



Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath Key Dates - September to December 2021

Below are some of the key dates for September - December 2021. Thank you very much to all who are involved in contributing to these different events. This is not an exhaustive list, but rather a list of all the dates we have to this point.

Worship in our churches

Worship in our churches will continue on Sundays at 9 am for St. Paul's and 11 am for St. Mary's and these services will also continue to be Zoomed. We will be following a preaching series on Joshua, which will take us up to Advent and Christmas.

Our Community Alive and Messy Church family services will be resuming, with socials in September and then the services in October, November and December. Community Alive services will be on the second Sunday of the month and Messy church services on the third, as prior to the pandemic.

Our Remembering Loved Ones services will be at 9 am (at St. Paul's) and 11 am (at St. Mary's) on Sunday 7th November.

Our Parish Remembrance Sunday service will be at 11 am at St. Mary's (beginning with 2 minutes of silence) on Sunday 14th November. We will still recognise Remembrance Sunday at St. Paul's, but it is the Community Alive service that morning so we will do this in a more informal way with the children.

Harvest will be on the 10th October at St. Paul's (for the Community Alive Service) and the 17th October at St. Mary's (for the Messy Church Service).

We will be having a 'CAP' (Christians Against Poverty) Sunday at both churches on the 5th December, as part of a plan to invite all of our Mission Partners to come and share a service with us in the churches.

Our Parish Services for both churches, jointly, will continue on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10 am. These will continue to be on Zoom initially and information will be sent out about each service nearer the time.

For more details on all the Christmas services, please see below.

Community Alive (our Family Service based at St. Paul's)

Everyone is welcome at these services & events, but they will be particularly geared towards families with children:

Sunday 26th September, 12 pm: bring your own picnic lunch in the Vicarage garden (with the St. Paul's church hall as back up for rainy weather), and enjoy meeting together, games and activities

Sunday 10th October, 9 am: Harvest Celebration

Sunday 14th November, 9 am: God's family celebration, with a moment to recognise Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 12th December, 9 am: Advent celebration

Messy Church (our Family Service based at St. Mary's)

Everyone is welcome at these services & events, but they will be particularly geared towards families with children:

Sunday 19th September, 3pm: bring your own picnic tea in the Vicarage garden (with the St. Paul's church hall as back up for rainy weather), and enjoy meeting together, games and activities

Sunday 17th October, 11 am: Messy Harvest

Sunday 21st November, 11 am: Messy Church, being part of God's family

Sunday 19th November, 11 am: Messy Nativity

Forest Church in the St. Paul's 'Backlands' (the land behind the church hall, where there are lots of trees)

We would like to start 'Forest Church' as a new initiative in the parish.

On Sunday 24th October (whatever the weather), we will be piloting our first 'Forest Church', which we will then use to assess what works / needs tweaking with the hope to launch Forest Church on a regular basis (details still TBC) in the Parish from January 2022.

This will be at 12pm (on this occasion), and will involve bringing a picnic lunch to enjoy as part of the worship together.

Parish Prayer Meetings, 7pm, 2nd Tuesday of each month

We have had parish prayer meetings in various forms for the last couple of years and this term, they will be on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Some will be in person at church and others on Zoom, with further details TBC

Tuesday 14th September

Tuesday 12th October

Tuesday 9th November
Tuesday 14th December

Food Bank Collections

The remaining food bank collections of the year, all from 2-4 pm, will be on:

Wednesday 22nd September at St. Paul's *(we will also be collecting for refugees from Afghanistan this afternoon, please see the news email for more details)*

Wednesday 20th October, at St. Mary's

Wednesday 17th November, at St. Paul's

Wednesday 8th December, at St. Mary's *(we will also be collecting Christmas parcels of love for those who are isolated and home-bound this afternoon, please watch out in the news for more details nearer the time)*

Parish Walking Group

The Parish Walking Group meets on the third Saturday morning of each month, for walks of approximately 3-4 miles.

The remaining dates for the year are:

Saturday 18th September

Saturday 16th October

Saturday 20th November

There is no walk in December as this would be very close to Christmas, but the walks will resume again in the new year

Alpha

We will be running Online Alpha (on Zoom) in our parish for 8 weeks, on Wednesday evenings at 8pm, from the 6th October also including a Saturday 'Holy Spirit Morning or Day'. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 6th October: Introduction: Is there more to life than this?

