

PCC & Ministry News: PCC do not normally meet during August.

Opening St Mary's: see details overleaf

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

Footsteps in Prayer: Praying regularly with and for those who live in your street. This new initiative from Buckden & District Churches Together will be launched on the evening of Sunday 13th September. Please let Jes know if you are interested.

Annual Meetings: Sunday 27th September (postponed from April)

12.15pm Election of churchwardens

12.25pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

All are welcome to attend. There are vacancies for PCC, Deanery Synod and churchwarden. Those on the church or civic electoral roll may vote in the election of churchwardens. Those on the church electoral roll may vote in the PCC elections. There are nomination forms at the back of church and on the website.

A copy of the 2019 Annual Report is attached to this newsletter.

Due to Covid-19, we will not be using the usual paper volunteer sign-up sheets but will assume that all current volunteers wish to continue in the same roles. If you would like to have your name added to or removed from a particular volunteer rota please contact David Pickavance.

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

Charities:

Thank you for supporting Godmanchester Foodbank over the past few months, as we move on to the next cycle of charities, please remember that St Mary's is both a collection point and a voucher holder for Godmanchester Foodbank throughout the year.

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

This ties in with the Ride & Stride event 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 take part and/or sponsor our team(s) participating in the CHCT Ride & Stride Event on September 12th. If you would like to take part either walking, cycling or driving around local churches please contact Anne Carter anne_carter@btconnect.com

Due to Covid-19 we are not using a paper sponsor form this year. To sponsor us, please use the just-giving link below or contact Anne Carter for alternatives <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stmarysbuckdenrideandstride>

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

Dear Friends,

Can you believe it is September already? I know we seem to say it every year, but where did the summer go?

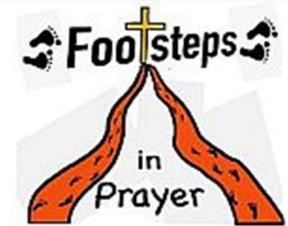
Reflecting on where we are now, at the end of summer beginning of autumn and winter, there is much to be thankful for but also much to pray for and about. Firstly, looking at the pewsheet it is good that with our Sunday service restarting and the restart of 'Getting Active' (thankyou Anne) there is perhaps a greater sense of normality. But we need to continue to pray for our church and community, for God's protection and grace as we move toward an uncertain winter.

Thanks to those who prayed for our virtual holiday club, Seaside Rock@home. The team did a brilliant job and there were a good number of views on Youtube, but we need to be praying and looking for opportunities to build on those relationships in changed times.

I hope that many of us will be taking part in the Footsteps in Prayer initiative, and that folk will respond.

Finally, please pray for our APCM on 27th September and think about how we can all serve God and each other as we move forward.

Blessings, *Jes*



PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY....

For Roger Cresswell and all working in the NHS

That they will continue to be enabled to carry out their amazing work of caring and healing.

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

For the 'Footsteps in Prayer' initiative.

That there may be a discernible sense of God's love in the village as we move forward.

For the APCM

That it may be a good time of thanksgiving and reflection about how God blessed our church.

**The Closing Date for the October Newsletter is Sunday 20th September.
Items by hand to Phil Mowat or by email to secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk**

Church Opening arrangements

We are very 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. Social distancing limits our capacity to 45.

Monday	10am to 4pm	Open for Private Prayer
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service
Friday	10am to 4pm	Open for Private Prayer
Sunday	11am	Sunday service – please book in advance

Sundays - please reserve an attendance slot each week, by emailing the churchwarden 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 any 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 - liturgy, sermon and pewsheets on the website and by email; a video of the service on Facebook and YouTube. Sunday Club newsletter on the website and via email to our families. Bible Band (our teenage group) have been meeting via Zoom.

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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Churchwarden

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Friends in Deed: Angie 07810 006598

Activities & Events in September

Getting Active Walks: Every Thursday

Meet 7pm outside the Lion to walk for an hour or half hour. All welcome.

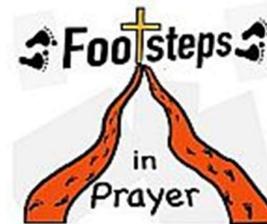
Ride & Stride: Saturday 12 September

CHCT, our nominated charity this month, runs this annual sponsored event. Please sponsor our St Mary’s Team to walk / cycle / drive between our local churches

Heritage weekend: 12th-13th September

If possible, we will be open to visitors.

Footsteps in Prayer: Do you want to pray but don’t know where to start? Would you like to walk & pray with/for your neighbours? This new initiative from Buckden & District Churches Together launches on September 13th. Contact Rev Jes for more information.



Self-isolating or just feeling alone and in need of some help, support or a friendly voice?

The Buckden Volunteer Support Service (COVID-19) ran from 18 March to 4 July and has now closed.

Friends in Deed is still very much up and running, providing 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

For those self-isolating, we can still collect prepaid 'Click and Collect' orders. The collection service costs £3 and requires at least 24 hours notice.

Just call 07810 006598 and we shall endeavour to meet your needs.

