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SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

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

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday 5th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service
	7.00pm	Informal Worship & Prayer at St Mark's Church
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service with Communion
Sunday 26th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service with Communion

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 2nd	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 4th Oct and 1st Nov

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.

1st October - 9am meet Foxes' Den
15th October - 9am meet Foxes' Den
15th November - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information contact:
Gisele on
07724 889169



DIARY

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
Wed 8th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 9th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Wed 15th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 16th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Mon 20th	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
Tues 21st	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 22nd	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 23rd	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
NOVEMBER 2025		
Sat 1st	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 5th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 6th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

INFORMAL

WORSHIP

and Prayer evening

Sunday 12th October

7.00PM - 8.00PM
St. Mark's Church

A time to gather together and seek God through praise, worship, and reflection. These evenings offer a peaceful and uplifting opportunity to connect with God and one another.



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 21st October at 12 noon

If you need a lift, please call Beverley on 07704 437207



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: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd Oct and 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Nov

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.

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PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The next month's Practice the Presence of God session takes place on **MONDAY 20th October 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.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



THE BROKEN CUP

A young monk accidentally broke a priceless cup while cleaning the temple. It had belonged to the Grand Master for 50 years. Panicking, he ran to confess.

"I'm sorry, master." he said, bowing deeply. "I broke your favourite cup."

The old master looked up calmly and said, "Oh, that cup was already broken."

The young monk was confused. "But Master I just broke it." He said.

The Grand Master smiled. "I loved that cup, but I always knew it would break one day, everything does. One day this body will grow old. One day the people I love will be gone. One day, I too will break. So I cherish things deeply. But I hold them lightly."

The young monk stared at the master, speechless. In that moment, he understood something far greater than forgiveness. Peace doesn't come from holding tightly. It comes from accepting the impermanence of all things.

Or as Jesus put it,*where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew chapter 6 verse 21*

Story taken from Instagram @mental.aspect

Luke Taylor

From the Registers:



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Funerals

Cliver Betteridge
Pauline Matthews
Jane Harvey
Karen Edgington

VERSE OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2025

Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is
noble, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever is
lovely, whatever is admirable—if
anything is excellent or
praiseworthy—think about such
things.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Contributed by Christine Fern

Remembrance Day Services

Saturday 8th November

2.30pm Act of Remembrance Service
at St Mark's Church

Sunday 9th November

10.15am Remembrance Service
at All Saints' Church

Tuesday 11th November

11.00am Act of Remembrance Service at St Mark's Church



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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!

Jill Hanson tel. 452694
Margareta Hawkins tel. 411681
Gisele Taylor tel. 07724 889169
Dave Dawson tel. 360389

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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Praying for and with you



We have weekly prayer sheets — please email
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if you would like something to be included.

The Binfield Beacon



The deadline for Beacon Contributions for the November issue is

Monday 13th October 2025

Please email:

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

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FUNDRAISING NEWS

Binfield Church Fete 2025

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to our Fete. Your support, enthusiasm, and community spirit made the day truly special. Whether you volunteered, performed, donated, or simply came along to enjoy the day, we are deeply grateful.

BINFIELD VILLAGE CALENDAR 2026

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Arts Week 2025
Free events at All Saints' Church

Wednesday 29th October, 11:30am
Poetry Writing and Reading with Jill Hanson

Friday 31st October, 2pm
Children's Animal Themed Concert
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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".

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

Shop and raise funds at smile.amazon.co.uk and easyfundraising.org.uk: search for Binfield PCC



SCAN ME




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

October Half Term

23-1st Nov: Binfield Scarecrow Trail – The 10th Edition!
29th Oct: Arts Week: Poetry Writing and Reading with Jill Hanson
31st October: Arts Week: Children's concert @ All Saints' Church

Update

This Half Term we will be celebrating an amazing 10 years of the **Binfield Scarecrow Trail!** Thanks to the wonderful organisers, our village is incredibly lucky that we get to enjoy such a brilliant event which brings in visitors from near and far. And we are even more grateful as church that the trail has continued to raise money to support our community spaces – our two historic churches and the village cemetery. These spaces been central to village life for centuries and, as custodians of these special spaces, we can together look after them for the future residents of Binfield. The village may be changing around them, but we want to ensure these spaces continue to stand the test of time and changes to the global environment. Contributions to the Church Care fund help to ensure that they continue to be there to serve us all.

