

PCC & Ministry News: The PCC met on 4th July 2018 before the August break.

Plans are in place for a weekly youth club from October for years 7 to 9 (roughly 11 to 14-year-olds) to be held at the Towers. Although it will be run under the flag of Buckden & District Churches Together there won't be any formal Christian input. It will be a club for younger folk to play games, activities & generally chill. We are currently working out what equipment and facilities we will need to make the club attractive to young folk in Buckden.

As a way of increasing the important role of prayer in our lives, the use of prayer partnerships and possibly prayer ministry at the end of services is being investigated.

Ways are being sought to strengthen our relationships with those who do attend church but only infrequently, and those we come into contact with through activities such as Holidays at Home, Holiday Club/Jamworkx and Friends in Deed.

All of the routine service sheets will be reproduced in durable folders which will improve matters for both sidespeople and worshippers.

The PCC continues to monitor the use of the rear of the church with the aim of creating a building that is welcoming to both new and existing users. To that end, we are also investigating the provision of better lighting in the porch that will be funded by a generous church member, and replace the current industrial-standard bulkhead light.

Forty people have been booked onto Safeguarding training courses (both on-line and face-to-face) over the coming months to ensure that we fully meet our responsibilities to protect our children and other vulnerable people.

A new welcome leaflet has been produced and these are now at the back of the church for all new members and visitors. Please take a look

Now that the roof, clock and stonework repairs have been completed and signed-off by the architect, we turn our attention to other projects. The most urgent will be repairs to the exterior vestry walls which are currently at the mercy of the weather. The PCC are in discussion with the architect and investigating possible options.

Charities:

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

We are raising money for ramps to enable Molly to spend time in her garden and leave the house as she becomes increasingly dependent on a wheelchair. Molly's condition continues to mystify the medical profession and she is consequently awaiting another referral, this time to a neurologist. As a result of her deteriorating mobility Molly is waiting to get an electric wheelchair. Due to the extra weight of this it will not be able to be used with our temporary ramp, which makes the quest for permanent ramps even more important. Thank you for your support so far.

The Vine have kindly offered the profits from their upcoming family fun day and Pat King has promised the proceeds from a quiz night to go towards Molly's ramps.

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

Dear Friends,

The warm weather I wrote about last month has continued giving a sunny backdrop to summer events in Buckden with a successful Festival, despite the football, and a happy atmosphere at Buckfest. Isn't it amazing that a village the size of Buckden can run two such large and successful events?

Our thoughts now turn to our summer mission events. Holidays at Home, our holiday club for the 'active retired', takes place over three afternoons on 13th-15th August at the Methodist Church. Please do think about who YOU can invite. There's lots to do, or not do, and is a relaxed introduction to church for those who do not normally come. Thanks to Fiona and the team for organizing it.

And the following week, 21st-23rd August, we have our third Holiday Club, Pyramid Rock. This year will be even bigger and better, with lots of children already signed up. Thanks to Jane and the team, it's going to be amazing.

Please do think about how you can support one or other of these teams, and please do pray – before big endeavours, Jesus took time out to pray, so we need to do the same. Prayer tips are in the Prayer Corner.

Yours in Christ,

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray:-

For Holidays at Home. That folk from outside the churches will come, that all may have an enjoyable and safe time, that we may all, gently, experience something of God's love in the friendship and activities and in the Thought for the Day. For Fiona and the team as they organize and run the event.

For Holiday Club. Give thanks that so many children are already signed up. For Jane and the team; for inspiration, stamina; and that we may show God's love in action; for good weather and a safe and enjoyable time, that we may engage with the parents and carers, that all may sense the significance of God's love.

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

DIARY Services and events in August 2018

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

Sat 4	10:00am	Cleaning Crew
Sun 5	11:00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Weds 8	2.30pm	Friends in Deed Summer Tea Party (Field House)
Sun 12	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Morning Service
Mon 13	2:00pm	Holidays at Home (Methodist Hall)
Tues 14	2:00pm	Holidays at Home (Methodist Hall)
Weds 15	2:00pm	Holidays at Home (Methodist Hall)
Fri 17	6.45pm	Angel Voices rehearsal (LSR)
Sat 18	11:00am	Wedding of Ben & Heather
	4:00pm	Wedding of Harinda & Alexis
Sun 19	11:00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Tues 21	9:30am	Pyramid Rock! Holiday Club (Buckden School)
Weds 22	9:30am	Pyramid Rock! Holiday Club (Buckden School)
Thurs 23	9:30am	Pyramid Rock! Holiday Club (Buckden School)
Fri 24	6.45pm	Angel Voices rehearsal (LSR)
Sun 26	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age Family Communion
	3:00pm	Wedding
	6:00pm	Open ministry meeting – all welcome
	7:00pm	Night Prayer
Mon 27	1:30pm	Monthly Bible Study (LSR)
Every Week - all are welcome to join us for any of these activities, just come along		
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 (no Going Deeper on 1st or 22nd August)
Thursdays	11.15am	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
	7.00pm	Getting Active – join us for an evening walk.
Fridays	9.15am	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
Saturdays	10.30am	Coffee & Cakes til noon

There is a 9.30am Sunday service at our sister church All Saints Offord Cluny

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AUGUST EVENTS

Cleaning Crew in St Mary's

Saturday 4th August from 10am

Friends in Deed – Summer Tea Party

Wednesday 8th August 2.30pm
at Field House

Holidays at Home - club for those mature in years but young at heart!

Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th
August 2pm – 5pm at Buckden
Methodist Church. Booking forms
from St Mary's Church

Pyramid Rock! for 5 – 11 year olds

Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd August
9.30am – noon at Buckden School
Booking forms from website, church
or school

Open Meeting Buckden & Offords

Sunday 26th August at 6pm; ends
with Night Prayer at 7pm. Join us to
share your thoughts

Monthly Bible Study Group

Monday 27th August 1.30pm in LSR

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 2nd August: Meet 7pm outside
The Lion, Buckden.

Thursday 9th August: Meet 7pm outside
The Horseshoe, Offord.

Thursday 16th August: Meet 7pm outside
The Wheatsheaf, Perry

23rd & 30th August: venue to be arranged
– look out for the posters

Dusters at the ready! Come and join the cleaning crew on Saturday 4th August from 10am

For many years we have benefitted from
a dedicated team who clean the church
every week. Sadly, numbers have
dwindled and new volunteers have not
been forthcoming. We're looking at new
ways to get the work done so join us to
clean and to discuss possible solutions.