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Items for the pew sheet should be sent to the Priest in Charge or secretary by 9am on the previous Tuesday

FURTHER NOTICES

A reminder that Government legislation requires you to wear facemasks at all times when you are in Church. Also please follow our instructions which are displayed on our website and on the porch noticeboard.

We are staying with this style of pewsheets and circulating it as we have been doing since mid-March as it is appreciated that many of you will not be able as yet to attend church.

Support for those self-isolating. Friends in Deed are still running, giving support (by telephone) and collecting prepaid 'Click and Collect' orders for those self-isolating. The collection service costs £3 and requires at least 24 hours notice. Just ring 07810 006598 and we shall endeavour to meet your needs.

St Mary's chosen charity for September and October is the Historic Churches Trust. - This will tie in with the Ride & Stride event on 12 September <https://camhct.uk/> Founded in 1983, CHCT provides loans and grants to help fund repairs and improvements to places of worship across Cambridgeshire. In order to support this charity, we are asking you to take part and/or sponsor our team(s) participating in the CHCT Ride & Stride Event on 12 September. If you would like to take part either walking, cycling or driving around local churches please contact Anne Carter anne_carter@btconnect.com. To sponsor us, please use the just-giving link <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stmarysbuckdenrideandstride>

Explorers Course starting in October – For those whom lockdown might have raised questions about life, faith and God. More information to follow.

Godmanchester Foodbank – Many thanks for supporting this charity over the last four months. – Just a quick reminder that this is ongoing throughout the year. Cash donations welcome via the foodbank website which has a secure link for donations. <https://godmanchester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/> Non-perishable food gratefully received. Collection points - on the doorstep of the vicarage, please ring the bell then step back - Nisa Buckden - Budgens Offord Cluny.

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords

Sunday 30 August 2020 (12th Sunday after Trinity)

Dear Friends,

I hope that like me you are pleased that we are finally able to worship again at St Mary's. I hope too that as time goes on, more of us will feel comfortable in returning. But wouldn't it be great if they're more of us here each week, and I am not just talking about the capacity issues caused by social distancing? Footsteps in Prayer is about encouraging us all to pray God's care and peace for our neighbours, and also that they might know something of the community, love and peace that God offers. Many of us do this have signed up for this already. Please do consider joining us, and have a word with me if you would like more information.

Blessings,

Jes

A prayer about the corona virus

Father God, as people and nations of the world, help us to realise our dependence upon one another. We pray for healing among the sick, wisdom among our leaders, protection and effectiveness for health workers, and responsible behaviour by each of us as individuals. Most of all, Lord, we pray that you dispel our fears, for you 'did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self discipline' (2 Tim 1:7). For Jesus's sake. Amen.

Prayer after communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the week (collect)

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel Reflection

Today's lesson has fittingly been acknowledged as pivotal and climactic in Matthew's narrative of Jesus' Galilean ministry. The stories to this point have repeatedly pressed the issue of faith and discipleship as the many stories of Jesus' teaching and healing have led these disciples and ourselves to expect some things about this one called the Son of Man.

 Prayer Corner	Please pray in Offord for: those who live and work in Orchard Way, Rectory Leys.	and in Buckden for: our village clubs and societies, their leaders and members.
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SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday 29 August - Virtual Saturday coffee – Also Saturday 5 September, 11.00-11.40am: Virtual coffee. Please note the Zoom meeting details- ID: 798 1012 3003 Password: 6WMMstJ Joining Link: Sat Coffee URL ending 5 October. Repeats weekly.

Sunday 30 August at 11am in St Mary's – Sunday Service of Holy Communion. Limited to about 45 attendees to comply with social distancing regulations. **Please book your slot** by sending an email to david.pickavance1@outlook.com or by signing the name list in the porch. No children's corner, no tea/coffee and no toilet facilities. **Please print off this pewsheet or download to your phone or tablet if you can. However, copies will still be available at the door.**

Monday 31 August and Friday 4 September – St Mary's is open for private prayer. (10am-4pm)

Wednesday 2 and 9 September at 9.30am in St Mary's – Service of Holy Communion

Thursday 3 September at 7pm outside Lion– Getting Active This informal walk around Buckden is suitable for all ages/abilities and will take about an hour or less if you prefer.

Sunday 6 September at 9.30am in All Saints' – 'All Age' service – Services are anticipated to start up again.

Saturday 12 September Ride and Stride Event – Please see the notice overleaf regarding St Mary's chosen charity for further details.

Sunday 13 September - Launch date for Footsteps in Prayer: praying and walking regularly for those who live in your street. This is a new initiative from Buckden & District Churches Together. Contact Jes if you're interested.

Sunday 27 September after 11am Service in St Mary's – Election of Churchwardens and APCM – Notices, forms and sign-up sheets will be available from early September.

(Further notices Overleaf)

This Sunday's Readings

Please note that each reader has the freedom to chose their preferred version so the following may not match 'word for word'.

Acts 4.36; 9.26-30

There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. ³⁰When the believers* learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. (NRSV)

Matthew 16. 13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,* the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter,* and on this rock* I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was* the Messiah. (NRSV)