

PCC & Ministry News: PCC do not meet in August so there is no meeting summary to share with you. However, that does not mean that there is no news.

All of our 11am Sunday Orders of Service are now in durable folders. These replace the previous versions which were getting rather worn and were often "lost" within the hymn books.

Holidays at Home and Pyramid Rock Holiday Club were both a great success. Holidays at Home will have follow-up sessions in November and in February.

Our recent plea for help with church cleaning has resulted in several initiatives

- weekly cleaning will continue but only a few areas are covered this way
- Cleaning Crew will now run every month on the 1st Saturday. Please join in.
- brass cleaning has been allocated to specific people / groups
- cleaning prior to weddings/funerals/events. Several people have signed up to help with this and will be called as and when required.

During September we are busy with:-

Heritage Open Days – running over two weekends this year, 6th-9th & 13th -16th September. On the 8th we will take part in the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Ride & Stride Event (sponsor form in church – please sponsor us) and WACRAL amateur radio enthusiasts will have a station set-up in St Mary's taking part in Churches on the Air for the third year running. On the 16th, Barry Jobling will be giving guided tours of St Mary's at 2pm and 3.30pm.

Harvest Festival – is celebrated in St Mary's on Sunday 23rd September

Planning continues for the new weekly youth club **youth@thetowers** starting in October at Buckden Towers for school years 7 to 9 (roughly 11 to 14-year-olds). Thursdays 7pm-8pm at Buckden Towers. £1 per session. Although it will be run under the flag of Buckden & District Churches Together there won't be any formal Christian input. It will provide an opportunity for youngsters to play games, take part in activities & generally chill.

Charities:

Our chosen charity for September-October is BLOODWISE <https://bloodwise.org.uk/>

Bernard and I are very grateful to the PCC for agreeing to this. I am sure many will remember this charity from last year, which proved very successful in raising funds in memory of Diane and Patti. The charity has an aim of creating a future without blood cancer, which sadly was the condition they both succumbed to. Last year my son Gary completed the Land's End to John O'Groats cycle ride, under the Bloodwise banner, which resulted, along with our support, in us being able to present a cheque for £4000 to them. This year he is riding in the London to Paris event, again supporting BLOODWISE. As last year our stand in church will provide updates and further information. Thanks in anticipation of another good year. John W.

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

Dear Friends,

Autumn is now upon us, the new school term is starting and many of us may already be making plans for the autumn and, dare I say it, Christmas.

But before we leave the summer, can we give thanks for the amazingly blessed times we enjoyed at our summer outreach activities.

Holidays at Home, which is billed as a Holiday Club for the young at heart, took place over three afternoons at the Methodist Church. Each day we were virtually full. From the feedback, all who came enjoyed the activities and speakers as well as the thought for the day. Many thanks to Fiona and the team.

Pyramid Rock, the children's Holiday Club was simply amazing. Over 40 children each day enjoyed a great variety of activities, crafts and games as well watching and hearing the story of Joseph, acted out by the leaders. The children clearly enjoyed it, and the parents and carers seemed to respond positively. Thanks to Jane and all the helpers for working so hard.

I hope that as we head into autumn the God given success of these activities can encourage us that God through His Church is alive and working in Buckden.

Yours in Christ, *Jes*



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray:-

Give thanks for Holidays at Home and Pyramid Rock Holiday Club – for safe and happy events, for all who came that as well as enjoying the events they may reflect on a good experience of Christians and the Church.

For the proposed Youth Club, that the necessary preparations can be done in time to start in October, and that it will be a safe, happy place for 11-14's to meet each week.

For the staff and pupils of Buckden school, at the start of the new school year, for good learning, a happy atmosphere in school and that the Christian message will be well taught in a relevant way.

**The Closing Date for the October Newsletter is Sunday 23rd September
Items by hand to Phil Mowat or to secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk .**

DIARY Services and events in September 2018

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

Sat 1	10:00am	Cleaning Crew
Sun 2	11:00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Thurs 6 - Sun 9		Heritage Open Days
Sat 8		Ride, Drive & Stride Event
		Churches on the Air
Sun 9	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Morning Service
Weds 12	2.30pm	Friends in Deed Drop-in Cafe
Thurs 13 – Sun 16		Heritage Open Days
Fri 14	6.45pm	Angel Voices rehearsal (LSR)
Sun 16	11:00am	Family Communion
	2:00pm	Heritage Tour
	3:30pm	Heritage Tour
	6.00pm	Evensong
Mon 17	1:30pm	Monthly Bible Study (LSR)
Fri 21	6.45pm	Angel Voices rehearsal (LSR)
Sun 23	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	All-age HARVEST Communion
	6:00pm	Open ministry meeting – all welcome
	7:00pm	Night Prayer
Sun 30	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Family Communion

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
Thursdays	11.15am	The Daily Office (daily prayers)
	3.15pm	Jamworkx After-School Club (Buckden School)
	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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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Cleaning Crew in St Mary's

Saturday 1st September from 10am

Saturday 8th September

Churches on the Air in St Mary's Ride, Drive & Stride Event

– join us or sponsor us to tour local churches on foot, by bike, or by car

Friends in Deed – Drop-in Cafe Wednesday 12th Sept 2.30-4pm

Heritage Open Days - Guided Tours on 16th Sept at 2pm and 3.30pm

Open Meeting Buckden & Offords

Sunday 23rd September at 6pm; ends with Night Prayer at 7pm. Join us to share your thoughts

Monthly Bible Study Group

Monday 17th Sept 1.30pm in LSR

Getting Active – look out for details in the pewsheets and posters

COMING SOON...youth@thetowers

A new youth club for school years 7 to 9. Thursdays 7pm-8pm at Buckden Towers. £1 per session

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

6th-9th & 13th-16th September

The open days run over two weekends St Mary's will be open to visitors each day

Saturday 8th Sept - Cambridgeshire Historic Churches "Ride, Drive & Stride".

Please sponsor our teams walking and cycling at this event – a percentage of the money raised comes back to St Mary's.

Sponsor form at the back of church

"Churches on The Air". The World Association of Christian Radio Amateur and Listeners (WACRAL) will have a station set-up in St Mary's and would welcome any interested visitors.

Sunday 16th Sept Guided Tours at 2pm and 3.30pm (free)

Dusters at the ready! Come and join the cleaning crew Saturday 1st Sept 10am and every first Saturday

Thank you to everyone who responded to our plea for help with cleaning. The Cleaning Crew will now run every month on the first Saturday, please join in and help if you can.