

PCC & Ministry News: The PCC are due to meet on 4th July 2018.

Welcoming & layout:

As mentioned last month, the “welcome area” as you enter church has been opened by swapping tables. Feedback so far is that this gives our sidespeople (welcomers) more room to work, eases congestion after the service and, during the week, allows us to present a more visitor-focused first impression.

All our usual leaflets and sign-up sheets are still available in the library area behind the font.

PCC will continue to monitor and discuss the use of the open area at the back of church. It is already well-used during Saturday coffee as well as Sunday services.

Events

The Pimms & Puds event in June was very successful, raising over £400.

This month we have the Annual Garden Party and Breakfast with Moths.

Holidays at Home and Holiday Club

Please do consider how you can help support these two mission activities being held in August – 13th-15th and 21st-23rd respectively. In particular, please be thinking and praying who **you** could invite to Holidays at Home.

GDPR

As of 25th May, with the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations, we have changed the way that we store your personal data and contact you. This means that all our circulation lists have changed. Any problems, please let us know as it is still early days for the new system.

Safeguarding

PCC are working closely with Sammy Riley, our Safeguarding Officer, to ensure that all necessary training and DBS checks are up to date for those working with children and/or with vulnerable adults

Charities:

Our chosen Charity for July-August is Buckden village resident, Molly Smith.

Following multiple organ transplants 10 years ago she has 'challenging health'. The funds raised will go towards ramps to enable Molly to spend time in her garden and leave the house as she becomes increasingly dependent on a wheelchair. Look for the display in church to find out more.

St Mary's, The Parish Church of Buckden Newsletter : July 2018

Dear Friends,

As I write this we are in the middle of a heatwave. Summer has finally arrived. Warm sunny weather seems to lift the spirits and, although hot weather can be difficult for some, I hope that many of us will have the chance to enjoy this (untypically) warm weather.

Apart from the weather, which has certainly blown hot and cold, this has already been a year of contrasts. There have been joyful highs – such as our six friends who have been confirmed, and painful lows – the several sad deaths in our community.

But, as Christians, we can hold onto the many promises in the bible that God is always with us. Whatever happens, he will never fail us or forsake us, as King David so memorably wrote in Psalm 23 'though I walk through the darkest valley, you are with me. Your rod and staff comfort me'. Our true and eternal identity is secure in him.

Yours in Christ,

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray:-

For the many people in our community who are grieving or unwell.

For those planning our Holidays at Home and Holiday Club as they plan and prepare.

For our government and parliament as they seek to lead and shape our nation through Brexit.

That we may use the summer well, to be refreshed and restored physically, mentally and spiritually.

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

DIARY Services and events in July 2018

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

Sun 1	11:00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Mon 2	2:30pm	Thanksgiving Service for Robin Gibson
Wed 4	7.30pm	PCC meeting at the vicarage
Sat 7	pm	Buckden Village Fete on the playing fields
Sun 8	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		NO Service in St Mary's at 11am on 8th
	11:00am	Festival Service at Buckden Village Hall
Weds 11	2.30pm	Friends in Deed Drop-in Café (LSR)
	7.30pm	M & Ms ("around the world" at the vicarage)
Fri 13	6.45pm	Angel Voices rehearsal (LSR)
Sat 14	1.30pm	Wedding of Luke & Anna
Sun 15	11:00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Fri 20	6.45pm	Angel Voices rehearsal (LSR)
Sat 21	11.45am	Baptism - Lily
Sun 22	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age Family Communion
	3:00pm	Baptism - Quintyn
	6:00pm	Open ministry meeting – all welcome
	7:00pm	Night Prayer
Mon 23	1:30pm	Monthly Bible Study (LSR)
Sun 29	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion
	3:00pm	Garden party – see posters for location
Tues 31	8:00am	Breakfast with Moths
Every Week		
Mondays	2.15pm	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
	8.15pm	Bell-ringing practice
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	11.15am	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
	3.15pm	Jamworkx (kids club at Buckden School)
Fridays	9.15am	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes til noon

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JULY EVENTS

Village Festival Service

Sunday 8th July 11am

at Buckden Village Hall

Friends in Deed: DROP-IN CAFE

Wednesday 11th July - LSR

2.30pm – 4pm Tea/coffee/cake/chat

M&Ms ladies' group - Vicarage

Wednesday 11th July 7.30pm

Around the World in 80 minutes

Sunday 22nd July 6pm

Open Meeting - an opportunity to come and have your say.

Monday 23rd July

Bible Study Group 1.30pm in LSR

Sunday 29th July 3 - 5.30pm

Fundraisers' Garden Party

Entrance £4 to include a Cream Tea.

Raffle – Cake Stall – Plants venue – to be announced

Tuesday 31st July at 8am

Breakfast with Moths

Adults £4; under 12s £1

GETTING ACTIVE

It's a shame to waste all these lovely light summer evenings so why not join us for a walk on a Thursday evening at 7pm? We aim to walk for about an hour, then drop in for a well-earned drink.

All are welcome, tell your friends.

Thursday 5th July: Meet 7pm outside Waterside Leisure, Buckden Marina

Thursday 12th July: Meet 7pm outside The Lion, Buckden.

Thursday 19th July: Meet 7pm outside The George in Spaldwick

Thursday 27th July: to be arranged

COMING SOON – LOOK OUT FOR.....

Holidays at Home: 13–15th August - Holiday Club for those mature in years but young at heart

Pyramid Rock! 21-23th August Holiday Club for 5 – 11 year olds