

**PCC & Ministry News:** The PCC last met on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**Results of Elections:** Thank you to everyone that attended the Meeting of the Parishioners and APCM on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Anne Carter and David Pickavance were elected as churchwardens for this year. Ian Carter, Marilyn Rolin, Sammy Riley and David Riley were elected to the PCC for a 3-year term. They join Patricia Ford, Carole Coram, Patsy Gray, Dorothy Priest as our elected PCC members. Sidespeople were appointed and Barry Priest was appointed as Independent Examiner. There are currently 116 persons on the St Mary's electoral roll. There is still a vacancy for a Deanery Synod representative.

**New PCC:** The new PCC met on 26<sup>th</sup> April and started by sharing Communion. The team are charged with supporting St Mary's for the coming year and continuing God's work. Kate Merrell was co-opted on to the PCC at the first meeting. If you've ever wondered what PCC is all about, please do talk to Anne, David & Jes, as vacancies remain and your skills and experiences would be invaluable. The PCC minutes (one month in arrears) are published on the noticeboard just outside the Living Stones Room.

**Layout of pews at rear of church.** Thank you to everyone who completed a slip. 76 slips were returned which is a great response. The split was 43% for no change and 55% for changing. After much deliberation it was decided that we will trial the option of keeping a line of pews by the font and clearing the area towards the LSR. Each month PCC will monitor and discuss the use of that area and what/when furniture is best.

**Charity Nominations:** for the forthcoming year were discussed & agreed.

**Please see the separate notice "May we contact you?". After 25<sup>th</sup> May we will NOT be able to contact you any more unless we have your consent.**

#### **Charities:**

**Christian Aid Week 2018** is the 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May; there will be no house-to-house collection in Buckden, but envelopes will be available at the back of church if you wish to make a donation. Buckden & District Churches Together is also holding a fund-raising coffee morning on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10am in the Methodist Hall.

**Our chosen Charity for May-June is Godmanchester Food Bank**  
<http://godmanchester.foodbank.org.uk/> The Trussell Trust foodbank network works in partnership with local churches and organisations to bring foodbanks to communities across the UK. There are now over 400 foodbanks in the network. St Mary's have been a collection point for Godmanchester Foodbank for several years. There is a food collection box near the font for our offerings each week and we also pass donations of dried and tinned food from the schoolchildren at harvest festival each year. Please see the charities noticeboard and listen out for notices for more information about this charity during May and June

## **St Mary's, The Parish Church of Buckden Newsletter : May 2018**

Dear Friends,

As I write this, the weather is doing its best to delay the onset of spring. But hopefully not for long.

In our church calendar we are looking forward to Pentecost, the gift of God's Holy Spirit to inhabit and energize the church and to change our world. One of the features of the early church was their willingness to live and speak of the good news and significance of the love of God by the way they lived as well as what they said. Why not take the opportunity re-read the first few chapters of Acts and pray that we can recapture that sense of excitement and adventure.

On 27 May, we welcome back Ron Ingamells and Ann. Ron will preside and preach that day, so please do come and catch up with them.

Many thanks to all who provided feedback with regard to the rear pews. I hope that, whatever our personal preferences we will be able to support this new development in our ministry.

Yours in Christ,

*Jes*

### **PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray:-

For those we know who are ill and unwell and, in particular, for the families of Adam Hardy, Jenny Day, James Thompson and Keith Milton as they grieve.

Give thanks for Amelia and Elana Riley, Tony and Elsie Fell, Gina Bylett and Jo Rix following their recent confirmation.

For our beautiful but broken world, that the Church may speak and live God's message of peace and reconciliation.



### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 6pm - Benefice Open Ministry Meeting**

An opportunity for all to come along and have your say in an informal setting. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month. Following by Night Prayer at 7pm.

**The Closing Date for the June Newsletter is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
Items by hand to Phil Mowat or to [secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk) .

## DIARY Services and events in May 2018

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

### Every Week

|            |         |  |
|------------|---------|--|
| Mondays    | 2.15pm  | The Daily Office (daily prayers)           |
| Tuesdays   | 1.30pm  | The Daily Office (daily prayers)           |
| Wednesdays | 9.30am  | Holy Communion                             |
|            | 10.00am | Cup of 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                    |

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| <b>Thurs 3</b>  | 10.30am  | Funeral – James Thompson                      |
|                 | 2:00pm   | Funeral – Julia Lemmon                        |
| <b>Sat 5</b>    | 3.00pm   | Wedding – Julie & Chris                       |
| <b>Sun 6</b>    | 11:00am  | Family Communion                              |
|                 | 6.00pm   | BCP Holy Communion                            |
| <b>Weds 9</b>   | 2.00pm   | Funeral – Adam Hardy                          |
|                 | 2.30pm   | Friends in Deed Drop-in Café (Methodist Hall) |
|                 | 7.30pm   | M & Ms (hanging baskets at the vicarage)      |
| <b>Thurs 10</b> | 7.30pm   | Holy Communion for <b>Ascension Day</b>       |
| <b>Fri 11</b>   | 10:00 am | Christian Aid Coffee Morning (Methodist Hall) |
| <b>Sun 13</b>   | 8.00am   | BCP Holy Communion                            |
|                 | 11:00am  | Morning Service & Baptism                     |
| <b>Weds 16</b>  | 7.30pm   | PCC Meeting (vicarage)                        |
| <b>Fri 18</b>   | 6.45pm   | Angel Voices (LSR)                            |
| <b>Sun 20</b>   | 11:00am  | Family Communion & Baptism                    |
|                 | 6.00pm   | Evensong                                      |
| <b>Fri 25</b>   | 6.45pm   | Angel Voices (LSR)                            |
| <b>Sat 26</b>   | 1:00pm   | Wedding & Baptism – George & Kate, Edward     |
|                 | 4:00pm   | Wedding – Keith & Liz                         |
| <b>Sun 27</b>   | 8:00am   | BCP Holy Communion                            |
|                 | 11:00am  | All-age Family Communion                      |
|                 | 6:00pm   | Open ministry meeting – all welcome           |
|                 | 7:00pm   | Night Prayer                                  |
| <b>Mon 28</b>   | 1:30pm   | Monthly Bible Study (LSR)                     |

All are very welcome to come to any of our services and events.  
There is also a 9.30am service each Sunday at our sister church, All Saints', in Offord Cluny.

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### MAY EVENTS

#### Friends in Deed: DROP-IN CAFE

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Methodist Hall**  
2.30pm – 4pm Tea/coffee/cakes & chat

#### M&Ms ladies' group

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm**  
Hanging Baskets - at the vicarage

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Buckden & District Churches Together**  
**Christian Aid Coffee Morning**  
10am at the Methodist Church

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Stageworks : Musicals in the Aisles**  
Concert 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (£8) from Nisa; Que Sera; Stageworks or 812777  
complementary glass of wine/juice at the interval

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#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Bible Study Group 1.30pm in LSR**

### GROUPS – please ask for more info

Bell-ringers – practice Monday evenings  
Going Deeper – bible study Wednesdays  
Jamworkx – kids' afterschool club  
M&Ms – monthly ladies' group  
Men's Breakfast – monthly men's group  
Monthly Bible Study – Monday  
Ground Floor Group – Thursday evening  
Angel Voices – informal all-age choir  
Getting Active – walks & bike rides

### MAY WE CONTACT YOU?

There is new data protection legislation (GDPR) from May 2018. We will need to have your written consent to store your details and to contact you. Pick up a form in church or download one from [www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk) to remain on, or to join, any of our mailing lists or to have details stored by Rev Jes and/or St Mary's PCC.