The Binfield Beacon

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

November 2026



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SERVICES AND DIARY

SERVICES

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

NOVEMBER 2026		
Sunday 1st	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Service
Saturday 7th	2.30pm	Act of Remembrance Service at St Mark's Church
Sunday 8th	**10.15am**	**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH**
	11.45am	**Communion Service (Said only)**
Wednesday 11th	10.30am	Act of Remembrance Service at St Mark's Church
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service with Communion
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service
Sunday 29th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service with Communion
DECEMBER 2026		
Sunday 6th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Service

DIARY

NOVEMBER 2026		
Wed 4th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 5th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sat 7th	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 11th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 12th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Mon 16th	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
Tues 17th	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 18th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 19th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Wed 25th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 26th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
DECMBER 2026		
Wed 2nd	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 3rd	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sat 5th	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk



Remembrance Day Services



Saturday 7th November
2.30pm Act of Remembrance Service at St Mark's Church

Sunday 8th November
10.15am Remembrance Service at All Saints' Church

Wednesday 11th November
10.30am Act of Remembrance Service at St Mark's Church

(Will start promptly at 10.30am where a lamp of Remembrance will be lit before the 2 minute silence at 11am, after a short service by the school children.)

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.

4th November- 9am meet Foxes' Den
18th November- 9am meet Foxes' Den
2nd December- 9am meet Foxes' Den
16th December- 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information contact:
Gisele on
07724 889169

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 7th November and 5th 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 17th November at 12 noon
at St Mark's Church

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:
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November
2nd and 9th 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***

PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The next Practice the Presence of God session takes place on
Monday 16th 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.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



As we remember all the horror that is unleashed in war, we can take heart from the pinpoints of light and hope. A German soldier, Private Joseph Schultz was one of these pinpoints.

He was sent to Yugoslavia shortly after the invasion. Schultz was a loyal, young German soldier on patrol. One day the sergeant called out eight names, his among them. They thought they were going on a routine patrol. As they hitched up their rifles, they came over a hill, still not knowing what their mission was. There were eight Yugoslavians there, standing on a brow of the hill, five men and three women. It was only when they got about fifty feet away from them, when any marksman could shoot out an eye of a pheasant, that the soldiers realized what their mission was.

The eight soldiers were lined up. The sergeant barked out, "Ready!" and they lifted up their rifles. "Aim, " and they got their sights. Suddenly in the silence that prevailed, there was a thud of a rifle butt against the ground. The sergeant, and the seven other soldiers and those eight Yugoslavians stopped and looked. Private Joseph Schultz walked toward the Yugoslavians. His sergeant called after him and ordered him to come back, but he pretended not to hear him.

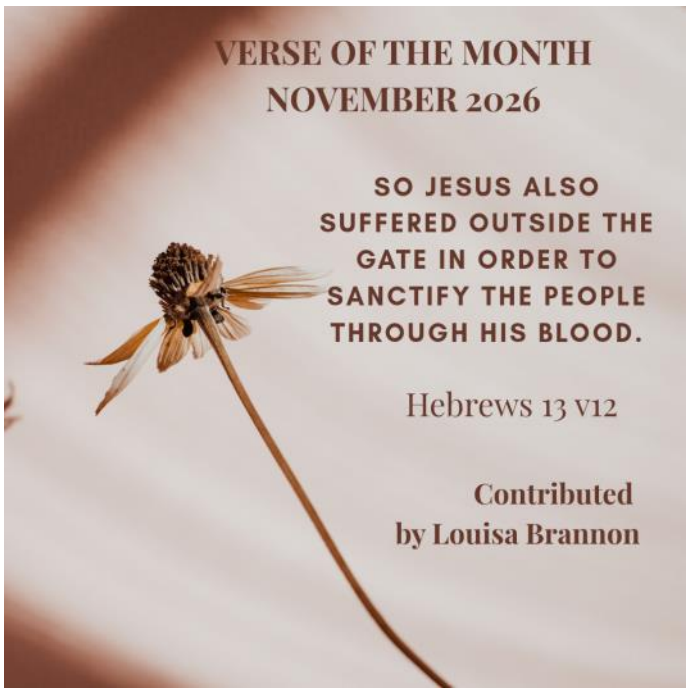
Instead he walked the fifty feet to the mound of the hill, and he joined hands with the eight Yugoslavians. There was a moment of silence, then, the sergeant yelled, "Fire!"

