

The Binfield Beacon



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

November 2025



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Our mission is connecting people with others and Jesus.

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SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

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

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 2 nd	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
Sunday 9 th	10.15am	REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH
	11.45am	Communion Service (Said only)
Sunday 16 th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Communion Service
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service
Sunday 30 th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

DECEMBER 2025

Sunday 7 th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
	6.30pm	Until we meet again

DIARY

NOVEMBER 2025

Sat 1 st	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 5 th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 6 th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Wed 12 th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 13 th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Mon 17 th	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
Tues 18 th	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 19 th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 20 st	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Wed 26 th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 27 th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

DECEMBER 2025

Wed 3 rd	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 4 th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sat 6 th	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk



CREATIVE TABLE
DURING 11AM
INFORMAL SERVICE
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

WE HAVE THREE SEPARATE AREAS
FOR CHILDREN TO ENJOY -
THE CREATIVE TABLE, BUILDING AREA
AND A READING CORNER

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME

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



INFORMAL WORSHIP

and Prayer evening

Sunday 9th November

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.



Join the Church Choir for Christmas

The glorious Church Choir welcomes extra members who would like to sing with us for the **Carol Service on Sunday 21st December**.

Practices take place at 7.30pm on Thursdays in the Baxter Room at St Mark's with the last two (11th and 18th December) in All Saints. Singers should attend the majority, if not all, of the last 4 practices, starting 27th November.

Contact Michael Hawkins
(01344 411681) if you are interested.



Until we meet again

A Service celebrating the Joy and Hope of Christmas remembering Loved Ones no longer with us.

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Sunday 7th December at 6:30pm
at All Saints Church, Church Hill, Binfield RG42 5NS

Please contact us for more information:

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



BULLET PROOF FAITH

During world War 2 bibles were made with a steel cover, designed to stop bullets dead in their tracks, they called it

the Heart Shield bible.

Families sent these too soldiers. The steel cover protected their physical hearts and the words inside fortified their spirits. Many of these Bibles came home with bullet holes and life changing stories.

One such Bible belonged to Chase Taktor, it was given to him in 1942 and tells a story of protection: while its steel cover shows no bullet marks, its pages reveal another kind of shield – underlined verses and margin notes marking battles fought in the heart.

The Hebrew word we translate as heart in the bible is 'lev'. This word refers not just to your emotions, but to your mind, your thoughts, your understanding, and your will.

A verse from the book of Proverbs in the Bible says, "Above all else, guard your heart." Its talking about protecting your entire inner life. When Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse 6 says, 'God's word should be on your hearts', its calling us to let

divine wisdom penetrate every thought.

Think about that, a steel cover guards against bullets, but truth guards against fear. Metal shields the body, but wisdom shields the soul. Every day your heart needs guarding from, thoughts that wound, words that pierce, fear that paralyzes, doubt that weakens. What would change if you guarded your thoughts as carefully as this Bible once guarded soldiers' lives?

Start your bulletproof faith today. Choose one verse from the Bible, write it down, and let it guard your thoughts for the next 24 hours. Rinse and repeat daily. *Guard you heart, above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs chapter 4 verse 23*
Luke Taylor

MEET EMILIE CREASEY – OUR NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR



I'm really excited to be joining the team and getting stuck into the role. I've worked in admin for over 15 years doing everything from pharma to finance – and some of you might recognise me from the front desk of the Bracknell Family Hubs. I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone and being part of the church community.

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.

5th November - 9am meet Foxes' Den
19th November - 9am meet Foxes' Den
3rd December - 9am meet Foxes' Den
17th December - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information contact:
 Gisele on
 07724 889169

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 1st November and 6th December

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

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 18th November at 12 noon

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

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Harvey James Alan Thomas
 Ellis River Deamer

Funeral

David Chaplin

PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

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

Monday 17th November 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.



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:

5th, 12th, 19th and 26th November and 3rd and 10th December

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**

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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



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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.



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 December/January issue is
(Please remember this will be a double issue)**

Monday 10th November 2025

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

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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS



ALTERNATIVE ADVENT

BE GOOD NEWS

Once again we have the opportunity to bring good news and Christmas cheer to people through Alternative Advent.

Alternative Advent is where we purchase an extra present or two for single parents who won't otherwise receive a Christmas present this year. Many parents ensure that their children have a great Christmas, but often go without themselves. We would like to change that.

If you would like to contribute, then we recommend gifts up to the value of £15.00. Possible ideas are, toiletries, PJs, slippers, chocolates, gloves, scarves and hats, scented candles, reed diffusers, or anything you think might make a nice gift for a single parent.