Wednesday 13th October: Who is Jesus?

Wednesday 20th October: Why Did Jesus die?

Wednesday 27th October: How can I be sure of my faith?

Wednesday 3rd November: Why and how do I pray?

Wednesday 10th November: Why and how should I read the Bible?

Saturday 13th November: Weekend session on the Holy Spirit

Wednesday 17th November: What about the church?

Wednesday 24th November: How can I make the most of the rest of my life.

For more information, please contact Andrew Shaw: LLM@norkwithburghheath.com

Refresh@10

We are delighted to be re-starting 'Refresh@10', the coffee morning usually on the 4th Saturday of the month at St. Mary's.

For our re-start, we are putting on a one-off Christmas event on Saturday 11th December, at 10 am at St. Mary's. Please look out for more information in the news emails and notices.

Thirsty Thursdays

Thirsty Thursdays, a group for men in the parish to meet and chat over a drink together will continue on the first Thursday evening of every month. Initially these will remain on Zoom, but the hope is that in due course they will resume to the living room of a group member or to the pub.

The remaining dates for this term are:

Thursday 7th October

Thursday 4th November

Thursday 2nd December

Please contact Simon Parnall for more information: simon.parnall@me.com

Operation Christmas Child

We will be collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year, enabling children across the world to receive presents at Christmas who otherwise would receive nothing.

We will be launching this campaign in our services on Sunday 19th September and will be collecting the shoe boxes up to Sunday 7th November.

Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to our Diocese

The Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting our Diocese from the 24th-26th September.

There is a local event for our Deanery which will be at Blenheim High School in Epsom on Saturday 25th September at 3.30 pm.

Tickets need to be booked to attend this event - please look out in our news emails past and future for further information.

Christmas Services & Events

Throughout December, we have a range of Christmas events and services planned at both churches:

Saturday 4th December, 10 am - 12 pm: Christmas Crafts morning for all ages at St. Paul's

Wednesday 8th December, 2 - 4 pm: Parish food bank collection at St. Mary's, including collection of Christmas parcels of love for those who are isolated and vulnerable at this time (watch out in the news for more information)

Saturday 11th December, 10 - 12 pm: Refresh@10 ReLaunch & Christmas Celebration

Sunday 12th December, 9 am: Community Alive Advent Service at St. Paul's

Sunday 12th December, 4pm: Christingle Service at St. Paul's, including an invitation to the Uniformed Organisations

Tuesday 14th December: 2pm - Christmas Carol services & Carol singing for our local Nursing homes

Sunday 19th December, 11 am: Messy Nativity at St. Mary's

Sunday 19th December, 6pm: Parish Carol Service, at St. Mary's

TBC Tuesday 21st December: Christmas Carol services & carol singing - Gardenfields and any other Nursing homes

Friday 24th December, Christmas Eve, 3pm: Christingle at St. Mary's

Friday 24th December, Christmas Eve, 5.30pm: Parish Crib Service, at St. Paul's

Saturday 25th December, 9 am: Christmas Day service at St. Paul's

Saturday 25th December, 11 am: Christmas Day service at St. Mary's

Sunday 26th December, 10 am: Parish service on Zoom for any who would like this, from the Vicar's study to give our very devoted Zoom teams and musicians a break

Other Activities for smaller groups of us

Please hold in your prayers:

The Mission Partner Champion Group, Eco Church Group, and Parish Evangelism Hub as they get started meeting this month, working on behalf of all of us to help us to be better mission partners, more environmentally friendly and growing further into reaching out in our local community.

Our Parish Connect Groups as they get started this term.

David Wright and Alex, as they visit the local nursing homes for services each month (as soon as we are able, we hope to invite others to join us - this is currently restricted due to Covid-19)

Alex, Governor to the Warren Mead Schools with regular meetings for these, and resuming visiting the different schools to see the children, as is possible with each individual school's guidelines for this time. (Again, it would be lovely to form a team for this, over time, but due to the restrictions at the moment this is currently limited)

Any questions about any of the above, please do be in touch: vicar@norkwithburghheath.com, 07312 113019 Love and prayers,

Alex