

BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

December 2014

"...the Lord will be your everlasting light" Isaiah 60:19 (NIV)

Revd Geoffrey Shrives

Geoffrey Shrives, who was the Rector of the three hill parishes for a period twenty five years ago, died on 22nd October at the age of 86. He will be remembered with great affection, by a number of parishioners, as a very gentle and spiritual man and a great encourager. During his time with us four people trained for lay readership and he helped a number of young people towards confirmation. A small contingent from the congregations of Churchstanton and Buckland St. Mary were able to attend his funeral in Rockbeare Parish Church on 10th November.

Community Fund Raising Meeting

Members of the PCC were joined by representatives from FOBS and the Pre-school, and other church members, to plan dates for fundraising events during 2015. It was a most useful meeting and a list of events already planned will be found at the end of Church News.

Christmas services:

Birchwood Carol Service will be on 14th December, at 3pm and Buckland Community Carol Service on Thursday, 18th December at 6.30pm. Midnight Mass will be in Buckland this year, at 2300 and the Christmas Day Communion and Family Service at Churchstanton. (See list of services)

Plough Sunday Service on 4th January

The Plough Sunday Service, the first Sunday in January, to be led by the Deanery Rural Affairs Advisor, Annie Gurney. This will be a service with a difference and suitable for children to come and celebrate the first Agricultural Service of the New Year.

Parochial Church Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 4th December at 7.30pm, at Green Pastures in Bishopswood.

'Around-the-Table' Group

There will not be the usual 'Around-the-Table' group meeting on 1st December, but there will be Tuesday Advent meetings for the first four weeks of December. The film of the Nativity will be shown in four parts starting on 2nd December at 7.30pm, at Moorseek Cottage as usual. (For details, please contact Andrew or Vicki Bell on 01460-234463 or v-a@wabell.go-plus.net).

Benefice Prayers

These will be held on Friday, 5th December, in Buckland 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:

Thursday 4th December – PCC Meeting

Thursday 18th December - Community Carol Service
2015

Saturday, 14th February, Community Coffee Morning, in the Church, 10am-12noon, run by FOBS

Saturday, 28th February, Buckland Big Breakfast

Saturday, 7th March, Quizz, in the Village Hall run by FOBS and PCC

Saturday, 14th March Community Coffee Morning, in the Church – in aid Macmillan Cancer Support

Pre School Easter Egg Hunt Particulars to be confirmed

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

Saturday 18th April, Buckland Village and Churchyard Tidy-up, 10am-12noon

Thursday 23rd April – Annual Parochial Church Meeting

May Bank Holiday Music Festival To Be Arranged

Saturday 16th May - School May Fair

Saturday, 4th July - Fete – Buckland House

Saturday, 11th July – Community Coffee Morning – run by Kay Wyatt,
for Macmillan Cancer Support, (flower baskets)

Saturday, 12th September – FSCC Ride & Stride

Saturday 7th November - Village and Churchyard Clean-up

Saturday, 28th November – Bazaar at 2pm in the Village Hall

Thursday, 17th December – Community Carol Service