



St Mary's Church Wargrave

With Knowl Hill

Our Plans 2019-2020





The work of the Church in Wargrave is split into eight Ministry Teams or Calls of God (COG).

Each COG is led by a coordinator.

Each COG has a specific area of mission.



Gathering focuses on our time together to learn from God's word, pray and worship. To be effective it requires leaders for Sunday Club and Pathfinders, musicians, readers, intercessors, servers, communion assistants, sidespeople, bell ringers, people willing to help with refreshments and pray with others.

Coordinator: Rosie Creedon rosiecreedon@btinternet.com 940 2298



Reaching is all about making connections with community. It includes The Christianity Explored Course, Butterflies, Who Let the Dads Out?, Messy Church, contact with our Schools, REinspired, The Parenting Course, work with Yeldall Manor, the Holiday Club and Mission Giving.

Coordinator: Hugh Barne hughbarne@googlemail.com 07515 488542

Nurturing helps people develop their faith. There are Home Groups and Courses "Discipleship Explored", "Digging Deeper", "The Lent Course", The Ladies Breakfast as well as a biennial church weekend away (the next one will be in Spring 2020).

Coordinator: Linda Caradine lindacaradine9@gmail.com 940 4231



Caring is a key aspect of church life. As well as helping people through life events - Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals - the church is involved in home and hospital visits, community service, working with Trusts and giving people the opportunity to meet at the weekly Welcome Café.

Coordinator: Steve Turville stephen.turville@ntlworld.com 901 6720

The Church **celebrates** not only in weekly worship but in fellowship together. Lunches, Rambles, Social and Family events and are organised.

Coordinator: Bob Austen austenrobert@hotmail.com 940 3038



Stewarding activities are often unnoticed but are a vital part of making the church work: care of buildings, cleaning, maintenance and the care of church land including Mill Green and the Cemetery, aiming to be an Eco Church as well as ensuring that the flag flies at St Mary's for special occasions.

Coordinator: Mike Buckland mikebuckland54@gmail.com 940 4960



Communicating covers:

- The Parish Magazine • The Wargrave News • Website • Social Media • Database
- Posters • Audio Visual Equipment • Service and Notice Sheets • Public Relations

Coordinator: Andy Ferguson andyferguson1@btinternet.com 940 2925

Constantly in the background there is Church Administration, Finance, Funding, General Data Protection, Health and Safety and Safeguarding underscoring everything that the church does. Generally, these are individual tasks but a second in command is always appreciated!

Coordinator: VACANT: Interim andyferguson1@btinternet.com 940 2925





For Young People



For parents & carers of babies and toddlers



Saturday mornings for dads & kids

For parents & children



Midweek Youth Group for 13-18 year olds

REINSPIRED

Workshops at the Robert Piggott Junior School

For 5-11 year olds



For Adults



All welcome every Tuesday



St Mary's Church Family Group

Monthly fellowship and fun



Ramblin' with Bob

A Sunday walk in the local countryside



Digging Deeper

Learning & Discussion Group



Singers & instrumentalists welcome

Choose the one that suits you



Prayers for the Parish

Held monthly in the Hannen Room

For more details on all of these activities go to our website:
www.wargravechurch.org.uk

Events Calendar 2019-2020



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Month	Day	Date	Time	Activity	Location
September	Sunday	8th	10.30am	Morning Worship & 'New Year' Launch	Church
	Sunday	22nd	10.30am	Harvest Festival	Church
			12 Noon	Harvest Lunch	Church Centre
	Saturday	28th	9.30-12.30pm	Safeguarding Training	Church Centre
Sunday	29th	9.30am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Church Centre	
October	Friday	18th	7.30pm	Where was God when that happened? *	Church Centre
	Sunday	20th	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by	Church
			12 Noon	Opening of St Mary's Church Centre	Church Centre
	Saturday	26th	10-12.30pm	GraveTalk	Church Centre
November	Saturday	2nd	9.30-12pm	Digging Deeper: What makes us Human?	Church Centre
	Sunday	3rd	6.00pm	Annual Bereavement Service	Church
	Sunday	10th	10am	Remembrance Service	Church/Mill Green
	Saturday	16th	7.30pm	Annual Concert	Church
	Friday	29th	8pm	Tearfund Quiz Night	Church Centre
	Saturday	30th	9am	Leaf Busting	Mill Green
10am-4pm			Bereavement Awareness Course	Church Centre	
December	Thursday	5th	7.30pm	Wreath Making	Church & Church Centre
	Sunday	15th	6pm	Carol Service	Church
	Friday	20th	3-5pm	Seniors Carols with Christmas Tea	Church & Church Centre
	Tuesday	24th	4pm	Nativity Service	Church
			6pm	Family Carols	Church
			11.15pm	Midnight Communion	Church
	Wednesday	25th	8am	Holy Communion	Church
			10am	Family Communion	Church

* Lecture/Discussion

St Mary's Church Centre Opening

Please join us on Sunday 20th October when St Mary's Church Centre will officially be opened by Rt Hon Theresa May MP for Maidenhead. This will take place after our morning service where the preacher will be the former Archdeacon of Berkshire, The Venerable Norman Russell.

