

PCC & Ministry News: PCC met on 6th September after the summer break.

800 Successes! PCC met earlier than usual in September to finalise preparations for the fantastically successful 800 Celebration Weekend. Thanks to everyone involved and to the wider Buckden Community for raising much needed funds to help keep our ancient building that is St Mary's in good working order.

Restoration Work: Quite apt really that the restoration works have already started and the builders are making good progress. At PCC we discussed that the repairs are, hopefully, a once in a generation commitment and, as such, we're making sure that any additional works needed and only visible from climbing on the roof, should, wherever possible be carried out. It is likely that the repairs will go on until early December, although the south clerestory works are now largely complete and the scaffolding there will be dismantled shortly. That leaves work on the tower and clock restoration to continue and you will notice the hands of the clock will be missing for a few days in October.

Finance: Financially, even with a £40,000 grant, the repairs are a huge commitment and John Wells reassured PCC, that whilst it will be tight, our cash flow will be maintained throughout the repairs process, as the bills are paid for in stages, but the grant monies received at the end.

Pews: You will have noticed the café style seating at the rear of church, carefully arranged by moving some of the pews around and using them to provide additional seating. This was well received at the 800 Celebration event and has been deliberately left in place ready for the Quiz Night this month and to understand views as to whether this could become a more permanent set up; it being more relaxed and informal and a useful extension to our Living Stones café area. Please do let Jes know your views and we will discuss the at next PCC.

It being October, our planning now focuses on Remembrance and, dare I say, Christmas!

Charities:

Our chosen Charity for September-October is BLOODWISE

www.bloodwise.org.uk , formerly Leukaemia & Lymphoma research.

It has an aim to create a future without blood cancer. In September we were asked to sponsor Gary Wells who was riding in the cycle event, "Across Britain". Gary successfully completed the challenge, after 9 days, on 17th September. The sponsorship known so far is in excess of £1,000; a remarkable result. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed. Our fund-raising for BLOODWISE continues to the end of October so watch out for the next activity in the notices, pewsheets and the display in church.

St Mary's, The Parish Church of Buckden Newsletter : October 2017

Dear Friends,

What a summer it has been for us at St Mary's, with so much to thank God for.

We had our 'Holidays at Home' club for older folk at the Methodist Hall, with talks, games, entertainment, song and a 'Thought for the Day', all of which were very well received by those who attended.

Then we had our Children's Holiday Club at Buckden School. It was the most amazing three days, with 37/38 children each day – 52 in all, having a great time. Thanks to all who contributed, by helping on the team, or with material support or prayer. Our prayers that the children enjoy a safe and happy time and learn something of the love of God were richly answered.

And finally, the 800 Celebration Weekend was exactly that – a celebration. It was great to see so many folk in church enjoying themselves, and again God has richly blessed us with the £800 increasing more than tenfold. And meantime, almost unnoticed, we received another 'Engage Award' for the star on the roof and the building works are quietly proceeding.

Much of modern life is about the 'next thing'. But it would be good at the end of a summer where God has so richly blessed us if we could all spend time giving thanks and praise to God who has blessed us so abundantly (2 Cor 9.8)

Jes

The Closing Date for the November Newsletter is Sunday 22nd October. Items by hand to Phil Mowat or to secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY

Give thanks for the blessings received at Holidays at Home and Pirates Holiday Club, praying that God will be planting his seed in the lives of those who attended.

Give thanks for Gary Wells, John's son, who completed his sponsored cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats raising money for Bloodwise.

Pray for our nation and leaders, as they embark on the next stage of the Brexit negotiations.

**BDCT: Children's Light Party
Tuesday 31 October 5 – 6.30pm
in the Scout Hut**

a Christian alternative to Hallowe'en. Come & have fun with crafts, games, songs, stories and refreshments!

800 to 8,000 ... and still counting!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who came to our Celebration Weekend on 16th / 17th September, to everyone who helped, to everyone who took part in the *800 and counting* challenge and to everyone who supported the many fund-raising events along the way. Our £800 has grown to over £8,000 and there is still money coming in! This is a fantastic boost for our Restoration Appeal

DIARY Services and events in October 2017

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

Every Week

Mondays	2.15pm	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
	8.00pm	Going Deeper - a look at Sunday's readings (meet at the Vicarage)
	8.15pm	Bell-ringing practice – newcomers welcome
Tuesdays	1.30pm	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
Wednesdays	9.30am	Holy Communion then tea & chat
	10.45am	Growing as a Disciple Course (LSR)
Thursdays	1.00pm	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
	3.15pm	JAMworkx at Buckden School
	Evening	Getting Active- check facebook or porch notice on the day
Fridays	9.15am	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes til noon
Sunday services		SEE LIST BELOW

Sun 1	11:00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Sat 7	7.00pm	Fundraisers's Quiz (tickets from Patsy 810041)
Sun 8	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Morning Service
Weds 11	2.30pm	Friends in Deed Living Stones Café
	4.15pm	Friends in Deed AGM with guest speaker (LSR)
	7.30pm	M&Ms – shoeboxes & Christmas cards (LSR)
Fri 13	6.45pm	Angel Voices (LSR)
Sun 15	11:00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Fri 20	6.45pm	Angel Voices (LSR)
Sun 22	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age Family Communion
	6.00pm	Open Meeting (All welcome)
	7.00pm	Night Prayer
Mon 23	1.30pm	Bible study group
Sun 29	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion

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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FRIENDS IN DEED - AGM

Wednesday 11th October

4.15pm in the Living Stones Room
All are welcome to attend the AGM and find out more about Friends in Deed. New helpers are always welcome. Guest speaker from Change Point talking about Falls Prevention"



The return of the "Cleaning Crew"

Saturday 14th October

10.00am – 12 noon

Come along and help with our "autumn" cleaning session. To supplement the fantastic work done by our dedicated band of cleaners every week. Come along and hopefully have some fun and conversation (coffee and cake) too. Please bring dusters etc. All helpers very welcome – especially the tall and/or agile ones!

St Mary's Events in October

St Mary's Fundraisers Quiz Night Saturday 7th October 7.00pm

in St Mary's Church. Tickets £5 per person to include Ploughman's Supper & Tea/Coffee. Bring your own drinks if preferred. Raffle. Tickets from Patsy on 810041. (Please note – NO tickets will be sold on the door.)

Wednesday 11th Sept

Friends in Deed - Living Stones Café
2.30pm – 4pm refreshments & chat.
4.15pm FiD AGM with guest speaker

Wednesday 11th Sept 7.30pm (LSR)

M&Ms – shoebox packing and Christmas cards

Sunday 22nd Oct
Open Ministry Meeting 6pm.
Everyone welcome.

Getting Active Walks

The nights are starting to draw in but we would like to continue the Thursday evening walks into October if we can. Our facebook page "St Mary's Buckden" will be updated each Thursday afternoon and a notice put in the porch confirming the plan (time and location) for that evening.