

PCC & Ministry News:

PCC met on the 15th and we had our APCM on the 27th September.

Annual Meetings and elections: on 27th September Vas Mowat was elected and David Pickavance was re-elected as churchwardens for this year.

There were no new PCC or Deanery Synod representatives elected.

Current elected PCC members are Ian Carter, Marilyn Rolin, Sammy Riley & David Riley (all elected 2018); Anne Carter, Carole Coram, Michelle Jazrawi and Kate Merrell (all elected 2019).

Barry Priest was appointed Independent Examiner.

The current electoral roll lists 115 persons on roll of whom 20 reside outside the Parish.

Dorothy Priest stood down from PCC and John Wells stood down as Treasurer. Both were thanked for their work over the years.

Opening St Mary's: St Mary's is no longer open for private prayer on Mondays and Fridays. This follows a recent incident where the facilities were abused and the potential risk of infection where precautions are not followed.

Buildings: There is currently no water supply to the church and, therefore, no heating. We are hopeful of restoring the supply soon.

Footsteps in faith: this new Explorers Course starts on 8th October – For those whom lockdown might have raised questions about life, faith and God. Please let Jes know if you are interested.

Charities:

St Mary's chosen charity for September-October is Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust <https://camhct.uk/>

This ties in with the Ride & Stride event which we took part in on September 12th. 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 sponsor our team(s) who took part in the CHCT Ride & Stride Event.

There's still time to sponsor us, please use the just-giving link below or contact Anne Carter (07779 651974) for alternatives

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stmarysbuckdenrideandstride>

St Mary's, The Parish Church of Buckden Newsletter : October 2020

Dear Friends,

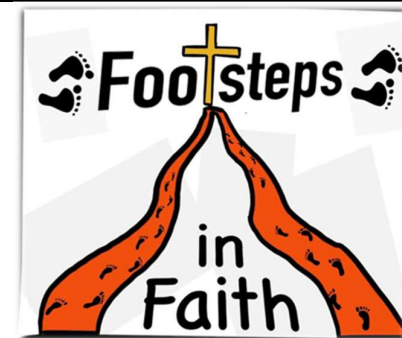
This year seems to be becoming ever more difficult as restrictions are increasingly being (re)introduced in various parts of the country. Although thankfully the rate of infection locally remains low, we need to be concerned and to pray accordingly. We all need to make the pandemic and its consequences a main focus for our prayers for the remainder of this year, remembering that we worship a God who cares for us and who ultimately is sovereign.

Many thanks to all who took part in 'Footsteps in Prayer'. It was a very special week, with every street of Buckden being prayer walked. Please continue to pray for your locality and the people who live there and look for folk to invite to 'Footsteps in Faith' and explorers' course which starts on 8th October.

Many thanks, also, to all who came to the APCM. Congratulations to Vas and to Peter Mount as they become Churchwarden and Treasurer respectively, and thanks to David P, who is continuing as Churchwarden, and to John Wells stepping down as Treasurer for all their hard work.

Blessings to all,

Jes



PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY...

For the search for an effective vaccine against Covid19, and that this might soon be freely available for all.

For our government that they might take wise decisions as they seek to manage the effect of the pandemic

Roger Cresswell and all working in the NHS That they will continue to be enabled to carry out their amazing work of caring & healing.

For the 'Footsteps in Faith' course. That many will attend to consider and discuss the claims of Jesus.

The Closing Date for the November Newsletter is Sunday 25th October.

Items by hand to Phil Mowat or by email to secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Church Opening arrangements

We are pleased to welcome you to the church building on the following days / times. Please do adhere to the safety measures and social distancing in place and always wear a mask/face covering.

Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service
Sunday	11am	Sunday service – please book in advance

Social distancing limits our capacity to 45, so for Sundays - please reserve an attendance slot each week, by emailing david.pickavance1@outlook.com or adding your name to the list in the porch.

These are our current opening arrangements but please do check our posters, website, emails and social media as arrangements are still liable to change at short notice.

Virtual worship, prayer and support continues

During the pandemic, we have found many ways that we can be together (virtually) and give support and encouragement to one another. These activities will be continuing for some time, alongside those services that we are able to hold in church.

Phone, message and email your individual friends, neighbours and family members.

Explore our Website www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk

“Like” our Facebook page: St Mary’s Buckden

Follow us on Twitter @A1ChurchBuckden

Subscribe to our YouTube channel: St Mary’s Buckden

Join our email distribution list: If you would like to receive regular emails from us with pewsheets, newsletters, service sheets and sermons, please email your request to consent@stmarysbuckden.org.uk and we will add you to the distribution list.

Join our families distribution list: If you would like to receive the Sunday Club Newsletter for your children by email, please email your request to consent@stmarysbuckden.org.uk and we will add you to the distribution list.

Sundays – service sheet, sermon and pewsheets are available on the website and by email; a video of the service is uploaded to Facebook and YouTube.

Saturdays – join our Virtual Saturday Coffee Session via Zoom at 11am each Saturday. Meeting ID:798-1012-3003 Password: 6WWMstJ

If you cannot access any of our online resources, please do let us know.

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Friends in Deed: Angie 07810 006598

Activities & Events in October

Getting Active Walks: Thursday evenings

Check the roadside noticeboard or facebook for the start time each week. We meet outside the Lion and walk for an hour or half hour. All welcome.

Footsteps in Prayer: launched in September and continues; walking & praying with/for your neighbours.

Footsteps in Faith: 8th October

Where is God in Covid 19?
What is Christianity really about?
What is faith about generally?

To explore these and other questions, join our Zoom course “Footsteps in Faith” which starts 8th October
Contact Jes for joining details

Need someone to talk to? Friends in Deed provide support & friendship (by telephone for the moment). There are times in our lives when we could all do with a little extra friendship, support or companionship whatever our age or circumstance. Just call 07810 006598 to speak to our friends co-ordinator.

Need a lift? Our drivers provide transport to hospital / dental / hair appointments etc. There are fixed fees. Please call the Transport line on 07914 669967, leave a message and someone will call you back. Please give at least 24 hours notice



ALL SOULS SERVICE

Sunday 1st November at 4pm

A Service of Prayers & Readings to remember our loved ones who have died. If you would like to add someone to the list of those remembered at the service, please contact allsouls@stmarysbuckden.org.uk