

**PRAYER CORNER** Please pray:

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,*

Pray for the church and the world. Holy is the name of God, pray for guidance each day to see each life as sacred, for peace between people and an end to acts of violence, war, and abuse. Each life is precious and unique; pray that our patient ever-present God is seen and heard by those who suffer and are in need.

*your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

In the beauty of your creation we might see a foretaste of the kingdom; pray that our travel, our actions, and purchases, do less to impact to the climate. Pray for forgiveness where we continue to damage the environment, and pray for our youngest generation who will suffer the consequences. Pray for happy homes, for refugees, for the villages of the Offords and Buckden and all our communities.

*Give us today our daily bread.*

Thankful for the harvest, pray for the farmers, pray for the workers who run the mills and factories, for the workers in the infrastructure that keeps us fed, pray for those below the bread line, for the hungry here and elsewhere, for those who suffer famine.

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*

Pray that in his mercy the Lord takes all our wrongs laid by his cross, forgiving us when we fail to follow in his way.

*Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

Pray for God's protection and his assistance when faced with difficult choices and easy ways of going wrong, help us tell others of Jesus, the Good news of the gospel and the promises of God.

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.*

**PCC & Ministry News:** PCC last met on 26<sup>th</sup> July and meet again in September.

Ukrainian refugee families have visited both St Hugh's and St Mary's for a tour, prayers and hospitality. A prayer vigil evening is also being planned date TBC. Buckden School's final services of the year took place in July. There will be no Sunday Club and no 4th@4 service in August. Communion continues to be in one kind, this will be reviewed again in September.

Living in Love and Faith <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>  
St Neots Deanery is running a course on September 21st & 28th, October 5th, 12th & 19th. 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St James Church, Little Paxton. More details to follow.

The Ely Safeguarding Team visited us in July. It was a very positive and constructive meeting. They thanked us, and especially our Safeguarding Officer, for all the hard work and progress.

We continue to monitor our financial situation and particularly outgoings very closely. Please pray and, if you are able, please consider increasing your giving and/or joining the regular giving scheme. Contact Ian Carter, Planned Giving Secretary, for details.

## St Mary's Buckden Church Newsletter: August 2022



Dear Friends,

Do we love more..stuff..than we are called by God to love; do we love stuff, more than we love God? To put it another way, does what we love matter? God is love, as John the evangelist says in his first letter (1 John 4:16) and if we abide in love we abide in God. So what if what we love is bad for us? I have been thinking about this since the reading from 1 John was in a recent wedding here. On the first Sunday of August the gospel reading includes a verse that has helped me reflect on this: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Luke 12:34), this gives me much to think and pray about. I wrote a little on this in my gospel reflection for the pewsheet but this is one of those verses which compels me to carry on chewing it over. Do you have similar scriptural reference points? Those passages where you seem to see, as it were, a veil lifted between this world and the kingdom of God? What if we love and become attached to something that is serving only our own self? If what we love is at the expense of someone else, maybe to the point of impairing relations with someone else? What if, in this metaphorical case of aligning heart with treasure, our treasure is bad for us, and thus our heart is impaired or imperilled? Praying for deliverance from something we are overly attached to is to throw ourselves into the greatest of loving relationships with God. Deliverance is also drawing on the very words our saviour taught us: lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. If our heart and our treasure is in the love of God and the love of our neighbour then our heart and our treasure is in God. God is love and if we abide in love we abide in god. Orientating ourselves to God by loving him ensures that our treasure and our heart are all aligned in worship and in worshipping God we can be free. If our heart and treasure is in line with God's will then heart and treasure is in relationships with family and friends, it is in the care we offer to one another, it is in the care and attention shown to the neighbour only on the periphery of our lives, it is in the care and attention shown to our closest and dearest. Where is our heart? where our treasure is. Where is our treasure? where our heart is.

