sept**: Binfield Church Fete @ St, Mark's Church 11-3pm
**Oct Half Term**: The 10th edition of the Binfield Scarecrow Trail!
& Arts Week Concert.

## *Update*

Yay, the summer is well and truly here! Let's hope the sun is sticking around for the duration, so we can get out and enjoy everything going on in our lovely village!
There's so many fantastic **Eco-Week** activities going on later on in August. Organised in collaboration with the Binfield Environment Group, there will be lots of fun and learning for families to take part in. Make sure you check out our website soon for more info and to book where necessary, as we're sure places will be going fast!
While you're out enjoying those activities in some of our many beautiful nature spots, make sure to think of the **Binfield Calendar Photo Competition** and take some snaps to enter! You have until the end of August to send in your best shots (which must be recognisable images of Binfield). Entries will be displayed and judged at the **Church Fete** and winners announced just after.
And looking forward to October Half Term, get ready for an amazing celebration of the 10th year of the **Scarecrow Trail**!

## *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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SCAN ME

Don't forget to **Gift Aid** it if you are a UK Tax Payer - this will add an extra 25% to your donation!
Contact the church office for more details, or see the church website more information and other ways to raise money!

**With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:** **fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk**

# Binfield Church Fete 2025

14TH SEPTEMBER 11AM - 3PM
ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BINFIELD

**We are looking forward to the return of this traditional day out in the Binfield Calendar with all the familiar stalls and plenty of entertainment…**

**The date is coming up fast so there are a few things we'd appreciate you looking at:**

As ever, you are all a huge part of the success of this event, and we can't run it without the support and contributions from our village! We would be hugely grateful if you can help with the any of the following. **Please sign up and support us where you can, thank you!**

**Volunteers Needed!:** We would really appreciate having some lovely volunteers who could help us with setting up the Fete, manning the stalls and clearing up afterwards. You can sign up via the link available on our website and Facebook page, or you can email us to let us know what you can help with at binfieldchurchfete@gmail.com.

**Guest Stalls:** We have already booked a great selection of guest stalls, but if you know of anyone interested in booking a pitch for the day, please get in touch!

**Silent Auction:** We have been donated some amazing prizes in previous years for our Silent Auction, from a week in a holiday home in Malta, golf vouchers, to babysitting. If you have anything you would like to offer, for the Auction or also for our Raffle, please contact us! If you would like to read more details about prizes on offer and how to bid, see our website.

**Raffle Tickets:** Raffle tickets will be on sale from church, the church office and other local spots.

**Tombola Donations:** We would also be grateful to receive any good quality donations for our Tombola stalls:

**Adults**: bottles of alcohol and soft drinks, and boxes or packets of chocolates or biscuits.

**Kids**: Any new, unopened books, games or toys etc. or teddys for the Teddy Tumble!

**Please note** this year will **NOT** be running a book stall, so we cannot take any old books. However, two of our lovely parishioners are running a bric-a-brac stall and a jigsaw stall, so please hold onto items, including children's toys for them.

*The church office will only be open on a Wednesday over the summer*, so bring any donations to St. Mark's on these days, or drop them at the collection point in the Parish Council offices.

**Homemade Cakes and Preserves:**

The offerings of our tea tent rely hugely on any donations from all of you. Please have a think about what you may be able to rustle up in the kitchen for us!

**The Dog Show:** Start training your dog to take part in our popular Dog Show. Check out the categories to enter them in on our website - classes will cost £2.00 each (entry on the day).

**Thank you for helping us make the day a big success.**
**We're looking forward to seeing you there!**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Explore the arts with the Arts Society Wokingham

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 not only painting (Bruegel, Seurat and Craxton) but sculpture, literature, Venetian luxury goods, theatre and the art and culture of ancient civilisations. Our lecturers are all experts in their field, authoritative and entertaining public speakers.