Private Joseph Schultz died, mingling his blood with that of those innocent men and women. Found on his body was an excerpt from the Bible.

"Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres." 1 Corinthians , chapter 13 verse 6-7.

May we, like Private Schultz develop a love within us that never delights in evil but rejoices in the truth and always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres.

Luke Taylor



From the Registers:

Baptisms

Annabel & Reid Goodliffe
Evie & Henry Wakeford

Huxley & Stanley Duvall-Moore



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Phoebe Rochford & Robin Muir



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Praying for and with you

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Bereavement Support

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.

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

Tuesday Morning at Binfield Community Centre

Tuesday Morning Bereavement Group Coffee Morning
Binfield Community Centre, Wood Lane
Tuesdays 10am – 11.30am

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact:
Lesley 07825 679798 or
Diana 07465 430814 or
Jennie 07790 935528

Friday Morning at Foxes Den

Friday Morning Bereavement Group Coffee Morning
Foxes' Den Café on Fridays 10.30am – 12 noon

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact:
Margareta Hawkins 01344 411681 or
Christine Fern 07715 437408 (text messages only)

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. 01344 452694
Margareta Hawkins tel. 01344 411681
Gisele Taylor tel. 07724 889169
Dave Dawson tel. 01344 360389

Or contact the church office on 01344 421079
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The Binfield Beacon

The deadline for Beacon Contributions for the **December/January double issue** is:

Monday 9th November 2026

Please email:
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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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FUNDRAISING NEWS

Binfield Church Fete

This year's wonderful event raised over **£6,000** for the church!
Thank you again for everyone's amazing support and to our fantastic committee for making it all happen.
Get in touch if you'd like to get involved next time!





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

Sun 29 November: Binfield Parish Christmas Market Stalls
This Winter: Binfield Village Calendar on Sale!

Update

What an amazing fundraising result from this year's Fete! A true community effort resulted in a brilliant event for the whole family (four-legged friends included), while raising some much-appreciated funds for the church.
The same can be said for the **Binfield Scarecrow Trail** which again featured plenty of awesome scarecrows and filled the village with the sound of happy footsteps. Big thanks to the lovely event organisers and scarecrow builders for giving their time and talents to raise funds for the Church Care Project.
The **Binfield 2027 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 copies soon – we'd suggest one for yourself and another as a great Christmas gift!
Speaking of which, it wouldn't be a Binfield Christmas without the lovely **Binfield Christmas Market**. Come along to indulge in some festive cheer and have a mooch around the stalls packed with festive goodies. Stall holders include our own talented church-goers selling their very special gingerbread houses and stunning winter wreaths.
We value each and every way in which you support our churches and help to ensure they can keep running for another year as a central part of our village and community!

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE BINFIELD LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM

Help Us Make a Difference in Our Community Could You Spare a Few Hours a Month?

The Lighthouse Team is looking for caring, reliable volunteers who would like to give something back and make a real difference to vulnerable people in our local community.

We support individuals and families by providing nutritious home-cooked meals and practical support to those who need it most. We currently have opportunities for volunteers in two rewarding roles.

Home-Cooked Meal Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy cooking and want to help others?

We are looking for volunteers who can prepare approximately **12 home-cooked meals once a month** from their own kitchen.

What's Involved?

- Cook around 12 portions of a meal once a month
- Ingredients will be provided
- A menu plan and guidance will be supplied

Deliver the meals to **St Mark's Church** by **4:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month**

A few hours of your time can provide comfort, nourishment, and hope to someone who may be struggling.

Volunteer Administrator Needed

We are also seeking a volunteer to provide around **6 hours of administrative support each month**.

The Role May Include:

- Coordinating volunteer rotas
- Maintaining simple records
- Assisting with volunteer communications

Supporting the smooth running of the meal programme This role offers flexible hours and can largely be carried out from home.

Why Volunteer?

