

**PCC & Ministry News:** The PCC last met on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**Restoration Appeal:** We currently have £29,000 available for restoration projects and have two large grant applications pending. One of these was an expression of interest to Amey and we have now been invited to submit, and have submitted, a full application. We pray for a positive outcome so that we can continue the much-needed restoration work. With a successful grant application, work on the stonework around the tower could start in September (estimated cost £65,000).

**Charity Nominations:** the following nominations were agreed for this year.

Months	Charity	Sponsor
May and June	Godmanchester Foodbank	Churchwardens
July and August	Ed Isaac	Carole Coram
September and October	Bloodwise	John Wells
November and December	East Africa	TBC
January and February	Cornerstone	TBC
March and April	Little Princess	Pat King

**Events:** The Stageworks concert raised £397. The main St Mary's event this month is Buckden Open Gardens on 11th June. Planning is well in-hand, volunteers have been requested and garden passports are now on sale. In addition, there are various \*800 & counting\* challenge events and initiatives going on.

**Facilities;** potential audio-visual solutions to enhance our worship are being investigated. This is a fact-finding exercise at this stage prior to consultation with the congregation, PCC and Diocese.

**Ministry:** Our prayer guides for "Thy Kingdom Come" all went on the first Sunday and a reprint was required. Our confirmation candidates are being confirmed at the Pentecost Praise service in Ely Cathedral at 7pm on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Planning is underway for the Holidays at Home (for the young at heart) and the Pirates Holiday Club (for children). An Away Day is being planned for October.

#### Charities:

**Our chosen Charity for May-June is Godmanchester Food Bank**

<http://godmanchester.foodbank.org.uk/> Helping local people in crisis in our local community. There are now over 400 foodbanks in the Trussell Trust network. St Mary's Buckden is a collection point for Godmanchester Foodbank. Please see the charities noticeboard and website for more information during the month.

**Donations of food,** especially tinned meat and tinned vegetables (not baked beans) are always needed – collection box by the font.

**If you want to add to the cash donation,** please use one of the envelopes provided and pop it into the wall safe.

**During January-February we raised £572 for the Alex Hulme Foundation**

**The Closing Date for the July Newsletter is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Items by hand to Phil Mowat or to [secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)**

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

Dear Friends,

Our church activities continue apace this month with Open Garden being among the highlights. But, worthwhile as they are, these events have been put into perspective by the horrific events in Manchester. These remind us how fragile and precious life is, of our interconnectedness and that our world, so beautiful in some respects, is also deeply flawed. But, most of all, the death and destruction in Manchester emphasises that the world needs the sense of hope and a future that the teaching and life of Jesus provides. 'Come unto me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest' Jesus told his hard-pressed followers. I am sure that we have all been continuing to pray for the community in Manchester. I read recently of a '4P's prayer pattern that some had found helpful: People affected - comfort, Police - wisdom, Paramedics etc - strength, Perpetrators - justice and repentance. These are not easy but may be helpful.

On the topic of prayer, thanks to those who have been using the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer booklet. I hope you have found it helpful. It is written so that, if you wish, you can continue to use it on an ongoing basis.

Many blessings

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### PLEASE PRAY

For the people of Manchester; particularly the bereaved, the injured, their friends and families.

For the six members of our congregation being confirmed this month; that it may be a significant event in their journey of faith.

For Open Gardens and other events this month; that they may advertise the church to the village

For the \*800\*; that it will continue to engage with the village.

For the success of the outstanding grant applications

### Have your say!

Every month we have an open meeting at 6pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month in the LSR. The meeting ends at 7pm with night prayer.

Everyone is welcome to come along, share opinions, ask questions, find out more about the running of our church.

**This month's meeting is at 6pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June.** Please come and join us.

### St Mary's \*800 and counting!!!\* Challenge

THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES! Thank you to everyone who is involved. Don't forget to update us with news and pictures of your plans and events over the coming months. We've already enjoyed a coffee morning and a pancake breakfast, have seen homemade goodies and knitted hats for newborns on offer. This month we are looking forward to a coffee morning, a car boot sale and a film-on-a-farm (Grease). If you want to join in, there is still time to register and to collect your £10. Just contact us in person, or [enquiries@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stmarysbuckden.org.uk). We look forward to celebrating all your talents on 16/17 September when we also celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first priest recorded in Buckden.