The first talk is entitled 'Searching for Arcadia: The Life, Art and Times of John Craxton. Jo Walton will illustrate how Craxton's paintings and theatre designs combined modernity with the great British landscape tradition.

It will take place at King's Academy, Binfield on Monday 15th 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 and Study Days are available on the Society's website www.The ArtsSocietyWokingham.org.uk**

## Come & Celebrate Binfield Free Church's 150th Birthday!

150 years ago in the summer of 1875 John Bray travelled from Fifield Village Mission, Maidenhead to the village of Binfield. Nowadays the journey takes 15 minutes by car, Mr Bray was riding a pony!

Binfield in those days was rural, but alongside farming, brick making was an important industry in the area. Mr Bray found many people keen to hear the good news about Jesus Christ among the inhabitants of Binfield and began to hold meetings in a tent erected in a brick field.

Weekly services were extremely well attended; old reports say the tent was often full to overflowing. A suitable site to build a chapel was soon found. George Palmer, a local philanthropist, gave £50 towards the building and laid the memorial stone on September 15th 1875. The church moved into its completed building in early 1876.

Binfield Free Church still maintains the same beliefs that it began with. We are a gospel-centred, bible believing church, which means the good news about Jesus Christ (who lived, died and rose again for us!) is at the heart of everything we believe, say and do. We're a mix of people ranging in age from 2 months to 95 years!

You will receive a very warm welcome if you visit us (our normal Sunday service is at 10am, do come along).

**You are very welcome to our Anniversary Service & free community BBQ on Sunday September 28th**

**Service: 10.30am-11.45am followed by Free BBQ: from 12 noon**

**binfieldfreechurch.org**
**For more information email: info@binfieldfreechurch.org**

## Binfield Garden Club

A high spot of the last 3 months was an excellent visit to Gardeners' World Plant Fair at Beaulieu. We had beautiful weather, smooth coach journeys and a marvellous rummage round all the stunning stands with quite a few plants and items purchased!

We all agreed it was a great day out and thanks due to the organizers. To be able to have lovely days like this and excellent speakers at our meetings for next year we really do need some volunteers to join our working party with ideas . Please think if you could possibly help and let a committee member know. Thank you!

Our June meeting involved a wonderful display of hardy perennials which are beneficial for insect pollinators. Bees, butterflies and all insects depend on the nectar of flowers to live, flowers depend on the visiting insects for fertilization. It was fascinating to hear which flowers attract which insects, for example the daisy family are particularly good for bees and, interestingly they go for colours like white, yellow and blue but don't see red. We learnt so much and were able to buy a selection of good pollinating plants as well.

July's evening was full of tips for growing fruit and vegetables with ways on how to extend their production over the whole year.

The rest of our year's programme includes a good variety of subjects so please look at our website **binfieldgardenclub9.wordpress.com** to see if you would like to come along as a visitor and perhaps join us at 7.15pm on the first Thursday of the month at Binfield Memorial Hall.

As I write this, we are in the middle of another heatwave so fingers crossed our gardens survive in their full summer glory as time will rush by and autumn will be arriving before we know it.

***"Summer's lease has all too short a date" – W. Shakespeare***

***Sue Jeffery***

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Eco Church Watch

On holiday with friends, we visited a craft shop with beautiful blue-green sea glass necklaces made from broken glass pitted, but smoothed at the edges, by the rough and tumble of the waves and sand. The shop keeper told us that you can still collect sea glass, but there is less of it as we become better at not discarding glass. She explained the prevailing problem of microplastics and discarded plastics that she and a group of friends collected up for disposal.

Later, we explored a local gallery where colourful mosaics and collaged artworks were created from single use and microplastics with sea themes such as sea creatures swimming in dramatic seas of blues, greens and purples with waves turning into bottles and creatures fading behind the waves. They represented the dominance of plastics and how they have taken hold, destroying and injuring the environment and its creatures.