By volunteering with the Lighthouse Team, you will:

- Make a tangible difference in the lives of local people
- Become part of a friendly and supportive community
- Use your skills and experience to help others
- Meet like-minded people

Gain the satisfaction of knowing your time is changing lives Whether you can cook a meal once a month or provide a few hours of administrative support, your contribution will be greatly valued.

Interested?

To find out more or register your interest, please contact:

Amanda Thrower

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Together, we can make a difference, one meal at a time.

"Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something"



Scouts

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Charity CHRISTMAS POST scheme

30th November – 19th December 2026

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 **50p per card**. Each envelope will be stamped with the Scout Post logo, before being delivered on Sunday 20th December.

Please post your **carefully addressed** cards, and **50p** per card, in a CHRISTMAS POST box. These will be at the following places around Binfield, between Monday 30th November and Saturday 19th December:

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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 22nd November to Sunday 13th 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.

Until We Meet Again

A Candlelit Carol Service
to celebrate and remember
the lives of those we miss

Sunday 13th December at 5pm

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Christmas Services

All Saints Church

Until We Meet Again
Sunday 13th December 5pm

Carol Service
Sunday 20th December 6:30pm

Christingle Services
Christmas Eve - 3pm and 5pm

Midnight Communion
Christmas Eve starting at 11:30pm

Christmas Day
10am - All Age Christmas Celebration
10.25am - Communion Service (Said only)

Sunday 27th Dec
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Eco Church Watch

Staying with university friends in Bristol, we talked about time. It started with 'Do you remember the time when?' We decided time is both specific and relative as we could remember some events in a similar way and others were relative to who was doing what on a particular day or the same event remembered from different perspectives.

Walking from Swansea city centre to the Mumbles or going further to Oxwich Bay, wrapped up in winter jackets and jeans with bobble hats, gloves and scarves, we could feel the cold November sea breeze, see the cold breath as we breathed out and hear the leaves crunching under foot. The majestic Oystermouth Castle looming over the Mumbles hill looking down through the ages from the 14th Century, when it was built, the sandy Oxwich beach with its sand dunes, the nature reserve and the 6th Century St Illty's Church in the woods which I remember as rather creepy, feeling someone looking over my shoulder. We have fond memories of Treasure, a wonderful tea shop which welcomed students. Those memories may have diluted over time, but are precious bonds that bind us.

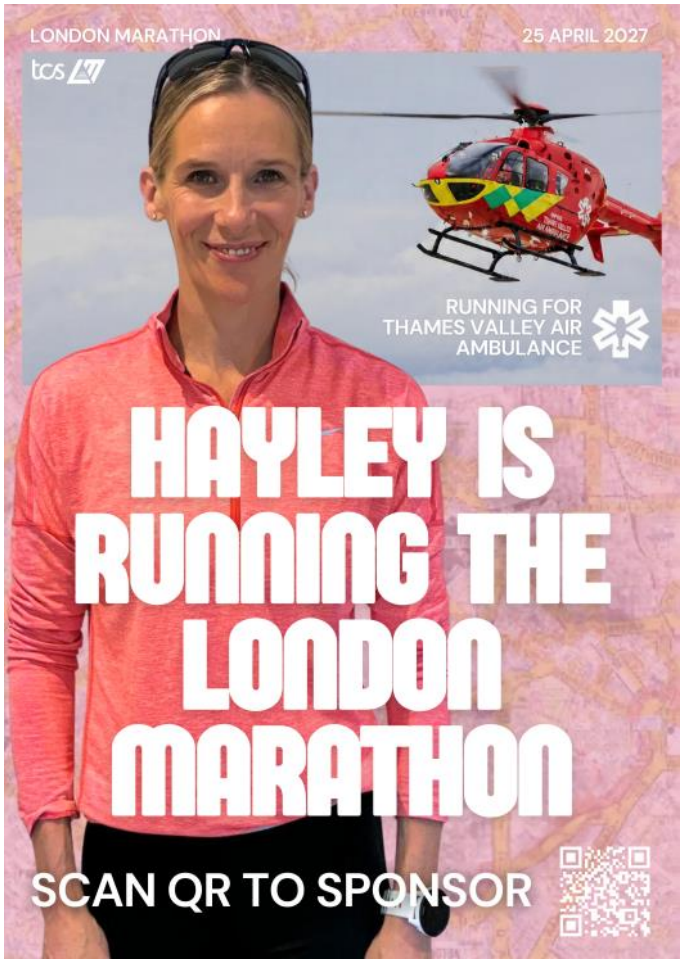
Reminiscing on the positives effects of being in nature, slowing down and destressing brought out other memories. My friends lived and worked in Germany for many years. Their two daughters attended school where there was the 'Maibaum' or Maypole celebrations. The school erected their own may pole and the children dressed up, wearing elaborate costumes and dancing traditional ribbon dances round the pole to welcome Spring. There was a lovely sense of the community coming together and the children enjoyed it. My friend said there was also a last minute panic about having ready costumes and the girls learning their dances! The good thing she found was that the community would help each other as she was happy to bake, whilst others were happy to sew costumes as my friend dislikes needlework.

