

<p>Sat. 21st February. Buckden Village Hall. <b>St Mary's Charity Auction.</b> Donations 8.45 - 9.45am only please. Viewing 10.00 - 10.45am Auction starts promptly at 11am. Refreshments available. Details- Patsy Gray 01480 810041</p>	<p><b>PCC &amp; Ministry News</b> We have received the Quinquennial Inspection Report from the Church Architect. The report starts "The church is generally in good condition; it is clear that you take pride in the building, and with skills within the church community you have cared for it well. You are to be congratulated!" We now start planning for the work that is recommended in the report.</p>
<p><b>The Writing on the Wall:</b> This newly published book has been written by Richard Noble with two main purposes. First, to help people who only hear the well known bits of the Bible to appreciate its full scope. Second to help us, as a congregation, to reach out and help people who have drifted away from their churches to rediscover their Bibles. It is also tailored for use through 40 days of Lent and 25 days of Advent. You can sign up for a copy on the board beside the Living Stones door or find it (as paperback and eBook) by Googling: "The Writing on the Wall, R Noble" followed by "Sacristy Press" or "Amazon". Please help to get it widely known by writing a review. (All proceeds are being donated to St Mary's.)</p>	<p>We have started to look at the Bishop's draft strategy document "Ely 2025 People Fully Alive" and several of us have attended the open Deanery meetings during January. <u>Everybody</u> is encouraged to read this document and give feedback, either as individuals or group. There is a separate feedback form for the children. Copies of the document are available on the noticeboard outside the Living Stones Room, in the Quiet Room and on the website. We will continue our discussions through the open ministry meetings and other groups up to Easter.</p>
<p><b>More Volunteers are needed To help with Junior Church</b> (please contact Marilyn Rolin)</p>	<p><b>Fairtrade Stall</b> Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> February &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> March after the 10.30am service. Come along and re-stock on Fairtrade products. Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.</p>
<p>The Closing Date for March's Newsletter is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Items by hand to Ken Gray or to <a href="mailto:grayfamily31@talktalk.net">grayfamily31@talktalk.net</a>. If you can receive your copy by email &amp; haven't already told us, please do, to save paper/postage.</p>	

<h1 style="text-align: center;">St Mary's, The Parish Church of Buckden N e w s l e t t e r</h1>	
<p>Dear All As the calendar clicks over to February our thoughts turn to spring and to new beginnings. It may still be cold, but the days are lengthening, the snowdrops and crocuses are pushing their way through the sodden and often frozen ground and on the farms, the calves and lambs are starting to appear. We thank God for his gift of nature and look forward to the coming months both inside and outside the church. At St. Mary's, the end of the month sees the next phase in our new beginning too, with interviews taking place for our new incumbent on Thursday 26th February. Let's hope and pray that we may find the right person to continue God's work across the Benefice.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 2015</b></p> <p><b>This month's charity:</b>  <b>Medecins Sans Frontieres</b> <b>...www.msf.org.uk</b> MSF staff are fighting to save the lives of hundreds of patients and contain the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. It has been responding to the outbreak since March 2014, one of the first on the ground. On 30th December, there were almost 3,900 staff working in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Mali.</p>
<p>Once again, we are eternally grateful for the untiring work of our "retired" clergy and our LLM's who have ensured that our regular worship, plus baptisms, weddings and funerals have all continued during the interregnum. St Mary's really is a special place and we are all so fortunate in having our community of friends and volunteers who continue to keep it right at the heart of Buckden village life. Long may this continue! With our thanks  <i>Anne &amp; David</i></p>	<p><b>PRAYER CORNER</b> <b>We pray:</b>  <b>In church:</b> for home communicants <b>In the local community:</b> for the young people's uniformed organisations, their members and leaders <b>In the nation:</b> for those suffering financial hardship or job insecurity <b>In the world:</b> For those who grow and produce the food we eat, and for a just and equal sharing of the world's resources</p>

## DIARY Services and events in February

*all events & services take place in St Mary's unless otherwise indicated.*

Sun 1	10:30am	Family Eucharist (Candlemas)
	3.00pm	Honeycomb Group (7 Vineyard Way)
	6.00pm	Holy Communion
Mon 2	1.30pm	Bible Study (LSR)
Wed 4	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sat 7	8.30am	Men's breakfast in the Lion Hotel
Sun 8	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Family Eucharist
Wed 11	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2.30pm	Friends in Deed Tea Party (Methodist Hall)
Thur 12	8.00pm	Ground Floor Group (7 Vineyard Way)
Fri 13	6.45pm	Angel Voices (LSR)
Sun 15	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 18	9.30am	Holy Communion & Ashes (ASH WEDNESDAY)
Fri 20	6.45pm	Angel Voices (LSR)
Sat 21	11.00am	St Mary's Auction (Buckden Village Hall)
Sun 22	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Service of the Word (Thinking Day)
		Fairtrade stall
	6.00pm	Mission & Ministry Meeting
	7.00pm	Night Prayer
Wed 25	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	St Mary's PCC Meeting (LSR)
Fri 27	12.00pm	Funeral of Betty Fryatt

Our sister church, All Saints' Offord Cluny, has a service at 9.30am each Sunday

### Weekly events

**Saturdays** (Living Stones Rm) - 10.30am -12 noon Coffee & Cakes  
**Tuesdays** (Offord Church Rooms) - 2.30-4pm Offord Women's Guild  
**Wednesdays** (St Mary's) - 9.30am BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee with the ministry team (10-11am)  
**Wednesdays** 9.30am (term-time) - Baby & Toddler Group (Methodist Hall)

## St Mary's Church: contact information

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### Forthcoming events:

#### Women's World Day of Prayer

10.30am Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
in St Mary's this year

#### Wine Tasting For All

Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
In St Mary's

An informal, fun evening of wine tasting with Cambridgeshire expert John Beer  
Tickets £12.50 from 01480 431037  
Ticket price includes tasting of 6 wines, a glass of wine and cheese after

#### St Mary's 2015 Concert Series Cambridge Guitar Orchestra

a wide ranging repertoire from this famous orchestra  
Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm  
Tickets £10 (£8 concessions) from  
01480 812777/431037

include a complimentary glass of wine at the interval

#### Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> 2015...Buckden Open Gardens

### Lent Activities:

**The Churches Together Lent Study Lunches** start on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and run for 5 weeks 12.30pm in the Methodist Hall. This year's topic is Celtic Christianity.

**Lent Bible study:** Why not dig out your old copy of "by the skin of its teeth" or get its published replacement The Writing on the Wall and use it as a daily guide through the Old Testament?

### Buckden & District Churches Together

**AGM:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30pm at Buckden Towers.

### Guest Speaker:

**Brenda Horden from Operation Christmas Child**

All Welcome