

PCC & Ministry News: PCC last met on 18th October

Successes! We celebrate the £10,000 raised by the 800 and counting challenge and also the success of outreach activities such as the summer holiday clubs.

Restoration Work: The stonemasons are making good process and the scaffolding has moved from the nave to the tower. The work required on the clock has proved to be more than anticipated. After discussions with DAC, PCC has applied for an interim emergency faculty to cover this work and the clock has been removed for repair.

Finance: Cash flow is being very closely monitored by the Treasurer and PCC particularly in light of an £8,000 increase in the cost of clock repairs. We are assured that there are sufficient funds to cover the work but it is tight and all spending must be carefully considered.

Ministry: As already mentioned, the two holiday clubs were a success and we now need to build on this encouraging new people into church. Plans for the older (11+) children are being discussed. Possibilities are a youth club and a separate group one Sunday a month.

Pews: Specific feedback on the café style seating at the rear of church was discussed. Positives include more space for wheelchairs, buggies and families and extended space for Saturday coffee. Improvements might be plainer tablecloths on Sunday and different chairs. It has also been suggested that space could allow us to have a prayer desk and chair that is usable but not such a trip hazard. The negatives were mainly resistance to change or to sitting further forward. The seating will be moved around again (as usual for this time of year) to accommodate the larger congregations at Remembrance and the Christmas Services. PCC will discuss again in the new year.

Charities: the money raised for Bloodwise in September-October was over £1,400. Thank you to everyone involved. Our next charity is the DEC East Africa Appeal. In addition, the collection on Remembrance Sunday goes to the Royal British Legion.

Charities: Our chosen Charity for November-December is DEC East Africa Crisis Appeal

www.dec.org.uk/appeal/east-africa-crisis-appeal
Hunger on a massive scale is looming across East Africa. Drought and conflict have left 19 million people in urgent need of food, water and medical treatment. People are already dying in South Sudan and Somalia. In Kenya and Ethiopia, water shortages caused by drought are severe and likely to worsen. Women, children and older people are suffering the most; half a million children under five are at risk of dying from severe acute malnutrition and require immediate lifesaving treatment. mDiseases such as cholera and measles are spreading fast, as more people flee fighting and are forced to live in poor overcrowded conditions. DEC member charities are responding to the crisis and delivering life-saving aid. But, they need more money to help reduce the scale and severity of the crisis.

St Mary's, The Parish Church of Buckden

Newsletter : November 2017

Dear Friends,

How swiftly the year has passed. It is hard to believe that the Christmas juggernaut has started already and 2018 is just around the corner. Our Christmas services have been advertised and as the month proceeds we will all be encouraged to consider who we can invite to the village carol service and the other Christmas services. All of us have friends and family for whom the good news of Christmas is relevant, and we will be providing invitation cards to help us encourage our friends to come.

Meantime, please keep an eye open for the 'Christmas market' which takes place on the afternoon of 3rd December, when Churches Together have been invited to take part and St Mary's will be hosting some activities as well as offering tea & coffee (and warmth). Again an opportunity to invite folk into church.

Meantime we have Remembrance Sunday when we host our community act of remembrance and thanksgiving. As ever there is much going on.

However as with last month, my overwhelming sense this year is one of thankfulness. To the God who does 'amazingly more than we can ask or imagine. To him be the glory. Amen'

Jes

The Closing Date for the December Newsletter is Sunday 19th November. Items by hand to Phil Mowat or to secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY

For the countless thousands who continue to suffer the effect of famine in East Africa.

For those for whom Remembrance is a difficult time of year.

For our childrens work – Jamworkx, Junior Church and for wisdom as we explore what type of activities to start for our 11+'s

Can you give Mary and Joseph a place to stay? Our knitted nativity figures begin their journey on Advent Sunday. Their journey around Buckden symbolises the journey that Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. If you would like to host a set for 1 or 2 nights, please sign the list at the back of church or contact:- Anne - 07779 651974 / Catherine - 07746 599776

***800 and counting*
Challenge**

FINAL TOTAL: £10,000

THANK YOU to everyone. This is a fantastic boost for our Restoration Appeal.

DIARY Services and events in November 2017

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

Every Week

Monday	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
Tuesday	1.30pm	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion then tea & chat
	10.45am	Growing as a Disciple Course (LSR)
Thursday	1.00pm	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
	3.15pm	JAMworkx at Buckden School
	Evening	Getting Active- check facebook or porch notice on the day
Friday	9.15am	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
Saturday	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes til noon
Sunday services		SEE LIST BELOW

Sat 4	10.00am	Churchyard tidy
Sun 5	11:00am	Family Communion
	4.00pm	All Souls Service
Weds 8	2.30pm	Friends in Deed Living Stones Café
	7.30pm	M&Ms –Christmas flowers & crafts (vicarage)
Thurs 9	3.20pm	Come & meet Pudsey Bear (LSR)
Sat 11	10.45am	Remembrance Service at war memorial
Sun 12	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
Thurs 16	1:00pm	Winter Warmer at Spiceland
Fri 17	6.45pm	Angel Voices (LSR)
Sun 19	11:00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Fri 24	6.45pm	Angel Voices (LSR)
Sun 26	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age Family Communion
	6.00pm	Open Meeting (All welcome)
	7.00pm	Night Prayer
Mon 27	1.30pm	Bible study group

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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All Souls Service Sunday 5th November at 4pm



A Service of Prayers & Readings to remember loved ones who have died. If you would like to add someone to the list of those remembered at the service, please add their name to the list at the back of church or contact Rev Jes.

Buckden & District Churches
Together and
The Royal British Legion

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Saturday 11th November 10.45am:
a short service of remembrance at the war memorial (St Mary's)

Sunday 12th November 10.30am
Village Remembrance Service at St Mary's followed by refreshments at the Methodist Church

St Mary's Events in November

Saturday 4 November 10am to Noon
Churchyard Tidy
Bring your own tools.

Wednesday 8th November
Friends in Deed - Living Stones Café
2.30pm – 4pm refreshments & chat

Wednesday 8th November 7.30pm –
vicarage M&Ms ladies' group
Christmas flowers & crafts

Thursday 9th November 3.20pm
Come & meet Pudsey Bear
– bring your Teddy

Winter Warmer at Spicelands
Thursday 16th November 1pm
£10 for all you can eat
sign-up to the list in church

Sunday 26th November at 6pm
Open Ministry Meeting.
Everyone welcome.

Dates for your diaries:
Buckden Christmas Market & Lights
Sunday 3rd Dec

St Mary's Christmas Coffee Morning
Weds 6th Dec. 10am – 11.30am at
Buckden Village Hall.