## DIARY Services and events in June 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
Tuesdays	1.30pm	The Daily Office (daily prayers) – NOT 6 <sup>th</sup> June
	3.15pm	JAMworkx – term-time at Buckden School
Wednesdays	9.30am	Holy Communion then tea & chat
	10.30am	Going Deeper - a look at Sunday's readings
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

<b>Thurs 1</b>	7:00pm	Getting active walk – meet outside The Wheatsheaf, Perry
<b>Sun 4</b>	11:00am	Family Communion
	6:00pm	Evening prayer
	7:30pm	Confirmation Service at Ely Cathedral
<b>Tues 6</b>	12:30am	Funeral of Rita White
<b>Thurs 8</b>	6.30pm	M & Ms – walk (Waterside Leisure)
	7.30pm	M & Ms – meal (Waterside Leisure)
<b>Sat 10</b>	7.00pm	*800 & counting* film on a farm at Low Farm, Stirtloe
<b>Sun 11</b>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Special Communion to celebrate Open Gardens & our newly confirmed
	1:30pm	Buckden Open Gardens
<b>Wed 14</b>	2.30pm	Friends in Deed Living Stones Cafe
<b>Thurs 15</b>	7:00pm	Getting active walk – meet outside The Lion, Buckden
<b>Fri 16</b>	6.45pm	Angel Voices (LSR)
<b>Sun 18</b>	11:00am	Family Communion
	4.00pm	JamClub (Offord Village Hall)
	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Thurs 22</b>	7:00pm	Getting active cycle – meet in Buckden Village Hall carpark
<b>Fri 23</b>	6.45pm	Angel Voices (LSR)
<b>Sat 24</b>	6.00pm	Safari Supper starts in the LSR
<b>Sun 25</b>	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9:30am	*800 & counting* WI stall at racecourse car boot sale (donations to Patricia Ford please)
	11:00am	All-age Family Communion
	6:00pm	Open ministry meeting – all welcome
	7:00pm	Night Prayer
<b>Thurs 29</b>	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.

## St Mary's Church Buckden: contact information

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### Are you interested in getting active?

It's a shame to waste all these lovely long 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 1st June: Walk

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

#### Thursday 8th June: M&Ms walk

#### Thursday 15th June: Walk

Meet outside the Lion, Buckden at 7pm, walk for about an hour, then pop in for a drink.

#### Thursday 22nd June: Bike Ride

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

#### Thursday 29th June: to be arranged

### COMING SOON –

**Holidays at Home** - 7–9th August for those mature in years

**Pirates! Children's Holiday Club** 22-24th August for 5 – 11 year olds

**\*800 and counting.....\***

**Celebration weekend**

16-17th September – for everyone

### St Mary's Events in June

**Thursday 8 June - M&Ms group**  
**Walk to see new A14 bridge & meal**  
meet Waterside Leisure 6.30pm for walk; returning 7.30pm for a light meal  
Please contact Pat King (811020)

**Saturday 10 June: Film On A Farm**  
"Grease" 7pm at Low Farm Stirtloe.  
See [www.filmonafarm.co.uk](http://www.filmonafarm.co.uk) & posters for tickets & details

**Sunday 11th June 1.30-5.30pm**  
**Buckden Open Gardens**  
Garden Passport £5. Under 12s free  
Refreshments at St Mary's and at some of the gardens.

**Wednesday 14 June 2.30 – 4pm**  
**Friends in Deed: Living Stones cafe**  
Tea/coffee/cakes and chat

**Sunday 18 June JAMCLUB:**  
Under 7's Kids' Club 4-5pm Offord Village Hall

**Saturday 24th June - Safari Supper**  
starts 6pm in the LSR. Tickets £17.  
Contact Patsy 810041.

**Sunday 25 June Car Boot Sale.**  
9,30am at Huntingdon Racecourse  
Donations to Patricia 819144

**Sunday 25 June 6pm Open Meeting**  
– all welcome