

BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

February 2015

"...if sinners entice you, do not give in to them." Proverbs 1:10

Christmas Services

The number of people attending Christmas services throughout the Benefice was considerably up on previous years and, at Buckland, we were wonderfully overwhelmed by the turn out at our Community Carol Service. We had to delay the start of the service in order to fetch chairs from the school so that everyone could be seated. During the service, Ash Class acted out the Christmas story and we had two carols from the children and one from the choir, as well as carols for the whole congregation, and we ended up with the Community Choir singing 'Christmas Bells'. We hope the service, and gathering afterwards, was enjoyable and made a good start to Christmas celebrations for all who came.

Plough Sunday Service on 4th January.

We were delighted to welcome the Deanery Rural Affairs Advisor, Revd Annie Gurney, who had been a farmer before she was ordained, and put together a special Plough Sunday Service for us. Shane and Laura Bassett very kindly lent us their small plough, so that we were able to take it into the church, and a number of farmers took part in the service.

Sunday, 1st February, Morning Prayer

On the first Sunday of the month, we have invited David Clitheroe to preach at our Morning Prayer Service, at 10.30am, in Buckland Church. For those of you who don't know him, David is a Methodist Local Preacher who spent his career as a social worker and probation officer. We look forward to welcoming him.

Buckland Big Breakfast

Val Jeffery and her team are putting on a Buckland Big Breakfast on Saturday, 28th February from 8-11am. There will be the usual generous breakfast and a chance to meet large numbers of neighbours. Any profit will be in aid of Five Ways School, for children with special needs, in Yeovil. Our church is now self-supporting, so please come to help this very special school.

'Around-the-Table' Group

This month we will be holding the 'Around-the-Table' group on Sunday, 1st February, 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). The March meeting will be on Sunday, 1st March.

Benefice Prayers

These will be held on Friday, 6th February, in Churchstanton 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:

Sunday, 1st February – 'Around the Table' group meeting at 7.30-8.45pm at Moorseek Cottage.

Monday, 2nd February, Extra PCC Meeting, 7.30 at Moorseek Cottage.

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

Saturday, 28th February, Buckland Big Breakfast, 8-11am in the Village Hall

Wednesday, 4th March, PCC Meeting at 7.30pm