

PCC & Ministry News: The PCC last met on 26th July 2017.

STOP PRESS!! Great news! We have been awarded the maximum grant available, of £40,000, from the Amey Community Fund, towards the essential maintenance work on the tower.

Restoration work:

The next phase of our restoration project will be starting soon. Plans for the much-needed work on higher levels of the tower and the clock will be moved forward now that we have been awarded a substantial grant. This money supplements the ongoing fund-raising successes of the restoration appeal and is much needed, as the total bill for these repairs is circa £64000. More information will follow once the work has been scheduled. Watch out again for scaffolding in the autumn!

Events:

As we go to print, the Church Garden Party is about to take place on 30th July and on 1st August we have “breakfast with moths”. Planning is well underway for the Celebration Weekend on 16th / 17th September when the proceeds of the *800 and counting* challenge will be collected as we celebrate the 800th anniversary of the first priest here as well as the many and varied local talents.

Ministry:

This month Buckden & District Churches Together are running two holiday clubs:- Holidays at Home and The Pirates Holiday Club.

Buckden School:

The SIAMS Inspection (statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodists schools) took place on Tuesday 27th June and we are very pleased to confirm that Buckden School has now been rated “outstanding” by both SIAMS and OFSTED. A copy of the report is on the noticeboard in church and on the St. Mary’s website and is well worth reading. This is the culmination of much hard work by the teaching staff, children, Foundation Governors (Jes, Anne & David) and a number of volunteers from our church congregation, who act as helpers within the school.

Charities:

Our chosen Charity for July-August is Ed Isaac

This is very much a local cause. Ed, his wife Emma and their 3 children live in the village. Ed suffered a massive brain haemorrhage and collapsed on his way to work in November 2016. He underwent life-saving surgery and intensive rehabilitation, is currently reliant on a wheelchair and has very limited movement down the left-hand side of his body. Ed returned home to his family in June but their house needs adapting for a downstairs wet room and bedroom; and he will need continuing therapy. A group of friends have been raising money locally to help the Isaacs to become a family once again.

During March-April we gave £345 to FareShare

During May-June we gave £322.50 to Godmanchester Foodbank, in addition to our donations of food

St Mary’s, The Parish Church of Buckden Newsletter : August 2017

Dear Friends,

It is the height of mid-summer and for once the weather has not disappointed. Whether we revel in warm weather or not, I do hope that all of us will be carving out time to ‘chill’ and recharge our batteries.

But this is also a chance to refresh ourselves spiritually as well as physically and emotionally and to bring before God what has been an extraordinary year. So, I would encourage all of us to take time out with God, as well as our friends and families; to read the bible and/or a Christian book (please do speak to Ann, Roger, Miles, or myself if you would like help with this) to pray and be ‘still and know that I am God’ as Psalm 46 says.

August is also the time for our Holiday Clubs. Through Churches Together we are involved in putting on ‘Pirates’, our young people’s club at the school between 22nd- 24th August so please pray for Jane and the team. But before that Fiona, Pat & Chris are leading a team running ‘Holidays at Home’ for more mature folk between 7-9th August at the Methodist Church – again please pray for all those leading and helping and all who will be attending that they may have a safe, enjoyable time and be touched with the love of God.

Have a good summer and many blessings.

Jes

The Closing Date for the September Newsletter is Sunday 20th August. Items by hand to Phil Mowat or to secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY

For those supporting Ed Isaacs, our charity of the month, for the provision of the resources that are needed by his family.

For all those leading or attending Holidays at Home and ‘Pirates’ Holiday Club, that they may have a safe, happy time and learn more of the love and significance of God.

For our nation and its leaders. May they rule justly, compassionately and in the interest of all.

Give thanks for our primary school, that the ‘Outstanding’ grade given by Church schools inspector reflects its Christian ethos. And for all pupils and staff that they may enjoy a refreshing summer break.

St Mary’s *800 and counting!!!* Challenge

THE CELEBRATION IS COMING!

