

PCC & Ministry News: The PCC last met on 18th March 2021.

Church Opening: Live services in St Mary's resumed on Palm Sunday and will include live streaming to YouTube.

Ministry: Arrangements for the forthcoming vacancy are well under way with a clergy/LLM/ALM rota in place up to October. A new Parish Profile has been prepared in conjunction with All Saints Offord.

Building: Work on the vestry is due to commence 12/04/2021.

Safeguarding: Sammy Riley reported back from an Ely safeguarding update. Several DBS renewals are underway and a new Friends in Deed driver was approved.

Annual Meetings: Sunday 11th April will be both in church and via Zoom
Meeting ID: 204 930 2812 Passcode: 310856

12.00noon Election of churchwardens

12.10pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Charity nominations: If you would like to nominate a charity (and provide advertising / support) for the forthcoming cycle, please contact a PCC member or email PCC@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Charities:

St Mary's chosen charity for March-April is the David Nott Foundation

<https://davidnottfoundation.com> The David Nott Foundation was established with a simple mission: to provide the surgeons and medical professionals working in the most hostile environments with the skills and the confidence to save more lives.

Environmental catastrophe and civil unrest are becoming an increasingly inherent part of our global landscape. At the frontlines of these crises are the doctors and medical professionals who work tirelessly – often against the odds – to help victims and preserve life.



St Mary's is both a collection point and a voucher holder for Godmanchester Foodbank.

If you are in need of help or support please contact Rev Jes Salt on 819377 or Anne Carter on 07779 651974.

Any donations of non-perishable food very gratefully received - collection boxes:-

- on the doorstep of the vicarage or in St Mary's
- in Nisa Buckden
- in Budgens Offord Cluny

St Mary's The Parish Church of Buckden Newsletter: April 2021

Dear Friends,

It is twelve months since lockdown 1. The last year has been one of the most extraordinary many of us have known. Although there have been some happy moments for many of us, it has been, for all of us, a different and often difficult time.

Although the government's roadmap seems to signpost a more positive future, we will be living with Covid and the effects of Covid for years to come.

Against that background we turn our hearts and minds to Easter. The climax of the Christian year and, we would say, of human history. When God saw all the 'stuff' we know so well, and then sent his son not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many. To give us 'hope and a future' over and above the uncertainty of any government roadmap. So, we can be sure and rejoice that our past, present and future are secure in the love of God.

Blessings to all,

Jes



PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY...

For our Easter services: that many people will be drawn to worship Jesus, The risen Saviour.

For all here at St Mary's and at All Saints: that as our churches reopen, we feel secure as part of God's community here in Buckden the Offords.

For our PCC and Churchwardens: that, as the vacancy approaches, they will be united in the love of God and a desire to serve Him and our community.

Closing Date for the May Newsletter is Sunday 18th April.

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

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Church Opening arrangements

St Mary's is currently open at the following times:-

Sunday 11am Family Service
Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion

Days and times may change, and numbers are limited, so please do check before visiting. Please book in advance for each Sunday service by emailing David Pickavance, as above, and please be sure to comply with the safety measures in place and always wear a mask / face-covering in church.

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 alongside any services that we may be 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.

Sunday Service on YouTube – service sheet, sermon and pewsheets are distributed by email; the service will be streamed on YouTube at 11am each Sunday. Some of our previous sermons are also available on the website.

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.

EASTER SERVICES IN ST MARY'S

1 April 2021 Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Holy Communion

2 April 2021 Good Friday

11.00am BDCT Service in St Mary's
2pm 'The Last hour' reflective service

4 April 2021 Easter Sunday

11.00am Easter Communion

Please book in advance for each service by emailing David Pickavance

david.pickavance@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

and please be sure to comply with the safety measures in place and always wear a mask / face-covering in church.



Collect your free Easter craft bag!

20 bags available

From: St Mary's Church Porch

Anytime from 9am on:

Good Friday 2nd April 2021

*Online childrens' Good Friday Activity 11am - 11.40am

Zoom details: 771 6218 0346

Password: Br8fEL * an adult must be present



Annual Meetings: Sunday 11th April
Election of churchwardens and APCM

12 noon in church and via Zoom ID 204 930 2812 Passcode: 310856

All are welcome to attend.

Those on the church or civic electoral roll may vote in the election of churchwardens. Only those on the church electoral roll may vote in the other elections. There are currently vacancies for PCC members and for Deanery Synod representatives. Nomination forms are available on the website or from any PCC member. The 2020 Annual report is enclosed with this Newsletter.