

## BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

April 2017

*“ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” John 12v23&24*

**The 2017 Buckland St Mary Annual Parish Church Meeting** – will be held now on the **19<sup>th</sup> April in Buckland St Mary Village Hall @ 7.30pm**. The change of date was made because the previous date fell on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week and was thus not appropriate. All parishioners and interested persons are welcome to attend; tea/coffees to follow. This meeting appoints the Churchwarden and PCC members for the year and gives an opportunity to ask about the income and spending and the facilities and activities of Buckland and Birchwood churches.

The **Community Coffee Morning** is on the **8<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30 till 12 Noon** and is to raise funds for the Samaritans. Please support the coffee mornings if you can as they give a chance for the whole village and surrounds to enjoy time together.

**Community Coffee Mornings for 2017** – if you would like to run a Community Coffee Morning, at Buckland St Mary Church, for a charity of your choice, please contact the co-ordinator, Margery Harkness, on 01460 234599 or email [royandmarge@btinternet.com](mailto:royandmarge@btinternet.com) Coffee mornings are usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month but other dates may be possible so please enquire if a specific date is wanted. Currently, there are spaces in May, August, September and December.

**Easter Services** – an outline of our services on the Blackdowns, for Holy Week and Easter Day, are shown below but do refer to the services pages at the start of CBO News for more details. Refreshments are set out where known but may be available at other services too.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – 9.45am at Corfe Church**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 9.45am at Churchstanton Church – NOTE CHANGE IN TIME & VENUE**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 7pm at Pitminster Church – NOTE CHANGE IN TIME & VENUE**

**Maundy Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April** – service at 7pm and venue to be confirmed so please look on website [www.blackdownbenefice.org](http://www.blackdownbenefice.org) or see flyers for confirmation

**Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Walk of Witness - meet at 12.45pm at Otterford Church** for refreshments, including hot cross buns, then **walk to Birchwood Church** for a short reflective service @ 2pm.

**Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – 6.45am sunrise service at Otterford Church** with the lightening of the 6 Paschal candles. Bacon butties served afterwards around the bonfire.

**10.30am Benefice Easter Service at Buckland St Mary Church.** Easter Egg hunt and refreshments after the service.

**Statistical Records** - During next few months, you may see that a note is being kept of those attending services. This recording is being carried out so we can complete the necessary statistical record for the diocese on our ‘worshipping community’. Any queries or concerns please speak to your churchwarden or the Rector Jim Fallon

**Benefice Services** –where the churches of Buckland St Mary, Birchwood, Otterford, Churchstanton, Corfe and Pitminster come together to share a service. It gives a great opportunity to visit a new church, meet new people (or old friends) and see how they do things elsewhere; as each church has its own style and atmosphere. A **Benefice services is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** – the CBO services pages will show you where the service will be held that month. Please let us know if transport is an issue for you attending.

**REMINDER** – the **Benefice Office at Churchinford Village hall has closed** however the same facilities are **now available at the Vicarage at Pitminster on Mondays from 9.30 till 1pm.**

**Dates for your 2017 Diary**

**Sat 13th May 2017 – Buckland St Mary School May Fair** – in the school grounds – **12.00 to 3pm** – more details to follow.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Christian Aid Plant Fair at Pitminster Old Schoolroom** – **12 Noon till 2.30pm** - cakes and other stalls as well as plants for sale. Refreshments available too.

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Benefice Concert including Male voice Choir and bands etc (and friends) Concert in Buckland St Mary Church** – details to follow

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May – Rogation Ramble** – walking from Churchstanton Church to Otterford Church and ending at Birchwood Church with various refreshment breaks and short worship opportunities at each church en route. More details to follow.

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June - Community Coffee Morning - 10.30 till 12 Noon** for the Carnival at **Buckland St Mary Church**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July Church and Community Fete at Buckland House** by kind permission of Anthony and Christina Norton

**Lynda Creek, Churchwarden**