

Sunday Mornings

at 10:00am in Church

Date	Service	Theme	Reading
6 th Oct	WORSHIP TOGETHER	<i>Parables: The lamp</i>	Luke 11:33-36
13 th Oct	WORSHIP AND THE WORD	<i>Parables: The Shrewd Manager</i>	Luke:16:1-13
20 th Oct	WORSHIP AND COMMUNION	<i>Parables: The rich fool</i>	Luke 12:13-21
27 th Oct	WORSHIP AND PRAYER	<i>Parables: The strong man</i>	Luke 11:14-23
3 rd Nov	WORSHIP AND COMMUNION TOGETHER	<i>Parables: The mustard seed</i>	Luke 13:18-21
10 th Nov	ALL AGE SERVICE at 10:00am	Remembrance Sunday 10:50am Ceremony at the War Graves 11:15am Short Holy Communion	
17 th Nov	WORSHIP AND COMMUNION	<i>Parables: The great banquet</i>	Luke 14:15-24
24 th Nov	WORSHIP AND PRAYER	Stewardship Sunday <i>Parables: Treasure in heaven</i>	Luke 12:22-34
1 st Dec Advent Sunday	WORSHIP AND COMMUNION TOGETHER	<i>Parables: The watchful servants</i>	Luke 12:35-40
8 th Dec	WORSHIP AND THE WORD	<i>John prepares the way</i>	Matthew 3:1-12
15 th Dec	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	See Christmas Services and Events for more details.	
22 nd Dec	WORSHIP TOGETHER	<i>Mary and Joseph</i>	Matthew 1:18-25
29 th Dec	WORSHIP TOGETHER	<i>Joseph's family escape</i>	Matthew 2:13-15

Message from the Vicar



Welcome to St Sebastian's! There is lots going on for everyone in these months leading up to Christmas. On 13th October our youth team are launching a new evening service, 'Salt', at 7.00 pm in our Church Hall. There will be a range of services over Christmas and if you have children you won't want to miss Messy Church or the Christingle and Crib Services. Do try us out and invite your friends!

Rev Canon Andrew Marsden

Explaining our Services

Every Sunday morning at 10:00am (except on the first of the month and during school holidays) there are two parallel services - one in the Church and 'The Base' in the Church Hall. Choose which is best for you!



WORSHIP AND COMMUNION TOGETHER: A Holy Communion service for all ages on the first Sunday of the month. An opportunity for both 10:00am services to worship together.

WORSHIP AND THE WORD: An in-depth look at a passage from the Bible in the context of praise and prayer. Takes place on the second Sunday of the month.



WORSHIP AND COMMUNION: "Give thanks ..." At the heart of this service, on the third Sunday of the month, is the act of taking bread and wine, giving thanks, and sharing them in memory of Jesus' death on the cross.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER: A time of sung worship, followed by a short sermon and a prayer response using prayer activities, on the fourth Sunday of the month.



WORSHIP AND HEALING: A service with an extended time of worship and a focus on prayer for healing. Every fifth Sunday of the month.

WORSHIP TOGETHER: A service for all ages, giving the opportunity for both 10:00am services to worship together.

REFRESH: An evening service on the fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30pm - relaxed worship, relevant Bible teaching and renewal in the Spirit.

SUNDAY CLASSIC "SONGS OF PRAISE": Come and sing some well-known hymns, hear people's stories behind their favourite music and then join us for tea and cake. If you would like a lift, please contact the Parish Office. Takes place at 3:00pm on the third Sunday of alternate months.

SALT: A new youth orientated evening service every 2nd Sunday of the month from 7 - 8 pm in the Church Hall. Adults and young people welcome!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS



Christingle Service:
10:00am, Sunday 15th December.
Adults and children make their own Christingle (see picture) in the School Hall and then come over to church for a short service (starting at about 10:30am).

Carol Service: 7:00pm, Sunday 22nd December.
A candlelit service of Bible Readings and Carols, led by our Christmas choir.



Crib Service: 6:00pm, Tuesday 24th December.
Particularly appropriate for families, as we build up the crib scene from figures hidden around the church, tell the story of the Nativity, and sing some favourite carols.