I hope you have a very good August, with plenty of sunblock, lots of love and best wishes,

*Fr David*

**Closing Date for the September Newsletter is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August.**

Items by hand to Phil Mowat or by email to [secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

## St Mary's Church Buckden: contact information

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## DIARY Services & Events in August 2022

St Mary's is open every day 9am-5pm

<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	5pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesdays</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sat 6</b>	10:00am	Cleaning Crew
	10:30am	Coffee & Cakes
<b>Sun 7</b>	8.00am	Holy communion (BCP)
	11:00am	All-Age Holy Communion
	12:15pm	Sacristans meeting
<b>Weds 10</b>	2.30pm	Community Café
<b>Sun 14</b>	11:00am	Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Evensong (BCP)
<b>Mon 15</b>		<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	5.00pm	Holy Communion
<b>Sat 20</b>	2.00pm	Wedding
<b>Sun 21</b>	8.00am	Holy communion (BCP)
	11.00am	Holy Communion
	1.30pm	Baptism
	3.00pm	Arts & Crafts Tea Party at 17 Perry Road, Buckden
	6:00pm	Songs of Praise (Offord All Saints)
<b>Mon 22</b>	1.30pm	Bible study group (LSR)
<b>Sun 28</b>	11:00am	Holy Communion
<b>Weds 31</b>	2.30pm	Friends in Deed Summer Tea Party – Buckden Village Hall

There will be no Board Games or 4<sup>th</sup> @ 4 in August. Both return in September.

For up to date information on services, please check <http://www.shorturl.at/uvY34>

There is a service at 9.30am in Offord All Saints every Sunday apart from 21<sup>st</sup> August

**Angel Voices – informal choir.** Rehearse 7pm every Friday (NOT 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> August) in St Mary's Living Stones Room. New singers always most welcome, just turn up.

## Online worship, prayer and support

Check any of our social media forums for resources for worship, prayer etc.

**Website:** [www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk) **YouTube:** St Mary's Church Buckden

**Facebook:** "St Mary's Buckden" **Twitter:** @A1ChurchBuckden

**To join our email distribution list:** please email [consent@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:consent@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)

### \*\*CHANGE TO ST MARY'S YOUTUBE \*\*

Due to ongoing issues with streaming services, we have changed our YouTube Channel to "St Mary's Church Buckden". If you had subscribed to the old channel, you will need to subscribe again to this new one. Apologies for the disruption.

### Charities: St Mary's chosen charity for July and August is Church Army

<https://churcharmy.org/> Church Army tackles social deprivation on the streets of the UK and Ireland enabling God's love to be experienced through their work as practical evangelists. This is focused on over thirty Centres of Mission and other dedicated projects in some of the poorest communities. By supporting Church Army we take part in this work ourselves.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August**  
**10am CLEANING CREW**  
**10.30am-noon COFFEE & CAKES**



St Mary's is both a collection point and a voucher holder for **Godmanchester Foodbank**. If you are in need of a voucher please contact Anne Carter on 07779 651974. Any donations of non-perishable food very gratefully received. There are collection boxes in :- St Mary's Church, Nisa Buckden, Budgens Offord Cluny



### FRIENDS IN DEED COMMUNITY CAFÉ

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2.30-4pm.**

Just pop in for a chat and a cuppa / cake  
[friendsindeed@stmarysbuckden.org.uk](mailto:friendsindeed@stmarysbuckden.org.uk)  
 Transport or 07914 669967 or  
[peter.mount@btconnect.com](mailto:peter.mount@btconnect.com)

**Sunday 21st August 3-6pm**  
**Arts & Crafts Tea Party at 17 Perry Road**  
 Come and exhibit your creative work. £5 entry fee (deductible on sales), all proceeds to Church Army

**Wednesday 31st August 2.30-4pm**  
**Friends in Deed SUMMER TEA PARTY**  
**at Buckden Village Hall**



**If you would like to chat** about life, faith, belief, what Christians believe, or anything else I would love to hear from you. Over a drink, over a game of chess perhaps, a coffee, or on a walk, or in church; get in touch with me. Fr David, 07792128503 [fr.davidowainsheppard@gmail.com](mailto:fr.davidowainsheppard@gmail.com)