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January	Wednesday	1st	10am	New Year's Day Ramble	From Mill Green
	Friday	17th	7.30pm	Has Science Buried God? *	Church Centre
	Saturday	18th	7.30pm	Music Group Party	Church Centre
February	Friday	7th	7.30pm	Can We Trust the Gospels? *	Church Centre
	Wednesday	26th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Church
March	Wednesdays	4th, 11th 18th, 25th	7.30pm	Lent Course	Church Centre
	Saturday	21st	9am	Spring Clean	Church
	Sunday	22nd	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Church
	Fri-Sun	27th- 29th	Evening Lunch time	Weekend Away	Denham
April	Wednesday	1st	7.30pm	Lent Course Final Session	Church Centre
	Sunday	5th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service	Church
			7pm	Palm Sunday Concert	Church
	Thursday	9th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Church Centre
	Friday	10th	10am	Walk of Witness	Highfield Park
			12pm	Trip to 'The Messiah'	Royal Albert Hall
			2pm	An Hour at the Cross	Church
	Sunday	12th	8am	Holy Communion for Easter	Church
			10.30am	Family Communion for Easter	Church
	Sunday	26th	10.30am	Morning Worship & Annual Meeting	Church/Church Centre
May	Friday	8th	10.30am **	Relayed National Service 75th Anniversary VE Day	Church
			12.30pm	VE Day Picnic	Mill Green
	Sunday	31st	10.30am	Pentecost Celebration	Church
June	Sunday	14th	10.30am	Summer Songs of Praise	Church/Mill Green
August	Fri-Sat	7-8th	All Day	Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta	Riverbank
	Weds-Fri	26-28th	9.30-12.30pm	Holiday Club	Church Centre

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****Look out for more details of the planned VE Day Celebrations**



"New Year" Launch

We will be launching our 2019/2020 programme on Sunday 8th September at our 10.30 Morning Worship Service. Come along to find out about some new initiatives and the exciting things happening at St Mary's in the coming year.

How might you help? What is God calling you to?

Take the opportunity to meet our CoG coordinators and find out how you might grow in your Christian discipleship and where you might serve your community.



Safeguarding

As a church, we take Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults extremely seriously. All people working with children and vulnerable adults are DBS checked and trained at the appropriate level.

To ensure ongoing training needs are met, we have organised a training course to cover the C0 (Basic Awareness) and C1 (Foundation) levels on Saturday 28th September, 9.30-12.00 in St Mary's Church Centre.

If you have not been contacted, but believe you should be trained, please contact Lesley Turville on 901 6720.

MacMillan Coffee Morning Sunday 29th September 9.30-10.25am in the Church Centre, and after church

Come along to St Mary's for coffee and croissants/cake before our 10.30 Parish Communion service, or stay afterwards for coffee and cake. All donations will go to MacMillan Cancer Support.



Life & Death

The Church is looking to support people consider matters of life and death. As part of this initiative two specific events have been planned...

Saturday 26th October, 10am-12.30pm in the Church Centre



GraveTalk is a café style conversation morning that helps people to talk around the whole subject of dying, death and funerals. As much as we might not want to think or talk about death, a conversation now can not only help us prepare and give us peace of mind, but it can help our loved ones too when the time comes. All welcome.

Contact the Rev Steve, stephen.turville@ntlworld.com

Bereavement Care Awareness Course Saturday 30th November, 10am-4pm in the Church Centre Cost £15

The Bereavement Care Awareness course has been produced as part of Care for the Family's bereavement training for churches. It is delivered by Care for the Family trainers and is useful for anyone interested in supporting bereaved people – whether they are already engaged in bereavement support or are considering the possibility of developing it.



Contact the Rev Steve, stephen.turville@ntlworld.com or 9016720



St Mary's Weekend Away

From the evening of Friday 27th March until lunchtime on Sunday 29th March many of the church family will be enjoying time away together at Denham Grove Hotel Grove, set in Colne Valley Regional Park, Buckinghamshire, a 45 minute drive from Wargrave.

Our speaker, the Rev. Peter Wilkinson will be travelling down from St Ebbe's, Oxford, to open God's word to us. There will be plenty of time for relaxing and enjoying organised activities and meals together.

The main sign-up process has already happened in order to secure our places, but do get in touch with Hugh Barne (hughbarne@googlemail.com / 07515 488542) ASAP if you might be interested in joining as we might be able to squeeze a few more in!

