



Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath Key Dates - September to December 2023

Below are some of the key dates for September to December 2023, including all of the Christmas dates in December. 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 continue to have some whole parish services at 10 am, usually on the fourth Sunday of every month (with some differences in December and for other special occasions). The whole parish services until the end of the year are listed a little later in this document.

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 be on the 4th Sunday of September and October (stopping for the winter months) at 3pm.

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

Concerts

At 3pm on Saturday 21st October, 'LOW KEY AFFAIR', Christine & Jim Illingworth's band will be putting on a concert at St. Paul's to raise money for the charity Dyscover and for our parish (all proceeds will be split equally between these two causes). More information to follow!

Songs of Praise

The next Parish Songs of Praise will be on Sunday 15th October at 6.30 pm at St. Mary's

Other key dates:

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 10th September, 9 am
Sunday 8th October, 9 am
Sunday 12th November, 9 am
Sunday 10th 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 17th September, 11 am
Sunday 15th October, 11 am
Sunday 19th November, 11 am
Sunday 17th December, 11 am

Whole parish services at 10 am, on the fourth Sunday of the month (with a couple of extras for special occasions as noted here):

- Sunday 24th September, 10 am, Whole Parish Service at St. Mary's
- Sunday 15th October, 6.30 pm, Whole Parish Songs of Praise at St. Mary's
- Sunday 22nd October, 10 am, Whole Parish Service at St. Paul's
- Sunday 26th November, 10 am, Whole Parish Service at St. Mary's
- Sunday 3rd December, 10 am, Whole Parish Advent Service at St. Paul's
- Sunday 17th December, 6.30 pm, Whole Parish Carol Service at St. Mary's
- Sunday 24th December, 5.30 pm, Whole Parish Crib Service at St. Paul's
- Monday 25th December (Christmas Day), 10 am, Whole Parish Service at St. Mary's
- Sunday 31st December, 10 am, Whole Parish Service at St. Paul's

Forest Church in the St. Paul's 'Backlands' (the land behind the church hall, where there are lots of trees) on the fourth Sunday of each month in September and October at 3pm:

Sunday 24th September, 3pm
Sunday 22nd October, 3pm

8 am BCP Communion Services at St. Paul's on Tuesday mornings

Every week.

A Season of Prayer

For these four months, we are trying a different way of praying and Andrew Shaw will be leading us in prayer for the parish on the following dates, all at 9.30 am at St. Mary's:

Tuesday 12th September, 9.30 am
Tuesday 19th September, 9.30 am
Tuesday 26th September, 9.30 am
Tuesday 3rd October, 9.30 am

Little Roots (our parish toddler group) - Every Tuesday and Wednesday morning during term time, from 9 - 11 am at St. Paul's

For this term, Michael Stevens and the team are experimenting with running Little Roots for two days of the week, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, at St. Paul's from 9 - 11 am

Little Roots runs in term time and so will begin again on Tuesday 5th September and Wednesday 6th September, with a break in half term week on the 24th and 25th October, then running from Tuesday 31st October through to Wednesday 13th December.

Food Bank Collections

These will be on Wednesdays, monthly, and this term we are experimenting with having them at St. Paul's only. This is because (due to the natural footfall along Warren Road) members of the local community are very involved in contributing to the food bank collections here and it is providing bumper collections each time, as well as the opportunity to get to know people in the locality who stop to chat.

Wednesday 27th September, 2-4 pm
Wednesday 18th October, 2-4 pm
Wednesday 15th November, 2-4 pm
Wednesday 6th December, 2-4 pm (in preparation for Christmas)

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.

16th September
21st October
18th November

Refresh@10

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

Saturday 30th September
Saturday 28th October
Saturday 25th November
9th December, Christmas Special

'Resting in God' (previously called 'Soaking Prayer')

These meetings are at 4 pm on the following Sunday afternoons at St. Mary's:

Sunday 10th September
Sunday 8th October
Sunday 12th November
Sunday 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 socialise together at St. Paul's on the first Wednesday evening of every month, at 7pm

Wednesday 6th September
Wednesday 4th October (with Margaret Watson, Harpist, all are welcome to join in)
Wednesday 1st November
Wednesday 6th December

Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year and shoe boxes can be brought to either church any time up to Sunday 12th November.

Last year, as a parish, we collected 92. This time we would like to collect more than 100 if we can.

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Special Christmas Dates!

Saturday 2nd December, 10 am - 12 pm, **Christmas Craft Morning at St. Paul's**
Sunday 3rd December, 10 am, **Whole Parish Advent Service at St. Paul's**
Saturday 9th December, 10 am, **Refresh@10 Christmas Special at St. Mary's**
Sunday 10th December, 9 am, **Community Alive Christingle Service at St. Paul's**
Saturday 16th December, 2 pm, **Christmas Trail for children & families at St. Paul's**
Sunday 17th December, 11 am, **Messy Christmas at St. Mary's**
Sunday 17th December, 6.30 pm, **Whole Parish Carol Service at St. Mary's**

Sunday 24th December 9 am, **Christmas Eve Communion at St. Paul's**

Sunday 24th December, 11 am, **Christmas Eve Christingle at St. Mary's**

Sunday 24th December, 5.30 pm, **Parish Crib Service at St. Paul's**

Monday 25th December, 10 am, **Whole Parish Christmas Day Service at St. Mary's**

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.