

PCC & Ministry News: The PCC last met on 22nd April 2021, the next meeting will be on June 9th 2021.

Ministry: St Mary's is currently in a vacancy (or interregnum). Our new priest-in-charge, Revd David Sheppard, will be licensed on 27th July. In the meantime, Sunday services and Wednesday Communion will continue as normal with the help of our great team of retired and other local clergy, and lay ministers. Bookings for baptisms, weddings and funerals are still being taken – please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

Building: Work on the vestry has commenced. A faculty to extend the garden of remembrance (ashes plot) has now been granted. The Church Property Register is in the process of being updated.

Safeguarding: Records for Youth Club Leaders are being checked before Youth Club restarts in late June.

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

Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,
the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

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how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

Dear Friends

Warm greetings to you all as we start to come out of lockdown and are able to socialise more with friends and family. We are grateful and thank God for the efficiently run vaccination scheme in our country that has made this possible and pray for countries which are suffering the impact of COVID-19 currently.

We look forward very much to the Rev. David Sheppard joining us in July as our new Priest in Charge, after a relatively short interregnum and appreciate Archdeacon Hugh McCurdy's active support in facilitating this rapid appointment and transition.

Over the last month we have lost several members of our congregation and village. Please can we pray for all those who have lost someone dear to them, and whose lives have been irrevocably changed?

Finally, although Christian Aid week is now over, envelopes are still available in the church.

Yours in Christ,
Vas & David



PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY....

For our church here in Buckden

To support our churchwardens, ministers and PCC in their work during the vacancy.

For Revd David Sheppard

As he prepares to become our new Priest in Charge

For the world we live in

We give thanks for this beautiful world that God has created and pray that we may be good stewards of his creation.

For people in crisis

Those living in war-zones or places of drought and famine; those living in poverty; those in countries which are currently being ravaged by Covid

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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, 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.

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 the service will be streamed on YouTube at 11am each Sunday and available as a recording thereafter.

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

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

Charities:



St Mary's chosen charity for May-June is Godmanchester Foodbank.

We support Godmanchester Foodbank throughout the year, but for the months of May and June we are trying to give a little extra support and to raise awareness.

<https://godmanchester.foodbank.org.uk/>

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

Foodbanks partner with a wide range of care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, churches and police to identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher.

Foodbank clients bring their voucher to a foodbank centre where it can be redeemed for three days' emergency food. Volunteers meet clients over a warm drink or free hot meal and are able to signpost people to agencies able to solve the longer-term problem.

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 Anne Carter on 07779 651974.

Cash donations can be made online via this link -

<https://www.give.net/GodmanchesterFoodbank//oneoff>

Food donations (non-perishable) can be made via the collection boxes in:-

- St Mary's (see overleaf for opening times); Nisa Buckden; Budgens Offord Cluny



There are times in our lives when we could all do with a little extra support or companionship whatever our age or circumstance.

Need someone to talk to? Call our co-ordinator, Angie, on 07810 006598 and she connect you with one of our volunteers.

Need a lift to an appointment? Call or email our transport co-ordinator peter.mount@btconnect.com 07914 669967 giving at least 24 hours notice. Leave your name, number, address and details of your appointment (date, time, location).

Closing Date for the July Newsletter is Sunday 20th June.

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