'Important Questions' Evenings in October, January and February

Both regular churchgoers and those who avoid church have questions to wrestle with when it comes to the Christian faith. This coming church year there will be three evenings and one morning looking at some important questions, all with visiting speakers who are well equipped to help us wrestle with these questions.

Come and hear a survivor of the Rwandan Genocide, an Oxford Professor, an expert in ancient manuscripts and a theologian offer their thoughts before a time of Q&A. Come yourselves and bring your friends and family along as well as we ask these essential questions:



- 'Where was God when that happened?'
- 'What makes us human?'
- 'Has science buried God?'
- 'Can we trust the gospels?'



St Mary's Church Family Group

This Group will meet in various locations throughout the village on the last Friday or Saturday evening of each month, except December. Sometimes the evening will just be fellowship and fun: on other occasions there will be specific activities such as a music or quiz night.

Members of the group volunteer to organise each evening. Why not consider joining us?

Details are available on the website or from the Celebrating Coordinator, Bob Austen, 940 3038.

V O C E S 8

We are hoping to be hosting VOCES8 in Wargrave in May or June 2020.

They tour globally and have performed at venues including Wigmore Hall, Bridgewater Hall, Vienna Konzerthaus, Tokyo Opera City and the Sydney Opera House. A detailed programme is being developed. We hope that:

- they will work with local schools. Inspiring music amongst young people is at the heart of what they do. And because they are all 18-25 themselves, the angle would be for youth - and the young at heart.
- there will be a concert on the Saturday night. They sing popular and classical music and the evening will have a young vibe - inspiring youth around singing.
- they will join our worship on Sunday.

They are amazingly good!

"The slickest of the lot... fans of a cappella ought to hear this." CD Review, BBC Radio 3
"The singing of VOCES8 is impeccable in its quality of tone and balance. They bring a new dimension to the word 'ensemble' with meticulous timing and tuning." Gramophone



SUNDAY SERVICES

Every Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (a said service in traditional language)
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays	10.30am	Holy Communion (with Music & Young Peoples Groups)
2nd & 4th Sundays	10.30am	Morning Worship (with Music & Young Peoples Groups)

Young People at the Sunday 10.30 Service

Children and young people of all ages are very welcome every week at the 10.30am service. We start the service altogether with a short time of all-age teaching and singing, then groups begin for young people up to 16 whilst those 17 and over are welcome to stay in for the rest of the service.



The groups are:

Crèche (Pre-school)

We offer an unsupervised crèche facility in our soundproofed room at the back of church.

A wide selection of toys is available for small children, along with seating for nursing mothers and an audio relay of the service so parents/carers can still hear what's going on.

Sunday Club (Reception-Year 4)

Sunday Club involves a mix of Bible teaching, games, craft activities, discussion, quizzes, singing and drama. We hope that the children will make good friends and grow in their understanding of faith in Jesus Christ.

All are welcome - come and join us! For more information or to register interest, please contact Camilla Cook (camillacook@btconnect.com).

Pathfinders (Year 5-Year 11)

Pathfinders is all about enjoying time together and getting to know God better. We catch up, play games and dive into the Bible to see what it's got to say to us and our daily lives.

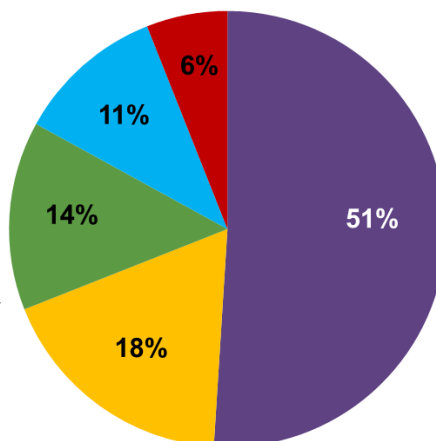
New people are very welcome to join us - we'd love to have you! For more information or to register interest, please contact Sue Witney (switney@altwoodschool.co.uk)



Generous Giving

The church in Wargrave is totally paid for by donations from the congregation and villagers, and it is available for the whole village to use to support life events such as Christenings, Weddings and Funerals. The cost of running the church in 2018 was £176,000, that's £482 a day. These costs are incurred through:

- Clergy Costs
- Outreach/Mission
- Buildings
- Administration
- Contribution to diocese for support & training



In addition to this, many members give freely of their time in fulfilling roles that would otherwise need to be paid for. This includes cleaning, maintenance, gardening, accounting, safeguarding and many other activities.

If you would like to give regularly to the work of the church or make a one-off donation, please contact our Giving Recorder, Richard Lloyd, at shingleberry@gmail.com or 940 2157.