



Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath Key Dates - September-December 2022

Below are some of the key dates for September-December 2022. 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, with the option of Zoom for those who are unable to join us in the buildings.

Community Alive (family services at St. Paul's) will continue to be on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 9 am. Messy Church (family services at St. Mary's) will continue to be on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 11 am. Forest Church (in the St. Paul's Backlands) will continue on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3pm in the afternoon.

Our Whole Parish Services for both churches, jointly, will continue on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10 am, alternating between St. Paul's and St. Mary's as usual.

Our parish 8 am BCP communion service runs at St. Paul's on Tuesday mornings every week.

'One-off' Services:

We hope to have another Parish 'Songs of Praise' evening, date TBC.

Harvest Sunday will be on Sunday 23rd October, one of our whole parish services at 10 am, which for that month will be at St. Paul's.

Our 'Remembering Loved Ones' services will be at the usual service times of 9 am at St. Paul's and 11 am at St. Mary's on Sunday 6th November.

For Remembrance Sunday (13th November), we will have 'Community Alive' as usual for a second Sunday at St. Paul's (we will have a short act of Remembrance at this service, but it is also a baptism for one of our families) and at 10.45 am (slightly earlier than our weekly services usually), we will gather at St. Mary's for a full Remembrance Sunday service, with silence for Remembrance at 11 am.

What's new this term?

One-off Events:

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - Monday 26th September 2-4 pm at St. Paul's

There are many people in our church family who are currently suffering or have suffered from Cancer. Friday 30th September is the official date for Macmillan Coffee fundraising mornings across the UK. However, as we couldn't do a coffee morning on the date itself, we chose a date in the same week instead. On Monday 26th September, from 2-4 pm, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at St. Paul's to raise money for Macmillan Nurses and others who support cancer sufferers.

A visit from John & Dorothy Baxter to catch up with us all and to talk about BACSECT - Sunday 2nd October, 3pm at St. Paul's

John and Dorothy Baxter are going to visit us for a special service at St. Paul's on Sunday 2nd October at 3pm, where John will share about the work of BACSECT and how the school in the Gambia is going currently. We will then enjoy tea and cake with them and have some time catching up with these dear friends & extended church family members after the service.

Parish Vision Day & Prayer - Saturday 5th November (from 9 am -12 pm at St. Paul's and 2-5 pm at St. Mary's)

Please come to one or other of these sessions (9 am - 12 pm at St. Paul's or 2 - 5 pm at St. Mary's) to pray into the next steps for our parish and discern the way forward together.

The morning and afternoon sessions will be identical and all prayer and vision-setting will be across our whole church family, i.e. both sessions will be about both churches.

Deanery Confirmations - Sunday 4th December, 6.30 pm, at a church in the Deanery TBC

Janet Bennett is getting confirmed! Congratulations Janet. If you'd like to support her, please save this date in your diaries and I will let you know more details when we are told them. If you'd like to join her and get confirmed as well, please let me know! (Confirmation is a public affirmation of our Christian faith - you may have been baptised as a small child, but want to make promises about your faith for yourself now that you are an adult or young person who can speak for, and make the decision to follow our Lord, yourselves).

Operation Christmas Child

Led by Deirdre Jackson, at St. Paul's and Tricia Peacock, at St. Mary's we are collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas child again this year.

Shoe boxes are available already from both churches and Tricia and Deirdre will be sharing about this in more detail at our whole parish service on Sunday 25th September.

The last day for handing in shoe boxes in the parish will be Sunday 13th November.

Parcels of Love

Following the positive impact of these for the last two years, we will again be collecting 'parcels of love' to give out to elderly and isolated members of our local community near to Christmas time.

A parcel of love is a gift bag filled with e.g. 6-8 small gifts (designed for either a man or a woman) such as shower gel, soap, flannels, biscuits, sweets, magazines, crossword puzzles, notecards (other similar small items which will make someone's Christmas more happy at a time when loneliness can be particularly sharp if you do not have others around you).

These will be collected alongside the Foodbank collection at St. Mary's, from 2-4 pm on Wednesday 7th December.

Craft Mornings

Following the success of our last two craft mornings, we will be holding two more craft mornings at St. Paul's this year. These are designed particularly for children and families, but people from all ages are warmly welcomed and the crafts can be enjoyed by all.

The dates for these will be:

Thursday 27th October (during half term week), from 10 am - 12 pm

Saturday 3rd December, from 10 am - 12 pm

Soaking Prayer

Many of us long for time and space with God and Miriam Oakley and Val Gurney have volunteered to provide an hour of 'Soaking Prayer', where we can 'soak' in God's presence once a month.

These sessions will be on Sunday afternoons at St. Mary's on the following dates:

Sunday 18th September, 4pm

Sunday 16th October, 4pm

Sunday 20th November, 4pm

Sunday 11th December, 4pm

Prayer Walks

Several of us have been thinking about ways of offering varied opportunities for prayer in the parish and on Saturday 22nd October we will be having a prayer walk.

This will start at 10 am at St. Paul's.

Other dates for further prayer walks will follow.

Parish Litter Picking

Our Eco Parish Group has been working hard to help us and our buildings & our land run in the most environmentally friendly way possible.

We will be having two litter picks during the next few months, which are an opportunity to go out as a group in the local area, picking up and binning litter to make our local area nicer and also to encourage others to join us and do the same.

