

Benefice of Ruscombe & Twyford

Shaped, trusting, growing in Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit

Sundays 1st and 8th September 2024
Fourteenth and Fifteenth Sundays after Trinity

St James' Ruscombe

1st September	9.00 am	No Service	-	-
8th September	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Helen Charlton	Psalms 1 & 2 Mark 7:24-end

St Mary's Twyford

1st September	10.30 am	Family Service	Family Service Team	Philippians 3:12-14
8th September	10.30 am	Worship for All	Helen Charlton	Psalms 1 & 2 Mark 7:24-end

Twyford URC

1st September	10.30 am	Morning Service	Gordon Connell	James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
8th September	10.30 am	Morning Service	Judith Norris	



Church Family News



Join in the **Familympics** in the Family Service this Sunday (1st Sept) with whacky, bonkers games. You are invited to come in your sports gear!

Harvest: Collections for Woodley Food Bank will take place from 22nd September to 6th October



at all three churches. Thank you to Monica Easton for agreeing to deliver all items collected in St James' porch. See the weekly email or woodleyfoodbank.org for the items needed. There will also be the opportunity to make a financial donation at services.

Mark Gould's Collation on Tuesday 24th September: We will be asking for help with refreshments and the wardens will be in touch soon about this. The service will be live streamed and a link will be available nearer the time. Please continue to pray for Mark and Sally and ourselves as we prepare for their arrival.

Ride + Stride on Saturday 14th September:

We already have 4 cyclists willing to represent the Benefice on the day! **Volunteer Meet & Greeters** are needed at St Mary's, so please consider offering an hour of your time between 10am and 6pm to be part of this team offering refreshments to Ride and Stride visitors as they arrive. **Church Sponsorship Form Compilers** are also needed from each of the benefice churches to compile sponsorship returns before the event. **Donors:** Please give generously to this worthy cause to raise funds for the Berkshire Historic Church's Trust so that it can provide grants to repair churches in Berkshire. And please note that half of any funds raised will be returned to our Benefice fund. Please contact John Porter on 07871 252299 or jl.porter2016@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.



Sing to the Lord a new song...
Sermon series on the Psalms
Does that make your heart sing or are you confused?
Cries of the heart, cries of joy and sadness, fear and anger
Sept 8, Oct 13, 20 & 27, Nov 24, Dec 8
St James', St Mary's and at some homegroups

TOTS is back on Tuesday 10th September!



Prayer

We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:
Rachel and her mum
Sally, Judy, Steven,
Lizzy, Ted, Eldred,
Peter, Joan, Clara,
Sharon, John, Tony
and Anne.



Please contact the church office to be included here.

Prayer for the new school year

Lord, we hold in prayer all our children, families and staff as we begin this new school year. Allow all to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before them. Open eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers. Give a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us all to be attentive and respectful, and let us experience Your presence in new friends. Inspire us all to do our best at all times. Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

LEP Steering Group Meeting: 8.00pm Monday 9th September at the URC Schoolroom.

TOTS on Tuesdays: 10.00-11.30am from Tuesday 10th September at the URC Hall.

Friendship Club: 1.45pm Tuesday 10th September at the URC Schoolroom: Musical Afternoon.

Over 60s Club: 1.45pm Wed 11th September at St Mary's Church Centre: Seated Exercise - Linda Woodgate.

Ride + Stride: Any time from 10am to 6pm on Saturday 14th September. Take part or help at St Mary's.

Messy Church: 11.00am Sunday 22nd September at St Nicholas' Church, Hurst. Adults and children welcome.

Friendship Club: 1.45pm Tuesday 24th September at the URC Schoolroom: Anniversaries in 2024 - Graham Horn.

Collation Service for Mark Gould: 7pm Tuesday 24th September at St Mary's Church followed by refreshments.

Over 60s Club: 1.45pm Wed 25th September at St Mary's Church Centre: Alan Dodd Sings.

Midweek Communion: 10.30am Thursday 26th September at St Mary's Church Centre.

Earth Fayre: 10am-3pm Saturday 28th September at All Saints Church, Wokingham.

4 x 4 Adventures: 7.45-9.15pm Mondays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th October, upstairs in St Mary's Church Centre.

ZOOM: We have 2 regular weekly zoom events: Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday 6pm Village Prayers. Please use the link in the weekly email or contact the church office for more information.

Next Week: Sunday 15th September - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

St James' Ruscombe

9.00 am **Morning Prayer**

St Mary's Twyford

10.30 am **Holy Communion**

Twyford URC

10.30 am **Holy Communion**

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