I was reminded of Autumn walks in Burnham Beeches. The coppery leaves dropping off to reveal the fine skeleton of the pollarded tree trunks. The swirling mists and the bracken fronds curling up through the ground mist. Today, there are warden led walks and it is advisable to wear good gripping shoes, or walking boots, so as not to slip on wet leaves.



November is effectively a month of transition, when the clock has gone back an hour, when cooler, damper weather emerges making ideal conditions for fungi to emerge such as shaggy inkcaps with their curly, lacy layered umbrellas turning into caps with a darker interior. You might see tiny goldcrests with their crowned stripes as the resident goldcrests are joined by wintering flocks from Scandinavia and Russia. Males have bright yellow crests with an orange centre whilst the females are more subtle with yellow crests without the orange centre. The bright red berries of hawthorns attract hungry feeders. There is so much colour to see and enjoy. The senses seem heightened in the Autumn, leading to Winter, the time to focus more on the indoors and indoor hobbies.

Kate Ellison-Bourne





The Foxes' Den
COFFEE FOOD COMMUNITY

Cosy Cups & November Catch Ups!

Hello November!

As the autumn leaves continue to fall and the chilly mornings settle in, we're wrapping up warm and getting ready for one of our favourite times of the year! November is always such a lovely month here in Binfield, full of community spirit, togetherness and the first little sprinkle of Christmas magic!

Before the festive fun begins, we take a moment to pause and reflect on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November. A time to remember and honour those who gave so much for our tomorrow. We will remember them.

Then it's time to bring a little sparkle to the village! Thursday 19th November marks Binfield's Christmas Light Switch On, and we couldn't be more excited! It's always such a magical evening, seeing our wonderful community come together, familiar faces, happy smiles and the village glowing with festive cheer. It's moments like these that remind us just how lucky we are to be part of Binfield!

And the festivities don't stop there! On Sunday 29th November, the Christmas Market at Binfield Community Centre will be bringing even more Christmas cheer. A lovely opportunity to support local businesses, enjoy a little festive shopping and soak up that wonderful community atmosphere. We can't wait!

Here at The Foxes' Den, we'll be keeping things cosy, coffees flowing and spirits high as we head towards the festive season. Whether you're popping in for a warming drink, a sweet treat or simply a friendly chat, there's always a warm welcome waiting for you.

And as the days get shorter, here's a little reminder to be kind to your mind and to one another. A smile, a kind word or a catch up over coffee can go a long way, especially during the colder months.

Here's to a November filled with kindness, remembrance, community spirit and just a little Christmas sparkle!

With love and warm wishes from all of us at The Foxes' Den!

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

BRACKNELL CHORAL SOCIETY

CONCERT FOR THE NEW SEASON

For the first concert of the 2026-2027 season, Bracknell Choral Society presents J S Bach's magnificent Christmas Oratorio. It is a masterpiece of sacred choral music which celebrates the feast days of the Christmas season and contains some of the most beautiful and uplifting music that Bach wrote. The concert takes place at All Saints Church, Wokingham, RG40 1TN on Saturday 28th **November at 6pm**. The choir will be joined by professional orchestra, the British Sinfonietta and soloists, **Elinor Rolfe Johnson** (soprano) Martha McLorinan (mezzo) Thomas Elwin (tenor/Evangelist) and Dingle Yandell (bass). Greg Hallam, Musical Director, will be conducting. Early Bird tickets cost £20 (free for accompanied under 18's) up to November 2nd**.** The adult ticket price will then be £25. Tickets can be bought from www.bracknellchoral.org.uk or choir members.





Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Saturday 5th December
either
10am - 12.30pm or
1.00pm - 3.30pm
Parish Room at Foxes' Den Cafe
£35
(to be paid in advance to secure place)
(All materials will be included, but you will need your own scissors or secateurs)

Limited spaces
Contact Trudy on 07919 335574 or
trudy1inge@gmail.com to book a place

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Abby's Heroes

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th December 2026 at the Binfield Club

Tickets are £35 each, which includes a glass of Prosecco and a mince pie. All materials will be provided but please bring your own secateurs, apron, and gloves (if required).

The following sessions are available but booking up fast:

Friday 11th Dec
9:15am to 12:00pm
12:30pm to 3:00pm
6:30pm to 9:00pm

Saturday 12th Dec
9:15am to 12:00pm
12:30pm to 3:00pm
3:30pm to 6:00 pm

To book one of the sessions please contact Vicki Dobson on 07701 346424

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HOW YOU CAN HELP AND THANK YOU

ClothesBank Bracknell are currently receiving more referrals than ever before.

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.

CLOTHING SPECIFICALLY NEEDED

- Men's hoodies/jumpers – small, medium, large
- Men's joggers/jeans – small
- Ladies skirts/dresses – small, medium, large
- Ladies joggers/jeans – small, medium
- Ladies knitwear/hoodies – medium
- Ladies tops – large
- Boys tops and bottoms – ages 1-4 years and 8-18 years
- Girls tops and bottoms – ages 4-8 years and 14-18 years

BRAND NEW

- Men's PJs, vests, boxers and socks, hats and gloves – S/M/L
- Women's PJs, socks, knickers and bralets – S/M/L
- Girls' PJs, socks and knickers – all ages
- Boys' PJs, boxers and socks – all ages

For hygiene reasons, we can't give away secondhand clothes for any of these items, so all need to be BRAND NEW, please.

KNICKERS NOVEMBER

WE ARE DOING KNICKERS NOVEMBER!
We are collecting adults and children's brand new underwear all ages and sizes

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND ONGOING SUPPORT.
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE.

THANK YOU!

On 6th October 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 were able to help clothe 93 clients.

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

DONATION DROP-OFF DETAILS

Any donations should be left on the bench in the porch at The Rectory, Tercae Road North, Binfield, RG42 5JG, or can be dropped off at St Mark's Church Office.

St Mark's Church Office Opening Hours – Term Time: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9.30am-1.30pm

News from Binfield Parish Council

November 2026 Meetings

Tuesday 10 November	**Parish Council**	**8pm**
Tuesday 24 November	**Planning and Transportation Committee**	**8pm**

Gore's Ground Consultation

Since Binfield Parish Council acquired the land on Forest Road, we would like to hear from local residents about how they would like to see the land used. We are inviting parish residents to complete a short survey. You can take part by either completing the online google form, the link will be available across our website, social media and noticeboards. Or by completing a paper copy, which can be collected and returned from outside the Parish Office window or at Binfield Community Centre. **Please submit all completed forms by midnight Sunday 15 November 2026.**
Your feedback is important to us, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas of the future of Gore's Ground.

Community Speed Watch Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for additional volunteers to support our Community Speed Watch initiative. The role is on an ad hoc basis, and we share the speed camera with Winkfield Parish Council.
Full training will be provided, so no previous experience is necessary.
If you are interested in getting involved and helping to make our roads safer, please email office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or pop into the Parish Council office for a chat.
Thank you for supporting road safety in our community!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Quiz 2026

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026 launched on Thursday 22nd October. Volunteers are always needed to help with the Poppy Appeal. If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact john.anderson@qsmlimited.com
There is also the annual Poppy Appeal Quiz for you to take part in. Quiz sheets can be paid for and collected from the Parish Office, minimum donation of £2.00 and you have until the begining of December to send your completed quizzes in. Good Luck!



Thank You, Binfield WI!