Midnight Communion:
11:30pm, Tuesday 24th December.
See in Christmas Day with carols and Holy Communion by candlelight.

Christmas Day Celebration:
10:00am, Wednesday 25th December.
A joyful celebration for all ages, including Holy Communion.

Come and Celebrate!

Church Calendar

Date	Time	Event
4 th Oct	3:15pm	MESSY CHURCH - see separate notice
13 th Oct	7:00pm	SALT
14 th Oct	8:00pm	PRAYER SPACE
16 th Oct	7:30pm	PCC MEETING
27 th Oct	6:30pm	REFRESH
10 th Nov	7:00pm	SALT
11 th Nov	8:00pm	PRAYER SPACE
17 th Nov	3:00pm	SUNDAY CLASSIC "SONGS OF PRAISE"
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15 th to 25 th Dec		See Christmas Services and Events above

Other Weekly Services

HOLY COMMUNION: 8:00am each Sunday - For early risers! There is no music at this service, but plenty of opportunity for prayer and quiet reflection. On the first Sunday of each month we use the traditional language service.



HOLY COMMUNION: 10:00am each Wednesday - A friendly service with a talk and Holy Communion. Great if you can't get to church on a Sunday!

Need any help?

The **PASTORAL LIFE** team can offer a lift to hospital, a cooked meal, a friendly visit, DIY or a listening ear. Contact the Parish Office.



Opportunities for Prayer



PRAYER REQUESTS can go in the bi-weekly **Prayer Sheet**, or on the email **Prayer Circle** (contact Brian Hart on 01344 772670 or hartshomeuk@hotmail.com). For serious emergency requests, requiring immediate prayer, contact Penny Thurgood (on 0118 327 4247) to send your request around the telephone **Prayer Chain**.

HEALING PRAYER is offered at almost all our services. If there is no opportunity during the service, please ask the clergy afterwards.

PRAYER SPACE is a monthly hour of prayer on the second Monday of the month at 8:00pm in the church.



Getting to know each other - regular groups

FRIENDS: Encourages friendships between people with similar interests and situations who are on their own.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets every second Tuesday of the month, 10:00am - 12:00noon in the Parish Centre.

JUBILEE CLUB: A weekly group for the over 60s. Transport is available. 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Parish Centre every Tuesday.

Surviving the Break-Up

On 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November we will be running this short course for those at any stage of separation, break up or divorce. It helps people understand the process involved in splitting up and gives an opportunity to meet and gain support from other people in a similar situation. Leaflets are available in church and on our website. Please spread the word on social media.



Come and join us for our seasonal-themed **Messy Church:** crafts, activities and food! Free fun for all the family

Harvest - Friday 4th October and
Christmas - Friday 13th December
3:15-4:45pm in Church

Families, Children and Young People at St Sebastian's

Sundays at 10:00am



THE BASE: aimed at families with children and young people, this is a safe space for people to explore their faith. It has an informal feel and the children and young people have an opportunity to go to break out groups to explore in a way relevant to their age. Parents can decide whether to leave their children and go to the service in the Church (and collect them at 11:15am), or stay and join in with The Base.

The Base takes place in the Church Hall at 10:00am every Sunday except for the first of the month and during school holidays, when we worship together in the Church.

GLOW CAFÉ for those at secondary school, meets every Friday at 7:00pm in the Church Hall for Youth Band and prayer followed by food at the café, games, crafts, hot chocolate and café discussion from 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

LITTLE ANGELS: A coffee morning for parents with children from 0-5, for play, sharing, support and Bible stories. Fortnightly on Fridays, 10:00am to 11:30am, in the Church Hall.



SALT: A new youth orientated service for worship and prayer from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Church Hall. Every 2nd Sunday of the month starting on the 13th Oct, and continuing on the 10th Nov and the 8th Dec. Everyone welcome!



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AUTUMN PROGRAMME

October - December 2019



St Sebastian's Church

Nine Mile Ride
Wokingham Without

'Not without Jesus'

www.stsebastians.org.uk



Further details of these and other events run by the church can be obtained from the Parish Office
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