We will be collecting the presents from Sunday 23rd November to Sunday 14th December. The presents shouldn't be wrapped and can either be given to Luke in church, dropped off at the church office during opening hours or left on the bench outside the front door of the Rectory. They will then be taken to the Family Intervention Team who then distribute them to the single parents.



CHRISTMAS AT THE MINSTER

Saturday 20th December at 5pm

A concert with Two Choirs, a Brass Quintet and Audience Carols!

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

at All Saints' Church

Sun 7th Dec - 6.30pm - Until We Meet Again

Sun 21st Dec - 6.30pm - Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 3pm & 5pm - Christingle
Christmas Eve - 11.30pm - Midnight Service

Christmas Day - 10.00am - All Age Christmas Celebration
Christmas Day - 10.45am - Communion Service (Said only)

Sun 28th Dec - 10am - Altogether service with Communion



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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.

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

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

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Binfield Church
Fete 2025

TOTAL RAISED:
An amazing £6,200!

Thank You!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH A GINGERBREAD HOUSE, WREATH & MORE!

Come and find us on our stalls at the Binfield Christmas Market... We will have stunning wreaths and amazing gingerbread creations on offer, as well as 2026 Binfield Calendars.

Funds raised will go to Church Care and general church running costs.

Binfield Christmas Market

BINFIELD CALENDAR 2026

£10

On Sale at the Foxes' Den and the Blue Mountain Cafe
See the church website for more info

Featuring stunning shots of the local area!



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

Christmas Events

- 1st December: Binfield Christmas Market @ Parish Council
- 6th December: Wreath Making Workshops @ Parish Council

Update

We hope you all had a wonderful Half Term break and you got to enjoy the events which took place during the week. The 10th edition of the **Binfield Scarecrow Trail** featured over 50 scarecrows, providing a great opportunity to get out and about with the family. Yet again we were super impressed by all the creativity! We really appreciate the event organisers and scarecrow builders for giving their time to provide such a treat for us all and to raise funds for the Church Care Project.

We also got to enjoy a really fun children's concert and an exciting poetry session at All Saints' as part of this year's **Art's Week**. We'll be writing poems about walking like penguins for a while!

Please check out the full report on the **Binfield Church Fete** in this issue. We were blown away by the support from everyone which resulted in a hugely successful day. The **Binfield 2026 Calendar** is now on sale featuring the brilliant photos entered by our talented local photographers, and as voted by you all at the Fete. Pick up your copy soon!

It wouldn't feel like Christmas without the lovely **Binfield Christmas Market**. Come along to indulge in some festive cheer and plenty of festive goodies, including gingerbread houses and gorgeous wreaths which will be on offer on our church stalls. The lovely Trudy will also be running her very popular **Wreath Making workshops** where you can make your own if you fancy having a go yourselves!

This should all be enough for us to feel truly thankful for the wonderful community we get to live in!

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
- **BACS - Please contact us for the BACS details to make a bank transfer and to specify where your donation goes.**

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!

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SCAN ME



With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:

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CHURCH NEWS



**Binfield
Church**

Fete 2025

Thank You For a Great Day!



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make our Fete, which took place on Sunday 14th September, such a wonderful success.

Firstly, we're very grateful that prayers were answered and that the rain held off for most of the day!

Visitors were able to enjoy the outdoor service and musical entertainment, delicious food and refreshments and stalls from our wonderful community groups and local crafters. Not to mention the display of talents from both the dancers and our four-legged friends!

So many people offered their time and talents and donations, that it's impossible to thank everyone here by name. It was a true community event which saw everyone coming together to make a memorable day for all and we appreciate each and every one of you.

A special thanks does however go to the Fete Committee, who worked so hard. Many of them got involved for the first time to make sure the event took place this year. We couldn't have done it without them!

Thanks to everyone's support, we were able to enjoy a very special day, while raising much appreciated funds for the church. We are very happy to report that this year's Fete raised a fantastic £6,200 – our best total yet!

We hope that everyone will be looking forward to the next Binfield Church Fete. If you would like to get involved, please look out for a meeting notice coming soon to have an initial chat about the next event.

Huge thanks again from the Fete Team:

Georgina, Adrian, Alice, Claudine, Claire, Sue, Ian, Chris, Laurence, Heidi, Jonathan and Kate.

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VERSE OF THE MONTH

November

Romans 14:8

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Lord; and if we die, we die for
the Lord. So, whether we live
or die, we belong to the Lord.