A big thank you to Binfield WI for sponsoring our second blister pack recycling box!
Not only have the ladies kindly sponsored a box, but they have also helped us sort the blister packs ready for recycling. Each pack has to be sorted individually before it can be sent off, so their time and support are greatly appreciated.
Would you like to sponsor a recycling box and support this worthwhile initiative. We would love to hear from you! Please contact office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information.







Ceri, Hayley, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa, Tracey, Jo and Abbie
Binfield Parish Council at the Parish Office, Benetfeld Road, Binfield, RG42 4EW , 01344 454602
Parish Office office opening hours: 9.00am-1.00pm Monday to Friday

Email: office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk for any Parish Office enquiries
Email: bookings@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk for any Binfield Community Centre bookings and enquiries

News from Binfield Parish Council

NOVEMBER EVENTS



Binfield Parish Remembrance Parade
Sunday 8 November 2026
9.30am and 11.15am

Binfield Parish Council will once again be holding the annual Remembrance Parade supported by the Royal British Legion(RBL), the Royal Naval Association(RNA) and our local uniformed groups. The parade will set off from Oakmede car park at approximately 9.30am, proceeding along Terrace Road North to All Saints Church for the service at 10.15am. Following the service, the parade will reform at approximately 11.15am and make its way back to Oakmede car park. Temporary road closures will be in place during the parade. We kindly ask anyone who wishes to walk alongside the parade to do so in silence as a mark of respect. Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we come together as a community to remember those who served and sacrificed.

The Annual Switch On of the Binfield Parish Christmas Tree Lights
Thursday 19 November 2026
6pm
Foxely Fields

Join us on Foxley Fields on Thursday 19 November for the annual switch on of the Christmas Tree lights.
The festivities will begin at 6pm, with the Christmas lights being switched on at 6.30pm. We are delighted that Binfield Community Choir will be joining us to lead the carol singing and help get everyone into the festive spirit. The Foxes' Den will be open for refreshments, and we will also be collecting donations for the local food bank.
We hope you can join us!





Binfield Christmas Market

Binfield Parish Christmas Market
Sunday 29 November 2026
3pm-6pm
Binfield Community Centre, Wood Lane, RG42 4EX

Get into the festive spirit at the Binfield Christmas Market at Binfield Community Centre.
Come along and enjoy a festive afternoon filled with community stalls, refreshments and entertainment. It is a wonderful opportunity to support local groups and businesses, find some Christmas gifts and catch up with friends and neighbours.
Parking is available on site, although we encourage visitors to walk where possible. We look forward to welcoming you for an afternoon of festive fun and community spirit!

Design our Binfield Parish Christmas Card

Binfield Parish Council is inviting children in our village to design this years' official Christmas card. We would love you to get creative and help us spread some Christmas cheer through our community. You can draw anything Christmas themed. Your design must include the words 'Binfield Parish Council', be no larger than A4 in size and portrait orientation.

Please send you completed design to the Parish Office before Monday 30 November.

Remember to include your name, age and a contact email address and a telephone number. The winning design will be chosen to feature on Binfield Parish Council's Christmas card, which will be sent out electronically and displayed on the noticeboards around the village. We can't wait to see your wonderful creations and share a little Christmas magic across Binfield!

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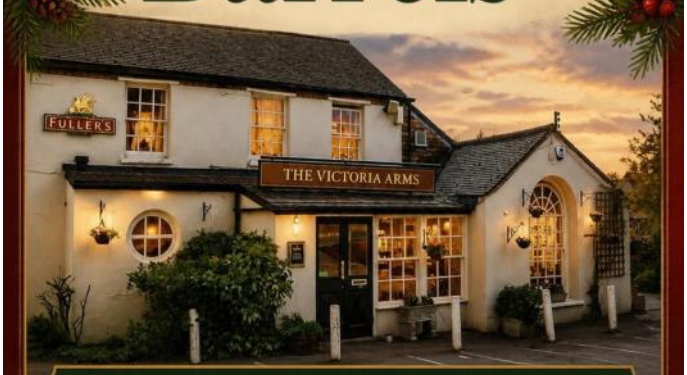
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KNICKERS NOVEMBER

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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)





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