The evidence speaks for itself. Although tiny, microplastic fragments range from a nanometre, a fraction of the width of a human hair, to five millimetres wide, they can be inhaled and ingested causing a lot of damage. Some microplastics start small, such as microbeads found in cosmetics, but most are larger items broken down by environmental action such as abrasion by waves and sand. These items include takeaway containers, tyres and even paints as well as cling film and plastic bottles. Whilst Arctic ice acts as a sink, mopping up microplastics, they are released in the ice melts and, thereby, impact negatively on the eco system and food chain affecting the smallest at the bottom of the chain, such as zooplankton, to the largest at the top such as marine mammals.

Is there anything we can do to reverse the damage or limit it? There are many important tasks that can be carried out to improve our environment and reverse climate change in the sea. There is hope. For example, scientists are conserving and restoring coastal and marine ecosystems by restoring sea grass and oyster beds which play an important role in carbon capture and mitigation of climate change. Others are looking at reducing emissions from ships by transitioning to alternative fuels such as hydrogen and biofuels.

As individuals, we can all contribute through sustainable practices and energy conservation by reducing plastic consumption, choosing sustainable seafood, volunteering for beach clean ups and reducing carbon footprints. My Gran, forward thinking for the time, got it right. 'Take your rubbish home, don't drop the sandwich wrapping (greaseproof paper at the time) or anything that might cause harm to bird or fish. She had the Second World War sense of sustainability gleaned in the WI of 'Waste not, want not,' but she also had a passion for nature and said we must learn to live in harmony with plants and animals. She read Rachel Carson's 'Silent Spring' on the effects of harmful chemicals on the environment, and she inspired me.

Inspire each other, whether parents, grandparents or young people, to be aware and see what you can do to be sustainable or how you can volunteer to help the environment and the climate this summer. Join Eco Week activities and enjoy the outdoors! ***Kate Ellison-Bourne***

The Foxes' Den

COFFEE FOOD COMMUNITY

# Here's to a bright and beautiful August!

We hope you're all enjoying the summer holidays and making the most of the sunshine. Here at The Foxes Den we're embracing the season with plenty of delicious treats and refreshing drinks to keep you cool and full!

Whether you're popping in for a freshly brewed coffee, a bite to eat or a much needed ice cream, there's always a warm welcome waiting for you. It's a lovely time to catch up with friends, meet new faces or simply relax in the heart of the village.

**Keep an eye out!** A special event this month – the VJ Day 80 Community Picnic, taking place **on Friday 15th August**. It promises to be a meaningful and memorable day, with plenty of community spirit, shared stories and of course, great food! Keep an eye out for more details and come along to join in the celebrations.

As always, thank you for your continued support – we love being part of this wonderful community. Wishing you an Awesome August!

As this is a double issue of the Beacon we also...

# Step into September!

As the new school year begins, wish all the children in our community a fantastic start – whether they're heading back to familiar classrooms or beginning a new adventure. You've got this!

Things are buzzing as always here at the Den. There's lots happening this month so pop in and check out our notice board or our social media pages via Facebook & Instagram to see what's coming up. Whether you're after a warm drink, a quiet moment or a catch-up with friends, everyone is always welcome here at the den.

Wishing you all a happy and positive September – we're looking forward to spending it with you!

*Kerrin & Niamh x*

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## FOXY LUNCHES

If you are struggling to feed yourself or your family at any time, please don't go hungry.

These lunch boxes are **FREE** to Binfield Parishioners and we can arrange to have extra supplies delivered if you need them. Call or email in the strictest confidence and we will make sure that you have food on your table. Kerrin 07377048429 hello@foxesden.co.uk

## Safety First...

We love all our customers and want everyone to have the best experience whilst in the café - with that in mind please can we remind parents and carers to not let their children run around the café. We have had some close calls with hot drinks and we really don't want to upset our little visitors by calling them out on it in front of everyone else..