Contributed by David Horton

All Saints Church

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BINFIELD TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL TOURNAMENT RAISES OVER £3,000 FOR CURE PARKINSON'S

On Sunday 28 September the Binfield Tennis Association held their annual charity tournament, this year in support of the research charity Cure Parkinson's. The tennis club decided to fundraise for Cure Parkinson's after asking their members for suggestions, with many of the club having a connection to Parkinson's through family, friends or colleagues.

To raise funds the club charged participants an entry fee, had donation stations dotted around the tennis courts, and organised a raffle filled with prizes generously donated by local businesses and club members. So far the club have raised an incredible £3,000 in support of Cure Parkinson's, with the raffle alone raising over £1,000. The tournament participants had a great time, regardless of the weather, with club member Pauline noting:

"Our committee had planned for every eventuality, thus the tournament went very well, despite the rain. Our members thoroughly enjoyed competing and played in a good spirit, demonstrating the club's commitment to inclusivity."

To show their support for the Binfield Tennis Association's fundraising efforts the Chair of Binfield Parish Council, Amanda McLean, attended and the Mayor of Bracknell Forest, Janet Cochrane, also stopped by to present the tournament winners with their trophies. Pauline said:

"A highlight was the fact that we were supported by the Chair of our Parish Council and the Mayor of Bracknell Forest."

Cure Parkinson's is extremely grateful to Binfield Tennis Association for raising funds in support of our vital Parkinson's research. Helen Matthews, CEO, said:

"Fundraising support is absolutely critical for the charity to enable us to achieve our goal. We aim to cure Parkinson's and the only way we will do this is through the help of all our incredible supporters – it's as simple as that!"

To find out more and donate to the Binfield Tennis Association's fundraiser please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/binfieldtennischarity>



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

News from Binfield Parish Council



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

November 2025 Meetings

Tuesday 11 November	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 25 November	Planning and Transport Committee	8pm

Silver Sunday

On Sunday 5th October Binfield Parsh Council held an afternoon tea for the National Event Silver Sunday. The aim of the day is for older people to meet new people, visit new places, try new activities, and connect with the local community. The event was held at the Foxes' Den and tea, coffee, sandwiches, quiche and cake were shared around the tables along with some quizzes. We had some live musical entertainment from Jen Merchant and as usual the quizzes were very competitive. Everyone got to take a goody bag home at the end of the event, with further details on the Christmas Silver Club on Sunday 14th December at Binfield Community Centre.

Christmas Hamper Project supporting the Cowshed - Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November

Saltshaker are looking for volunteers to help pack 1,500 hampers in partnership with the Cowshed as they support families in crisis this Christmas. These will be held at Binfield Community Centre, Wood Lane. Please use the following link to book your day and time slot.

[Christmas Hamper Project - Supporting The Cowshed Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Anti- social Behaviour in the Parish

Anti- social behaviour can come in many forms, from littering to noise disturbances etc. We are experiencing a very high amount of Anti-social behaviour in the parish, mostly around Foxley Fields. As a parish we are committed to keeping our areas a welcoming and respectful place for everyone. If you witness or experience anti-social behaviour, please do not ignore it. Reporting incidents helps the authorities take appropriate action and prevents issues from escalating. Report it by contacting us and the police, call 101 for non emergencies. Record the details, note the time and location and a description of what happened. Saty safe, never put yourself at risk. By working together we can help ensure our parish remains a safe friendly and thriving community for all. We do have CCTV around the parish building and this covers most of Foxely Fields. The local PCSO's are aware and are making regular patrols.

2025 Poppy Appeal

The 2025 Poppy Appeal runs from Thursday 23rd October to Remembrance Sunday the 9th November 2025. There will be various pop up stalls around the Borough as well as the Poppy shop in the Lexicon. The Poppy Quiz will also be back for 2025. You can pick up your quiz from either the Parish Office, Binfield Club or Victoria Arms from the end of October, the quiz is minimum of £2 or a donation. We hope you can support the appeal.

New Faces in the Office

You may have seen some new faces in and around the parish office. Jo has joined us as the Community Facilities Officer at Binfield Community Centre, you may see her at the centre a few times a week. Hayley has joined us as Deputy Clerk, many of you will know Hayley from her time working at the Church Office. Please do pop in and say hello to them.

