

BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

April 2016

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you” 1 Peter Ch5 v7.

Mothering Sunday Service – a special service for Mothers was held at St Mary the Virgin Church at Buckland St Mary led by Revd David Ager in which chocolate gifts which distributed to those Mothers and children present. Many thanks to Jenny Pym for organising these gifts.

Community Coffee Morning for April is on Saturday the 9th April from 10.30 till 12.00. Please come and meet your friends and neighbours and enjoy a coffee/tea.

If you would be willing to run a coffee morning for a chosen charity or good cause please contact Margery Harkness on 01460 234599 who takes the bookings for these events and can advise which months are still free.

Tower and South window repairs at Buckland St Mary Parish Church – The scaffolding for the tower repairs has been installed so please take extra care when in the vicinity. The repair works will last 10-12 weeks and whilst it is taking place the tower will not be accessible so there will be no bellringing and the clock will not be wound so please do not rely upon it for the time!

The 2nd stage of the South window will be carried out towards the end of the tower repairs and involve a considerable amount of work but will mean the window is in good order going forward.

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Buckland St Mary – will be held on the **14th April 2016 at 7.30pm** in Buckland St Mary Village Hall. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Saturday 21st May 2016 School May Fair at Buckland St Mary School.

Sunday 29th May 2016 at 2.30pm - Craft Ladies' Cream Tea at the home of Mr and Mrs Ducker at 2 Cross Hill Farm, Buckland St Mary. The event is to raise funds for Fiveways School, for children with special needs. There will be cake, plant and craft stalls etc. **If you wish to donate goods to sell** please contact either Sheila Ducker 01460

234105; Margery Harkness 01460 234599 or Ann Kennard 01460 391135.

As a part of the wider village celebrations for the Queen's Official 90th Birthday, the **date of the Church Fete has been changed to Saturday 11th June 2016** and will be held at Buckland St Mary House by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Norton. Further details to follow.

Taunton Food Bank - Donations are still needed for the Taunton Foodbank to help those who are struggling to afford food and other items such as toiletries and sanitary products. Food needs to be in tins or packets or long life cartons which are within date. Also welcome as are 'Bags for Life' which are needed to distribute the food.

The donations can be left in the basket in the church (on the left past the table) and are collected fortnightly by Kathy and Neil Arnold who are volunteers at the foodbank.

100+ Club Draws – renewals for 2016 have been distributed but if you are not a member but are interested in joining please contact Kay Wyatt, Treasurer, 01460 234475 or email kay@kenandkay.plus.com for details.

Vicki Bell and Lynda Creek, Churchwardens