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## AUTUMN GIVEAWAY
## OCTOBER 2025

**YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING:**

- **GOOD QUALITY, CLEAN SECONDHAND CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR**
- Money so that we can purchase clothes/footwear to fill the gaps we have in any of our clothing boxes

**WE SPECIFICALLY NEED (GOOD QUALITY AND CLEAN) :**

- **Boys clothes** - age 6-12 months
- **Girls Clothes** - age 1-2 years and 2-4 years
- **MEN** - small hoodies and jumpers
- **LADIES** - size 14-16 skirts and dresses
- **NEW - Boys, Girls, Ladies and Men's -** Underwear, socks and pyjamas

**WHEN:** Any time before the end of September
**WHERE:** Any donations can be dropped at
**The Rectory, Terrace Road North, Binfield**
(they can be left on the bench by front door) or
**St Mark's Church Office during opening hours only**
(Tuesday-Thursday 9am -1pm) or
All Saints' Church on a Sunday morning during the services

Also a request for volunteers to help to move boxes back into the store at the end of the giveaways - 12.45 on a Tuesday for half an hour at St Marks Church... if you think you can help please email clothesbankbracknell@gmail.com for further details

ClothesBank **SOCK SEPTEMBER**

During **SEPTEMBER** we are collecting:
**BRAND NEW SOCKS**
donations can be left at All Saints' on Sundays or the Church Office (*during opening hours*), or collection box at Foxes Den or The Rectory (under the bench)

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# News from Binfield Parish Council

**Welcome to the August and September 2025 edition of Binfield Parish Council News.**
**In this edition, we are looking forward to our upcoming Summer and Autumn events.**
**As well as sharing the latest Parish news.**

**August and September 2025 Meetings**

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| Date TBA August | Parish Council (an additional date will be added for Parish Council in August, date TBA on our website and Parish Noticeboard) | 8pm |
| Tuesday 26 August | Planning and Transport Committee | 8pm |
| Tuesday 2 September | Amenity Committee | 8pm |
| Tuesday 9 September | Parish Council | 8pm |
| Tuesday 30 September | Planning and Transport Committee | 8pm |

**Community Grants June 2025**

**We are pleased to have awarded grants to the following organisations:**

1st Binfield Rainbows and Brownies
3rd Binfield Rainbows and Brownies
4th Binfield Guides
1st Binfield Scout Group
Binfield Christmas Market
Bracknell & District Parkinson's Branch
Home Start Bracknell Forest (HSBF)
Keep Mobile Community Transport CIO
Thames Hospice
Binfield Women's Institute
**Our next round will open on Wednesday 1st October 2025, please see our website for further details.**

**Anti-Social Behaviour**
We are very disappointed that we are experiencing anti-social behaviour in the Parish, in particular on Foxley Fields. Trees are being damaged as well as property at the Foxes' Den and an increase in litter. We have spoken to the local schools and PSCO's and we do have CCTV around the perimeter of the building. We want everyone to enjoy our open spaces and weather we are experiencing without causing problems or damage.

**Bereavement Group**
The local bereavement group meets every Friday at 10am, in the Parish Council room, the group is run by volunteers and has started to become very oversubscribed. We see there is a greater need for this in the Parish and we are looking to open another session at Binfield Community Centre soon. In the meantime we are looking for volunteers to help us run this session if you feel you could help in anyway please do contact us on office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

**Accessible Play Areas**
We are looking to add some more accessible play equipment to our current playgrounds. We will shortly be opening a survey to be completed. Please do keep an eye on our Facebook, website, noticeboards and play areas.

**Badminton Court at Binfield Community Centre**
Our community centre is becoming very popular with fitness classes and private party bookings. But did you know we have an indoor badminton court and nets available to hire. If you would like to find out more or book a session please email bookings@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or see our room bookings page on our website to check availability.
Room Bookings | Binfield Parish Council

**Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa, and Tracey**
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# News from Binfield Parish Council

## Upcoming Events

### VJ Day 80 'Picnic in the Park' Foxley Fields, Friday 15th August 11am-5pm

Join us as we celebrate with the Foxes' Den Café for our family community picnic, 'picnic in the park' to celebrate Victory in Japan Day 80. We will have garden games, inflatables and there will be food and drink available to purchase from the Foxes' Den Café. The Binfield Branch of Royal British Legion will be joining us with some commemorative pins. Bring along your own picnic, friends and family and come and celebrate VJ Day 80.