Ceri, Hayley, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa, Tracey and Jo

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Binfield Parish Council Autumn and

Winter 2025 Events Schedule



<p>Arts Week Sunday 26 October to Sunday 2 November</p> 	<p>During the Autumn half term we are 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 on the 31st October to the 2nd November. The 2025 programme can be found on the Arts Week website: www.arts-week.org</p> <p>Online tickets are now open please see the Arts Week Website Arts Week</p>	
<p>Binfield Parish Remembrance Parade Sunday 9 November</p> 	<p>Binfield Parish Council will be organising this year's Remembrance Day Parade with The Royal British Legion and our local unit youth groups. The Parade will take place on Sunday 9 November. Starting from the car park at Oakmede shops at 9.30am, walking down Terrace Road North to All Saints Church ready for the Church Service at 10.15am. The Parade will then leave the Church after the service at approximately 11.15am and return to the car park around 11.45am.</p> <p>Terrace Road North will be closed while the parade takes place, between 09.30am-10.00am and again at 11.15am-11.45am.</p>	<p>9.30am - 12.00 Midday</p>
<p>Binfield Parish Annual Christmas Tree Light Switch On! (Foxley Fields) Thursday 27 November</p> 	<p>Join us for the annual light switch -on at the Parish Council (Foxley Fields), with refreshments at The Foxes' Den Café. Join your Parish Councillors, the Binfield Community and Augmented Choir and possibly a very special guest as we turn on the lights and enjoy some carol singing around the tree.</p> <p>Binfield Parish Christmas Tree Locations: Foxley Fields, Knox Green Corner, Roebuck Estate, Travelodge (London Road) and Binfield Community Centre.</p>	<p>6.00pm- 8.15pm</p> <p>6.00pm Assemble.</p> <p>6.30pm Light switch on</p>
<p>Binfield Christmas Market (Foxley Fields) Monday 1 December</p> 	<p>This year Binfield Parish Council in partnership with the Foxes' Den Café will be running the Binfield Christmas Market, we are just care-taking this for a year while their committee has a break. There will be the usual festive community stalls, mulled wine, mince pies, Christmas trees to purchase and carol singing. Parking is limited on Bentefeld Road and the Parish car park is for accessible parking only. Please use Oakmede shops to park and walk where you can.</p>	<p>5.00pm- 8.00pm</p>
<p>Christmas Silver Sunday (Binfield Community Centre) Sunday 14 December</p> <p>Please note the venue change will be at Binfield Community Centre, Wood Lane.</p> <p>If you require transport please let us know and we can see what we can do to help.</p>	<p>We are hosting a Christmas Silver Club at Binfield Community Centre for anyone 50 or over in our community. Come along for some festive fun and entertainment. Please call or pop in the office to book your FREE space or email: events@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk</p> 	<p>12.00 Midday - 2.30pm</p>

COMMUNITY NEWS



November is here!

It's hard to believe we're already in November! The days are shorter, the air is cooler and it's definitely hot chocolate season once again. We're loving the cosy vibes—steaming mugs, warm scarves and plenty of reasons to come together as a community.

A big thank you to everyone who joined in the Binfield Scarecrow Hunt! We hope you all had a fantastic time spotting the amazing creations around the village—it's one of our favourite events of the year and it wouldn't be the same without your enthusiasm and creativity.

Remembrance is a time for quiet reflection and gratitude, so as we move through this month let's take a moment to pause, remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed.

Looking ahead, we're excited to invite you to join us on Thursday 27th November for the Binfield Parish Annual Christmas Tree Light Switch-on! We'll be there with mulled wine and mince pies preading a little festive cheer—we'd love to see you all there to kick off the Christmas season together.

With warm wishes and grateful hearts.

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..



GARDEN CLUB REPORT

Keats' "Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness" are upon us and our gardens are settling down for the winter to follow the glorious colours of autumn.

We are still enjoying monthly meetings at the Garden Club with excellent speakers on a variety of subjects. How ever many years you have been gardening there is always something new to learn or remember and take away each month. August was a talk on Year-round container gardening where we watched Chris Day plant up pots with a lovely range of bulbs and plants for all seasons. Squirrels often dig bulbs out of pots so a useful suggestion is to plant small flowers like violas on the top to dissuade them.

In September Niki McCann described all that goes on at Waltham Place – a nearby fascinating organic farm and garden that we all hope to visit in the future.

That evening too, members brought in their results of growing tomato seeds for the Annual Challenge. The winner was Christine Leonard.



