

BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

April 2015

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you" Proverbs 3:3

The Buckland Big Breakfast

The Buckland Big Breakfast on Saturday, 28th February was one of the most successful yet. 160 breakfasts were served and, although the cooks had difficulty keeping up at one point, they did a wonderful job and everyone got their breakfast. A large profit of £685.25 was made for Five Ways School and we need to extend an enormous 'thank you' to all those who made this possible.

Parochial Church Council Meeting on 4th March. A report will appear in the next edition of the magazine.

Community Coffee Mornings

The Church building belongs to the whole community and we like it to be used. We encourage its use for the Community Coffee Mornings, but, this year as yet, there are a number of gaps. If you would like to hold a coffee morning on the second Saturday of the month, in aid of a charity of your choice, please contact Margery Harkness 234599 and she will let you know which second Saturdays are free. The April coffee morning will be held as usual in aid of a charity to be agreed.

Buckland Village, Church and Churchyard Tidy-up

The Spring Tidy-up of the Church, Churchyard and village will take place on Saturday, 18th April, from 10am—12noon, or whatever time you can spare. The more helpers we have to tidy up the village, the better it will look for the rest of the summer. Refreshments will be served in the church half-way through the morning and children are welcome. Bring your own tools or borrow from other people.

Buckland Spring Bingo

This will be held in Buckland Village Hall, on Saturday, 11th April at 7.30pm in aid of the cost of our Youth Worker. Cheryl has been an enormous asset in our schools and the 'Open the Book' teams. We greatly value her contribution to the Christian life of our parishes and need to

close the gap in the shortfall in funding this role for next year. Ted and Val Jeffery will be organising the evening with the support of the PCC.

Institution of Revd Jim Fallon

We are all looking forward to welcoming Revd Jim Fallon and his family to the Blackdown Benefice. His Institution and Licensing will be in Buckland Church, on Monday, 27th April, at 7pm, by the Bishop of Bath & Wells, the Right Revd Peter Hancock, with the Archdeacon, the Venerable John Reed, and invited guests. All parishioners are also invited to attend and will be welcome. There will be refreshments in the Village Hall after the service when you can meet Jim and his family.

'Around-the-Table' Group

This group is suspended during Lent and there is no meeting in April.

Benefice Prayers

These will be held on Friday, 3rd April, in Pitminster Church, at 10am. If you would like prayers said on your behalf, please contact David Ager or one of the Readers. This short informal service is open to all and you will be very welcome to join David, the Readers and others.

The **Taunton Food Bank** is grateful for all donations to help families in crisis. Supplies, to be put in the basket inside the church door, are always needed and regular donations are very much appreciated.

Vicki Bell and Lynda Creek, Churchwardens

Dates:

Saturday 28th March – PreSchool Easter Fun Day afternoon

Saturday, 11th April, Community Coffee Morning in the Church 10am-12 noon

Saturday, 11th April, Buckland Spring Bingo in BSM Village Hall, 7.30pm

Saturday 18th April, Buckland Village, Church and Churchyard Tidy-up

Thursday 23rd April – Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Monday, 27th April, Institution of Revd Jim Fallon as Rector of the Blackdown Benefice, by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, in Buckland St Mary Church, at 7pm.

Saturday 16th May - School May Fair