

Churches Together in Kingswood

Bringing the love of Christ into our community

AUTUMN 2021 Events and Services

Rememebering our friends and neighbours
6-7 November see inside for details



Marshmallows being toasted at the Messy Church picnic

Please note that all the events are subject to cancellation due to changes in government guidelines. For more details please see the Church Notice Boards or

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stmaryskingswood.org.uk

HARVEST

GIFTS for the



The cut to Universal Credit, increasing gas and electricity prices, and more job losses expected, will increase pressure on the food bank in the coming months. Please help if you can by regularly donating some of the following items needed by the food bank. Donations can be left in the collection box in the porch in St Mary's between **10:00 – 16:00 Tuesdays & Saturdays**

Tinned Spaghetti

Tinned Soup

Tinned Pulses

Tinned Potatoes

Tinned Custard

Tinned Rice Pudding

Uht Fruit Juice

Savoury Snacks (Crisps, Crackers)

Children's Toothbrushes

Size 5/6 Nappies (Not Smaller Sizes)

Deodorants

Toilet Roll

Shaving Kits

Currently the foodbank does not need Pasta or Tea. Please do not donate items that are out of date, damaged or opened or food that needs to be refrigerated or frozen.



Many thanks to all the families who came along to enjoy our picnic, and those who joined in the fun making the armour of God on Show day.

Messy Church at Home bags will be out in time for half term in October, and we are really hoping to resume Messy Church in person in **February**.

Sunday School

Sundays Lower School Room 10.30 – 11.30

Come and learn about God in a fun and interactive way with stories, craft and music. So far this year we have planted wild flower seeds, made sock snakes and even made Joseph's coat of many colours.

Parents can drop their children off and then join the Church service or collect them later.

Regularity, disruption and loss

As we enter autumn, there are a number of special occasions in the church's year that we hope to be able to mark in a more "normal" fashion. We have already marked harvest and barring any unforeseen changes, the village will gather to mark Remembrance at the war memorial followed by a service in St Mary's. Then at All Souls we have an opportunity to remember those whom we have loved.



These particular services perhaps give an insight into this "return to normality". Harvest in particular reminds us of the regularity of the seasons. Yet Remembrance reminds of dramatic interruptions to normality that seize whole nations. All Souls reminds us that love and loss at a very personal level are part of the human in good times and in bad. Those themes of regularity, disruption and loss have been heightened in recent years. The Christian experience, as witnessed throughout scripture and in our personal lives, is of trying to find God in both the traditional patterns of regular worship, and in the moments of disruption and deep personal emotion. Those regular habits can give us strength to help us through the times of disruption, but the periods of disruption can nevertheless challenge our assumptions and cause us to reconsider God's wider purposes. Such challenges can, however, prove of value if they deepen our insights or prick our complacency. As we return to more "normal" patterns of worship, let us not lose those insights. *Rick Williams*

Remembering our Friends and Neighbours

Saturday 6th Nov 10am-4pm & Sunday 7th Nov 10am-3pm St Mary's

All Souls Service Sunday 7th Nov 3pm St Mary's

Each year we mark All Souls day with a special service of remembrance and thanksgiving for 'those we love but see no longer'.

During the past two years a number of our friends and neighbours have passed away and due to COVID we have not been able to mark their passing as we would normally do. This year we are inviting families who have lost a loved one to provide a photograph or two with a few paragraphs about them to be displayed in the St Mary's over the weekend of 6-7 Nov. Helping to remind us all of those we see no more.

For more information contact Val Abbott (842059), Jennie Amesbury (842803) or Tricia Broadfoot (844436)



Remembrance Sunday 14th Nov

10:55 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

War Memorial & St Mary's

Village organisations lay wreaths at the War Memorial commemorating those who died in the service of the nation, followed by a Service in St Mary's



Thank you

In July our annual open air service for **Water Aid** was almost washed out but still raised **£ 275**. The sponsored cycle ride for **Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust** raised **£ 1,400** in September.

How to join us for worship.

All are welcome to attend services in either church, or to join us online via zoom. In the Congregational Church the same service is available in church and online. At St Mary's the in church and online services are different.

Online Use a phone, tablet or computer with access to the internet. Links are sent weekly. Email robbyh1@hotmail.co.uk (Congregational) or news@stmaryskingswood.org.uk (St Mary's) to get the links sent to you.

Sunday Service	09:00 St Mary's	10:30 Congregational
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Wednesday – Morning Prayer	09:00 St Mary's	
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In Church When attending please use **Face Masks** until you are seated, and sanitise hands on entry and exit.

Sunday Services	10:30 St Mary's on Oct 17, & Nov 21	10:30 Congregational (weekly)
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By Phone Every **Monday** at 10am. Psalms, readings, prayer and a message. For details of how to join email news@stmaryskingswood.org.uk
Additionally **St Mary's** is open 10:00–16:00 Tuesdays & Saturdays for individual prayer (donations for the food bank can be left at these times), the **Congregational Church** is open Wednesday 12:00-13:00 for prayer. Also join us for a **Coffee and Chat** Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 Lower School Room

Do you
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HELP ?

*If you are in financial crisis call **0808 2082138** for free (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll arrange for an emergency food parcel to be delivered.*