

BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

August 2014

He makes grass grow for the cattle and plants for man to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth. Psalm 104:14 NIV

Buckland Church Fete

We were very lucky to have held the Annual Church Fete on a lovely sunny afternoon on Saturday, 5th July in the grounds of Buckland House; kindly offered to us once again by Mr. Anthony Norton and family. Unfortunately we were missing some of the Fete's usual stalwart team but we still managed to raise the sum of £1,280.00 and an enjoyable day was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported the event and grateful thanks to all the many helpers, stall holders and tea ladies for a delicious spread and especially to Mr & Mrs Norton for the use of their kitchen and grounds.

Community Coffee Morning – Flower Baskets

Linda Manley and Kay Wyatt would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the Coffee Morning on 12th July when the sum of £387.00 was raised for Church Funds. Special thanks to Suzette Webber's grandchildren and family and friends for baking cakes and making flower baskets, and to the Flower Ladies for making some wonderful baskets, also thank you to everyone who brought along other donations for the stalls.

Parochial Church Council Meeting

A summary of the PCC Meeting of 16th July will appear next month. The PCC is looking for a Secretary, at least to take Minutes of the meetings, or to become a full Member of the PCC. Also, we are entitled to two representatives for the Deanery Synod and, at the moment, we only have one delegate. Please would anyone willing to fill either of these posts please contact one of the PCC Members

Festival of Lammas

The next agricultural festival to be celebrated will be Lammas on Sunday 3rd August 2014 (see last month's CBO news for an explanation of its meaning). Do come and experience a different type of service which will

be suitable for children as well, when we will celebrate the first of the wheat harvest.

Exhibition “Vanished Lives”

During the August Bank Holiday weekend of 23rd-25th August, the church will be host to this wonderful exhibition which is being put together by Rosanna Barton and Val Pym. Much research has gone into the all to short lives of those in the parish who were killed during the First World War, as well as other material from that time. The Sunday Communion Service, at 10.30, with visiting preacher, will be a time to remember and we will welcome any families who would like to join us. (see advert)

‘Around-the-Table’ Group

This month we will be holding the ‘Around-the-Table’ group meeting on Friday, 1st August, from 7.30 pm to 8.45 pm, at Moorseek Cottage as usual. (For details, please contact Andrew or Vicki Bell on 01460-234463 or v-a@wabell.go-plus.net). There will be no ‘Around-the-Table’ group in September.

Benefice Prayers

These will be held on Friday, 4th July, in Birchwood Church, at 10am. If you would like prayers said on your behalf, please contact David or one of the Readers. This short informal service is open to all and you will be very welcome to join the clergy and readers.

Taunton Food Bank

Whilst the food bank is always grateful for the tinned and packet foodstuffs, the food bank clients often also need basic toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam, toothpaste and toilet rolls. Donations of these items would be gratefully received, as usual in the basket inside the church door.

Dates:

Friday 1st August ‘Around the Table’ group meeting at 7.30-8.45pm at Moorseek Cottage.

Saturday 2nd August – Cream Teas at Rene Marker's, Paddock Cottage, Meanwood, Blindmoor Lane from 2.30 pm

23rd-25th August – Vanished Lives Exhibition in the Church

Sunday 7th September - Songs of Praise Service at 6pm

Saturday 27th September - Harvest Supper in BSM Village Hall

Saturday 1st November - Village and Churchyard Clean-up

Saturday 29th November - Bazaar in BSM Village Hall

Thursday 18th December - Community Carol Service

Saturday 28th March – Easter Bingo in BSM Village Hall

Vicki Bell and Lynda Creek, Churchwardens