### Eco Week 23-29August

Organised by Binfield Environment Group (BEG) they will be linking in with other community groups to offer a range of walks and activities for children and adults. Bank holiday Monday 25th August there will also be an Eco Fair at St. Marks Church from 10am-2pm.

## Binfield Parish Council Autumn and Winter 2025 Events Schedule

### Silver Sunday Sunday 5 October

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 few years we will be joining in with the National event this year and hosting an event. Exact venue and times will be available from the Parish Office nearer the time so please do get in contact to book your free space.

### Arts Week Sunday 26 October to Sunday 2 November

The 2025 Binfield, Warfield and Winkfield Arts Week runs for 8 days from Sunday 26 October to Sunday 2 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.

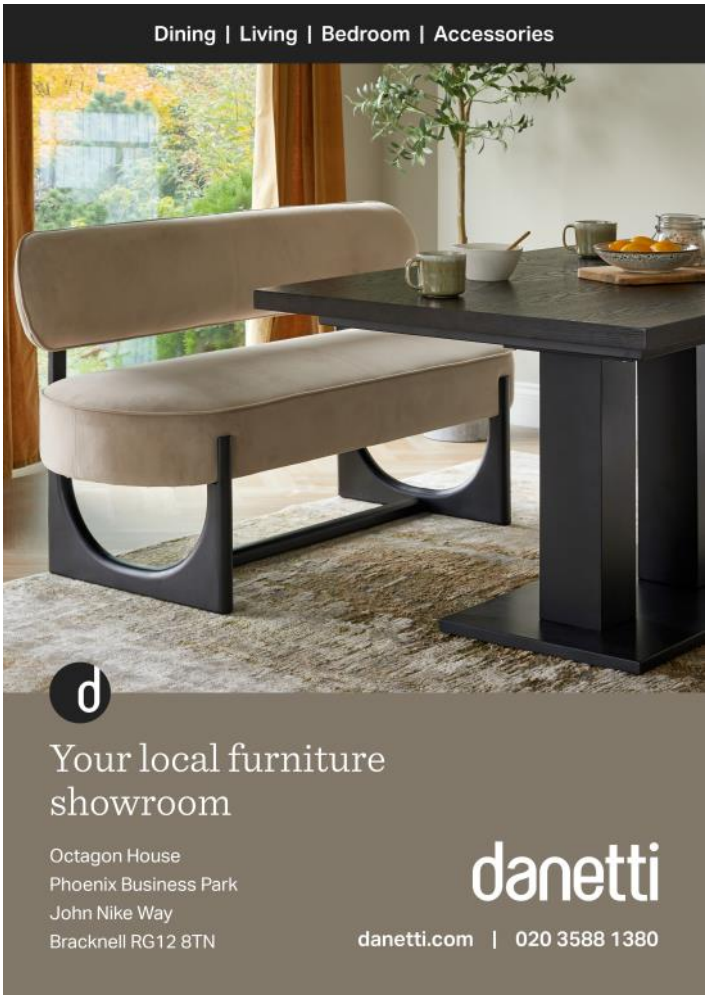
### Remembrance Parade Sunday 9 November

Binfield Parish Council will be organising this year's Remembrance Day Parade, with the RBL, RNA and our youth unit groups. The Parade will take place on Sunday 9 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. The Poppy Appeal will run from the 23 October to Remembrance Day.

### Binfield Parish Annual Christmas Tree Light Switch On! November date coming soon….

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.

### Community Events

If you have a special community event coming up and would like to some help raising awareness, please contact us on office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk and we can help publicise your event.

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