Thank you to everyone who is involved. Don’t forget to update us with your *800* news & pictures. There is just one month to go!

On 16th / 17th September we will be collecting in the proceeds and celebrating the many talents that have gone into this challenge as well as celebrating the 800th anniversary of the first priest recorded in Buckden; Rev William de Bugden in 1217

DIARY Services and events in August 2017

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

Every Week

Mondays	2.15pm	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
	8.15pm	Bell-ringing practice – newcomers welcome
	8.00pm	Going Deeper - a look at Sunday's readings (at the Horsehoe Inn, Offord)
Tuesdays	1.30pm	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
		No JAMworkx during August
Wednesdays	9.30am	Holy Communion then tea & chat
	10.30am	Going Deeper-a look at Sunday's readings (LSR)
Thursdays	1.00pm	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
Fridays	9.15am	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes til noon
Sunday services		SEE LIST BELOW

Tues 1	8:00am	Breakfast with moths
Thurs 3	7.00pm	Getting active walk – meet outside The Lion
Sun 6	11:00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Mon 7	2.00pm	Holidays at home – Methodist Church Hall
Tues 8	2.00pm	Holidays at home – Methodist Church Hall
Weds 9	2.00pm	Holidays at home – Methodist Church Hall
Thurs 10	7.00pm	Getting active walk – meet outside The George, Spaldwick
Sun 13	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Morning Service
Thurs 17	7:00pm	Getting active cycle – meet outside Buckden Village Hall
Fri 18	6.45pm	Angel Voices (LSR)
Sun 20	11:00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Tues 22	9:00am	Pirates Holiday Club – Buckden School
Weds 23	9:00am	Pirates Holiday Club – Buckden School
Thurs 24	9:00am	Pirates Holiday Club – Buckden School
	7:00pm	Getting active walk – meet outside The Wheatsheaf, Perry
Fri 25	6.45pm	Angel Voices (LSR)
Sun 27	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age Family Communion
	6:00pm	OPEN MEETING
	7:00pm	Night Prayer
Thurs 31	7:00pm	Getting active – details to follow

All are welcome at any of our services or events. There is also a 9.30am Sunday service each week at our sister church, All Saints' Offord Cluny.

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Are you interested in Getting Active?

It's a shame to waste all these lovely light summer evenings so we are trying to do something active and enjoyable on a Thursday evening at 7pm. The activity and the location will vary. All are welcome, tell your friends.

Thursday 3rd August: Walk.

Meet 7pm outside The Lion to walk for about an hour, then pop in for a drink.

Thursday 10th August: Walk

Meet 7pm outside The George in Spaldwick to walk for about an hour, then pop in for a drink.

Thursday 17th August: Cycle or walk

Meet at 7pm at Buckden Village Hall car park for an hour's bike ride or walk.

Thursday 24th August – Walk

Meet at 7pm outside the Wheatsheaf in Perry to walk for about an hour, then pop in for a drink.

Thursday 31st August: to be arranged

Please join us for a **Coffee Morning** in aid of the '800 & Counting' Challenge on Tuesday 15th August at 25 Springfield Close, 10.00am -12.00 noon. Entry £3
Raffle Cakes Bring and Buy

St Mary's Events in August

Tuesday 1st August

Breakfast with Moths

Starts at 8am at St Mary's

HOLIDAYS AT HOME:

Monday 7th August 2-5pm

Tuesday 8th August 2-5pm

Wednesday 9th August 2-5pm

at Buckden Methodist Church Hall. A club for those mature in years but young at heart. Contact bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk or Rev Jes on 01480 819377

PIRATES!

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

Tuesday 22nd August

Wednesday 23rd August

Thursday 24th August

at Buckden School. Holiday club for 5 – 11 year olds. Contact bookings@stmarysbuckden.org.uk or Rev Jes on 01480 819377

Sunday 27th August

OPEN MEETING

Everyone welcome. Come & share your views.