



Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath Key Dates - January to April 2023

Below are some of the key dates for January to April 2023. 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

For these four months, we will have a whole parish (joint) service at 10 am at St. Mary's on the first Sunday of every month (please see dates below) and a whole parish (joint) service at 10 am at St. Paul's on the fourth Sunday of every month (please see dates below).

On the other weeks of the month, services will continue at 9 am at St. Paul's and at 11 am at 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 resume again in March and more information will follow then.

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

Special Services:

On Sunday 22nd January, at 10 am, at our whole parish service at St. Paul's, we will have a **speaker from Open Doors** visiting to share with us about the persecuted church across the world. (This visit will mean that each of our 6 mission partners have now visited us to share with us about the work of these different organisations).

On Sunday 29th January, at 6pm, we will have another **Songs of Praise** service for the whole parish and other guests.

On Wednesday 22nd February, at 7.30 pm there will be an **Ash Wednesday** service at St. Mary's.

On Sunday 5th March, at 10 am, at our whole parish service at St. Mary's, it will be **Ethan Quin's dedication** service.

On Sunday 26th March, at 10 am, at our whole parish service at St. Paul's, it will be our **annual Safeguarding Sunday**

On Saturday 8th April in the evening, **Janet Bennett will be confirmed at Guildford Cathedral**. If you are interested in being confirmed as well, please let me know.

Dates of our Easter services are below in a separate section.

One-off Events

HARP CONCERT (Saturday 4th February, at 3pm at St. Paul's)

Margaret Watson, a professional harpist, is coming to give a harp concert at St. Paul's: this will be a parish fundraiser, with all proceeds going towards our parish finances appeal. This will be appropriate for children as well as adults. We will be serving refreshments as well.

CRAFT MORNING (Thursday 16th February, 10 am - 12 pm at St. Paul's)

Our next craft morning at St. Paul's will be on the 16th February at 10 am.

DEANERY ECO EVENING (Thursday 23rd February, 7.30 pm at St. Mary's)

On Thursday 23rd February, we will be hosting a Deanery Eco evening at St. Mary's for key representatives who care about protecting God's word from across all the churches in our local deanery.

Members of the Parish Eco Group will be attending and any others who are interested are welcome to join also.

HOLY SPIRIT DAY (Saturday 11th March at St. Mary's, time TBC)

The Alpha Holy Spirit Day will be held at St. Mary's on this Saturday.

EASTER EGG HUNT (Saturday 8th April, 2pm, at St. Paul's & in the Vicarage Garden)

We will be holding an Easter Egg hunt for children and families at St. Paul's and in the Vicarage garden on Saturday 8th April at 2pm.

APCM Meeting (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) (Monday 24th April, 7.30 pm at St. Mary's)

On Monday 24th April, at 7.30 pm, we will have our annual parochial meeting where we review progress in the previous year and think ahead to the future. (More information will follow nearer the time)

The Alpha Course

We will be running the Alpha Course this term, which will be led by David Packham, Andrew Shaw and a team of others.

Alpha will be on the following Wednesday evenings at 8pm in the St. Paul's hall:

Wednesday 25th January: Is there more to life than this?

Wednesday 1st February: Who is Jesus?

Wednesday 8th February: Why did Jesus die?

Wednesday 15th February: How can I have faith?

Wednesday 1st March: Why and how do I pray?

Wednesday 8th March: Why and how should I read the bible?

Wednesday 15th March: How does God guide us?

Wednesday 22nd March: How can I resist evil?

Wednesday 29th March: Why and how should I tell others? / Does God heal today?

Wednesday 5th April: What about the church?

The Holy Spirit Day will be at St. Mary's on the morning of Saturday 11th March.

Other key dates, including Easter:

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 8th January, 9 am

Sunday 12th February, 9 am

Sunday 12th March, 9 am

Sunday 9th April, 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 15th January, 11 am

Sunday 19th February, 11 am

Sunday 19th March, 11 am

Friday 7th April (Good Friday), 11 am

Whole parish services at 10 am:

Sunday 1st January, St. Mary's

Sunday 22nd January, St. Paul's

Sunday 5th February, St. Mary's

Sunday 26th February, St. Paul's

Sunday 5th March, St. Mary's

Sunday 26th March, St. Paul's

Sunday 2nd April, St. Mary's

Sunday 23rd April, St. Paul's

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

Parish Prayer Meetings, 8 pm on Tuesdays, on Zoom:

Tuesday 10th January

Tuesday 14th February

Tuesday 14th March

Tuesday 18th April

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 10th January 2023**. Half term week (where there will not be Little Roots) is Tuesday 14th February. Little Roots finishes for Easter on Tuesday 28th March.

Food Bank Collections

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

Wednesday 25th January, 2-4 pm (St. Paul's)

Wednesday 22nd February, 2-4 pm (St. Mary's)

Wednesday 29th March, 2-4 pm (St. Paul's)

Wednesday 26th April, 2-4 pm (St. Mary's)

Parish Walking Group

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

Saturday 21st January
Saturday 18th February
Saturday 18th March
Saturday 15th April

Refresh@10

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

Saturday 28th January
Saturday 25th February
Saturday 25th March
Saturday 29th April

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 socialise together at St. Paul's on the first Wednesday evening of every month, at 7pm

Wednesday 4th January
Wednesday 1st February
Wednesday 1st March
Wednesday 5th April

EASTER

Our Easter Services and activities for 2023 are as follows:

Thursday 6th April, 7.30 pm, Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul's (as the Ash Wednesday service is at St. Mary's)
Friday 7th April, 11 am, Messy Easter Service at St. Mary's
Friday 7th April, 3 pm, Good Friday Reflections at St. Paul's
Saturday 8th April, evening time TBC, Janet Bennett's confirmation
Sunday 9th April, 9 am St. Paul's Community Alive Easter Service
Sunday 9th April, 11 am St. Mary's Easter Service

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.