George Lockwood entertained us all in October with "Acers for small gardens". An important point is they don't like full sun. As most of Binfield is on clay soil, George said we need to add organic matter in the planting hole and then just spread some round the tree before the first frost in September and after the last frost in May. Don't let it touch the stem and no need to dig in, the worms will do that. Always water in the morning and not on the foliage. George also was happy to answer various gardening questions from the audience which was very useful. The winner of October's competition for an arrangement of grasses was Carol Frazer.



We are looking forward to our November meeting with Paolo Arrigo of Franchi Seeds UK and a talk entitled "Italy from seed to plate".

Meetings begin at 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall and visitors are always welcome. We have refreshments and a raffle and are sure everyone will learn at least one new gardening tip! Come and join us.

binfieldgardenclub9wordpress.com and on Facebook

COMMUNITY NEWS



ECO CHURCH WATCH

A friend explained how her tortoises are ready to

hibernate when their appetites decrease. She weighs them to ensure they are of optimum weight to hibernate and bathes them to keep them hydrated and help them digest their remaining food. This illustrates nature's delicate balance. Why do certain animals hibernate?



Well, it makes sense to conserve energy when food is scarce in the colder months and so some mammals become dormant or inactive whereby their breathing and heart rate slows right down and their temperature decreases, allowing them to save vital energy and survive harsh conditions and food shortages.

In Britain, hedgehogs, dormice and bats are considered true hibernators. Both hedgehogs and dormice build hibernacula, or hibernation nests, comprising of leaves and twigs to keep them warm and safe. Whilst dormice like to find logs or leaves near trees or areas just below ground to hibernate, hedgehogs prefer to nest under hedges, tree roots, in brushwood piles,

compost heaps or under garden sheds. Both need to build up their body fat so it can be stored over the cold period giving them the best chance of survival.

All our native bats hibernate. Their desirable roosting spots are cool and dark such as hollow trees, under old rooves or caves. In November, you may notice bats moving from their roosting sites to their hibernation spots. Remarkably, they can drop their heart rate to 20 beats a minute and only take in 5 breaths per minute during the winter. They awaken sporadically to snack and excrete. They emerge from hibernation in April.

Dormice are seen as a delectable meal by many predators such as stoats, weasels, foxes, owls to name a few. Hibernating from October to April/May, is seen not just as helping them survive cold spells, but is often seen as a means of protecting them from being found by predators. There is another school of thought that suggests, whilst there is some truth in this idea, determined predators like badgers are quite capable of digging them out for supper.

We can support hibernators with shelter by piling up leaves, building hedgehog or bat boxes or seeking advice from appropriate organisations if necessary.

Kate Ellison-Bourne



Scouts
1st Binfield Air Scouts



1st BINFIELD SCOUT GROUP Charity CHRISTMAS POST scheme 1st – 20th December 2025

The Scout Post delivery scheme will be taking place once 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 **40p per card**. Each envelope will be stamped with the Scout Post logo, before being delivered on Sunday 21st December.

Please post your **carefully addressed** cards, and **40p** per card, in a CHRISTMAS POST box. These will be at the following places around **Binfield**, between Monday 1st December and Saturday 20th December:

**The Foxes' Den Café, Daphne's Coffee Shop,
Binfield Village Pharmacy, Binfield Library,
and the 1st Binfield Scout Hut.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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We are looking for people to join our Governing Body at Binfield CofE Primary

You have the opportunity to make a real difference to the education of young people, staff, and parents in our school.

As a Governing Body we work together to provide support and challenge to the school leaders.

We have a strategic role, making sure that funding is spent wisely and that children receive the best education possible.

All you need is enthusiasm; a willingness to learn, the confidence to challenge and actively contribute to discussions; an ability to work closely and collaboratively with others. If you have these attributes, volunteering to become a school governor could be for you. Extensive training will be provided and, as a new recruit, you will be mentored by an existing governor in your first year.

Please get in touch for further information, an informal chat about the role and a tour of the school. Please email the Clerk to Governing Body clerk@binfieldschool.com

Roger Prew, Chair of Governors

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ClothesBank

KNICKERS NOVEMBER

During **NOVEMBER** we are collecting:
BRAND NEW KNICKERS AND BOXER SHORTS -
donations can be left at All Saints' on Sundays, the Church Office (*during opening hours*), The Rectory or in the box at Foxes Den.

We are in need of knickers and boxers for all children, men and women
(If you have any donations please drop off as above)

ClothesBank

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On October 7th we had our Autumn 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 had our busiest giveaway to date and were able to help clothe over 128 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 a big thank you to the CoOp who so generously provide food for our clients at the giveaway.