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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

We may be starting a 'Growing as a Disciple' course on Zoom sometime later this month. A number of people have already completed this course and found it both helpful and enjoyable. Have a word with Jes if you are interested.

A reminder that Government legislation requires you to wear facemasks at all times when you are in church. Please follow our instructions which are displayed on our websites, noticeboards as well as guidance from the duty warden. Also do not forget to book your slot by contacting David Pickavance if you wish to attend Sunday service in St Mary's.

We are staying with this style of pewsheets and continuing with our weekly online service as it is appreciated that many of you will not be able as yet to attend church. Please follow the link from the St Mary's website if you wish to view our service available from each Sunday.

St Mary's chosen charity for September and October is the Historic Churches Trust. - This tied in with the Ride & Stride event held 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, it is still not too late to sponsor our team(s) who participated. Please use the just-giving link <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stmarysbuckdenrideandstride>

Date for your Diaries - Sunday 1 November at 4pm in St Mary's and at 6pm in All Saints' – All Souls' Service More details nearer the time.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2020 – Buckden community will be taking part again and boxes will be collected in November. Please note sweets and toothpaste now cannot be accepted due to customs regulations but hand made toys with the correct stuffing can. More information in Roundabout or from Carol Sweptone (810053)

The Benefice of Buckden & the Offords

Sunday 18 October 2020 (19th Sunday after Trinity)

Dear Friends

Well, as the old saying goes, we are not out of the woods yet! Covid-19 is still with us and is likely to be for some considerable time. But we go on in faith and God is with us.

That thought reminds me of a hymn. I have so often said that the best hymns contain really good theology and one such can be found at No. 219 in Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New. It was written by Rev Richard Bewes, who died just over a year ago at the age of 84. He was one of the great evangelists of his generation. The hymn is based on Psalm 46 and the first verse is this:

God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble,
and we therefore will not fear
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging.
God the Lord of Hosts is with us ever more!

I look forward to the time when we can praise God and thank him for being with us 'ever more' by singing this wonderful hymn in his house once again.

May God bless you all

Miles

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 of the week (collect)

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reflection

This week's text is another attempt to trap Jesus. Why would these people want to trap him? Second, why is there a feeling of insincerity from their affirming comments to Jesus? The fact that their affirming words are true (Jesus really is genuine; he is a faithful teacher of God's way) doesn't diminish any misgivings about them. Jesus immediately hits both nails on the head: "Why do you test me, you hypocrites?"

Prayer Corner	Please pray in Offord for: All those who work from home, homemakers and carers.	and in Buckden for: Park Road, Falcon Way, The Marinas.
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SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday 17 October from 11.00am-11.40am - Virtual

Saturday coffee – Also Saturday 24 October. Please note the Zoom meeting details- ID: 798 1012 3003 Password: 6WVMstJ. Repeats weekly until 28 November or further notice.

Sunday 18 October Services

9.30am in All Saints' – Holy Communion

11am in St Mary's – Family Communion

Wednesday 21 and 28 October at 9.30am in St Mary's – Service of Holy Communion

Thursday 22 October 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. **As we are now starting to lose daylight please check roadside noticeboard or facebook page for starting time.**

Thursday 22 October at 7.30pm on Zoom – Footsteps in Faith continues– This Explorers Course is for those whom lockdown might have raised questions about life, faith and God. More information from Jes.

Sunday 25 October Services

11am in St Mary's – Morning Prayer

6.00pm in All Saints' – Songs of Praise Communion

Sunday 25 October at 7.00pm (after Songs of Praise Communion) – All Saints' APCM and Election of Churchwardens - Vacancies for all positions. 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 in church and on the website. Please contact Sue Dorrington or John Simpkin for more information.

Saturday 31 October at 10am - St Mary's Churchyard – Tidying Up – Please bring own gardening tools. Unfortunately, there is no coffee available this time. All welcome. *(Further notices Overleaf)*

This Sunday's Readings

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

1 Thessalonians. 1.1-10 - Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. **2** We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters* beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions* report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. (NRSV)

Matthew 22. 15-22 -¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. (NRSV)