Look out for a full report on the **Binfield Church Fete** in the next issue, the **Binfield 2026 Calendar** going on sale soon and a real treat for all the family will be the **Arts Week concert** at All Saints' at the end of the October school break. Thanks as always for your support!



With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:

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Greg Hallam, accompanied by **Nick Austin**, who will also be playing piano solos. Tickets cost £20 to include a programme (accompanied under 18s free) and will be available from our website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk or from choir members. You will also be able to enjoy a small art exhibition on the theme of *Stillness* by talented members of the society.

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Arts Week 2025: Children's Concert

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ECO CHURCH WATCH

As we pass into Autumn, especially after a hot, dry summer, it is worth

reflecting on the strength of nature to bounce back with the return of showers raining down on the parched earth. This strength may be summed up by the power of the mighty Oak to sustain wildlife and cope with weather borne stress.

In Britain, we have 2 native species of Oak, the Pedunculate, English or Common Oak and the Sessile, Cornish or Irish Oak. Both grow to between 20 to 40 metres high, but the Common Oak tends to have a wider girth. There are other Oaks which grow in Britain such as Turkey, Holm and Cork Oaks. Common, Sessile and Turkey Oaks all have lobed leaves and are deciduous, whilst Holm and Cork Oaks are evergreen.

Currently, scientists from the Woodland Trust and the Arboricultural Association are carrying out research on the 800 years old Druids Oak in Buckinghamshire. They are examining its DNA, via leaf sampling, to discover whether Oaks are pre-disposed to having a strong genetic structure, or whether they have a stress coping strategy that enables them to live for 1,000 years or more. If they can uncover the secret of the Oaks' resilience, they believe they will be able to select and plant trees more effectively and, therefore, create the optimum conditions to restore woodlands productively and benefit the many species that rely on them for food and shelter.

The symbiotic relationship between the Oaks and the species supported by them is phenomenal. The UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology have estimated the truly remarkable effect the trees have on biodiversity as they reckon 2,300 species are supported by Oaks, 326 species depend on the trees for their survival, and 229 species are rarely found on any trees other than Oaks.

Every part of the Oak benefits creatures. Take acorns, for example, they are the go-to snack for badgers, deer, wild boars, squirrels and wood mice. Amongst birds, jays and woodpeckers consider them a staple snack. Jays bury lots of acorns to dig up to eat later, but, like all good intended storage facilities, they forget where some of them are stored, and this allows acorns to shoot through the soil and emerge as young trees that will become future mighty Oaks.



WELCOMING SPACE INITIATIVE

We launched phase three of our new Church Care Project earlier in the year. The Welcoming Spaces initiative aims to improve our Church Buildings and continue the work that was undertaken previously by the All-Saints' Repair and Care (ARC) initiative. We have now completed two important elements, the Statement of Significance and Statement of Need. These two reports were needed before starting our master planning works to help define suitable improvements. The Statement of Significance reviews the Church Building and comments on the historical significance of various features. The image on the left shows one of the eight gargoyles adorning the Cupola tower of 1862. The image on the right shows part of the Chancel Screen thought to be 'moderate-high significance' and 'an excellent example of blacksmiths art, hand formed in a period fast being superseded by mass production' from around 1834 (Oxford Heritage Partnership). The Statement of Need discusses what improvements are required to support the Church community, for example the need to provide better access to the building, a new servery and many other improvements the Church want to make. There are also important fabric improvements required, remodelling the gullies around the tower end of the Church to remove internal damp. We will be progressing the master planning works during the Autumn with our Specialist Architect Peter Preston. There will be more updates soon as we progress the project.



Gargoyles and pressed flowers are some of the features that can be found at Binfield All Saints



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

News from Binfield Parish Council



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

October 2025 Meetings

Tuesday 14 October	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 28 October	Planning and Transport Committee	8pm

Summer of Fun—Thank you!

Binfield Parish Summer of Fun was held on Friday 25th July 2025 outside at Farley Wood Community Centre and was a huge success again this year. This was the busiest year we have experienced since they have started and we received lots of positive feedback, the weather was perfect and all our stalls and rides were busy all day. A very big thank you to our volunteers on the day and to Warfield Parish Council team who supported our event with car parking duties. Without the support and help from them all we would not be able to put on these large scale events.