The dates for these will be:

Saturday 17th September, from 2-3 pm, starting at St. Mary's

Saturday 1st October, from 10-11 am, starting at St. Paul's

The Listening Course

Would you like to improve your listening skills? All of us could benefit from this, whether we are people who find listening to others easy or we find this more challenging.

Miriam and Neill Oakley will be leading a 6-part listening course on Tuesday evenings at St. Mary's on the following dates. Places are limited, so please do make contact quickly if you'd like to join in with this.

Tuesday 20th September, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 27th September, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 4th October, 7.30 pm

Break on Tuesday 11th October, for parish prayer

Tuesday 18th October, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 25th October, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 1st November, 7.30 pm

Refresh@2, St. Paul's on Tuesday afternoons once monthly

To run alongside the monthly 'Refresh@10' coffee mornings once monthly on Saturdays at St. Mary's, we are trialling once monthly Tuesday coffee afternoons at St. Paul's, on the following dates from 2-4 pm:

Tuesday 25th October, 2-4 pm

Tuesday 22nd November, 2-4 pm

Tuesday 20th December, 2-4 pm

Alpha

We will be running the Alpha Course again this term and this time Andrew Shaw and David Packham will lead this together.

Alpha will be on Zoom at 8pm on the following Wednesday evenings:

Wednesday 28th September, 8 pm

Wednesday 5th October, 8 pm

Wednesday 12th October, 8 pm

Wednesday 19th October, 8 pm

Wednesday 26th October, 8 pm

Wednesday 2nd November, 8 pm

Wednesday 9th November, 8 pm

Wednesday 16th November, 8 pm

Wednesday 23rd November, 8 pm

Wednesday 30th November, 8 pm

Wednesday 7th December, 8 pm

The Holy Spirit Day will be at St. Mary's on the morning of Saturday 19th November.

Other key dates, including Christmas:

Community Alive (our Family Service based at St. Paul's), at 9 am on the 2nd Sunday of the month

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

Sunday 11th September, 9 am

Sunday 9th October, 9 am

Sunday 13th November, 9 am

Sunday 11th December, 9 am

Messy Church (our Family Service based at St. Mary's), at 11 am on the 3rd Sunday of the month

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

Sunday 18th September, 11 am

Sunday 16th October, 11 am

Sunday 20th November, 11 am

Sunday 18th December, 11 am

Parish Services, Once Monthly on the fourth Sunday at 10 am, alternating between the churches:

Sunday 25th September, St. Mary's

Sunday 23rd October, St. Paul's

Sunday 27th November, St. Mary's

Sunday 25th December, St. Paul's

Forest Church in the St. Paul's 'Backlands' (the land behind the church hall, where there are lots of trees), at 3pm on the 4th Sunday of each month (with the exception of December where the meeting is earlier in the month)

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

Sunday 25th September, 3pm

Sunday 23rd October, 3pm

Sunday 27th November, 3pm

Sunday 18th December, 3pm

Parish Prayer Meetings, 7.30pm on Tuesdays, on Zoom:

Tuesday 13th September, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 11th October, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 8th November, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 13th December, 7.30 pm

Little Roots (our parish toddler group)

Every Tuesday *during term times*, from 9-11 am, at St. Paul's, starting again for the new term on **Tuesday 6th September**. Half term week (where there will not be Little Roots) is Tuesday 25th October. Little Roots finishes for Christmas on Tuesday 13th December.

Food Bank Collections

These will be on Wednesdays from 2-4 pm, alternating between the churches:

Wednesday 14th September, 2-4 pm (St. Paul's)

Wednesday 19th October, 2-4 pm (St. Mary's)

Wednesday 16th November, 2-4 pm (St. Paul's)

Wednesday 7th December, 2-4 pm (St. Mary's) (Also 'parcels of love' collection time)

Parish Walking Group

The Parish Walking Group meets on the third Saturday morning of each month (except in December), for walks of approximately 3-4 miles, led by members of the group.

Saturday 17th September

Saturday 15th October

Saturday 19th November

Refresh@10

These coffee mornings are from 10 am - 12 pm, run at St. Mary's.

Saturday 24th September

Saturday 29th October

Saturday 26th November

Saturday 10th December

Benestede Social Club (a local group, not run by the churches - but we are great friends with these lovely ladies), is a group of women who meet to socialize together at St. Paul's on the first Wednesday evening of every month, at 7pm

Wednesday 7th September

Wednesday 5th October

Wednesday 2nd November

Wednesday 7th December

Christmas

Our Christmas Services and activities for 2022 are as follows:

Saturday 3rd December, 10 am - 12 pm: Christmas Craft morning at St. Paul's

Saturday 10th December, 10 am - 12 pm: Refresh@10 Christmas celebration

Sunday 11th December, 9 am: St. Paul's Christingle Service

Tuesday 13th December (afternoon): Christmas Services in the parish Nursing Homes

Sunday 18th December, 11 am: Messy Nativity

Sunday 18th December, 3pm: Forest Church Christmas Celebration

Sunday 18th December, 6pm: Parish Carol Service, at St. Mary's

TBC Tuesday 20th December, 5pm: Gardenfields Christmas Service/ tea

Saturday 24th December, 3pm: St. Mary's Christingle

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

Sunday 25th December, 10 am, whole parish Communion service at St. Paul's (as it is St. Paul's turn this month, next year this will swap over)

Please do be in touch with Alex (vicar@norkwithburghheath.com or 07312 113019) if you have any questions about any of these events and dates.