Community Grants

There will be one more opportunity to apply for our community grants this year. Our next round will open on Wednesday 1st October 2025 and close on Friday 31st October 2025, please see our website for further details or pop into the office for a application form.

Meeting with the Parish Clerk

Due to the increase demand on the office time if you or your group would like to meet with the Parish Clerk to discuss anything, please email office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk and we can book you a suitable appointment.

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 events@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Blue Mountain Café by the Foxes' Den at Binfield Community Centre

We are very pleased to announce that the Foxes' Den have taken on the coffee area at the Binfield Health and Community Centre. They had a very successful opening event on Sunday 7th September and are currently open Monday to Friday 8am-4pm and Saturday 10am-2pm. Parking is available in the shared car park at the front of the building or in the overflow car park just above Kings Academy main car park. Please do pop down and see them.

Guerrilla Planting with Binfield Environment Group - Saturday 18 October 2025

Binfield Environment Group will be carrying out their Guerrilla planting in October with various activities including planting of bulbs and site maintenance. Please keep an eye out on the noticeboards and social media for updates.

Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa, and Tracey

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Binfield Parish Council Autumn and

Winter 2025 Events Schedule



Silver Sunday

Sunday 5 October 12:00-2.30pm at the Foxes' Den Café

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 again.

Join us for some light refreshments, prosecco, quizzes, entertainment and a goody bag to take away. This is a free event organised and hosted by Binfield Parish Council. Please email events@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk to book your FREE ticket or call/pop into the office to book your place. We look forward to seeing you.

Arts Week

Sunday 26 October to Sunday 2 November

During the Autumn half term we will be running Arts Week 2025. There will be many arts, crafts and music events for local residents aimed at adults and children within the Parish. As well as a three-day Community Arts and Craft Exhibition at the Brownlow Hall, Warfield.

The 2025 programme can be found on the Arts Week website: www.arts-week.org

Online tickets open on Sunday 5th October at 12:00 midday from the Arts Week Website
www.ticketsource.co.uk/artswweek

Remembrance Parade

Sunday 9 November 9:30am-12:00 midday

Binfield Parish Council will be organising this year's Remembrance Day Parade, with the RBL, 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!

Thursday 27 November Assemble from 6pm, 6.30pm light switch on.

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 with Binfield Community Choir.

Binfield Christmas Market

Monday 1 December 5.00pm-8.00pm

This year Binfield Parish Council in partnership with the Foxes' Den Café will be running the Binfield Christmas Market, we are just caretaking this for a year while their committee has a break. There will be the usual festive community stalls, mulled wine, mince pies, Christmas trees and carol singing.

Community Events

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

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Witch-Ing you a Happy October!

Happy October! A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our new coffee shop, *Blue Mountain Café*, at the Binfield Community Centre. We're so grateful for the warm welcome and are delighted to be serving up delicious coffee and homemade bakes to our wonderful community both there and of course The Foxes Den.

As we head into October, we'd like to wish everyone a happy and colourful autumn. Will you be joining the Scarecrow Trail this year? Don't forget — on the 31st we'll be hosting our much-loved Halloween Night! Join us for an evening of spooky fun... and yes, the witch will be making her return!

We look forward to seeing you soon at The Foxes' Den... and Blue Mountain!
Kerrin & Niamh x
foxesden.co.uk @foxesdenbinfield 01344 305500
Benetfeld Road, Binfield. RG42 4EW

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..

Until we meet again

SAVE THE DATE ...
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN CAROL SERVICE

7TH DECEMBER 2025 6.30pm

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
BINFIELD RG42 5NS



Binfield Christmas Market

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER

FROM 5PM TO 8PM

ON FOXLEY FIELDS AND THE FOXES' DEN

FREE ENTRY

Please join us for the return of the Binfield Christmas Market organised this year by Binfield Parish Council and the Foxes' Den. Carol singing, mulled wine, mince pies, Christmas trees and festive stalls.

MUSIC, FOOD & GIFTS

Get your gifts and decorations while supporting local businesses and community groups

For further information please contact events@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk