

BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

January 2016

“And He who sits on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ And He said, ‘Write this down, for these words are faithful and true.’ Revelation 21:v5

Children’s’ Christmas Club Day – around 12 children enjoyed a range of fun activities at the Christmas Club day at Buckland St Mary Village Hall on Saturday the 12th December 2015.

The event was led by Cheryl Govier, the Church Youth Worker and her band of helpers. The children had a great time decorating Christmas trees, Christmas ornaments and garlands and also made a representation of the baby Jesus, in the stable, using only a plastic beaker, some wool, tissue paper, a wooden bead and pipe cleaners!

There was also a chance to do some ‘no bake’ cooking using a rich tea biscuit for the stable floor covered by some running icing, shredded wheat for straw and a jelly baby Jesus covered with a royal icing blanket!! The children also enjoyed some videos and games before being joined by parents, carers and family for mince pies and other refreshments.

Many thanks to Cheryl for organising this event and for all those who helped make it a success.

Plough Sunday Service – although this is traditionally held the first Sunday after Epiphany, for this year it will be held on the 24th January at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin at Buckland St Mary. In line with the new service arrangements this service will start at 9.15am.

Christmas Carol Service at Birchwood on the 13th December 2015 – it was standing room only at the service of 9 Carols and Readings. The church looked a picture amid the natural festive decorations and candles and following the service the congregation was served mulled wine and mince pies.

Many thanks to Sandra Aplin and Mike Fortune and their families for making the church look so special and for looking after us all so well.

Community Coffee Morning – please note that there is no Community Coffee Morning in January. In February there will be a **Valentine’s Fair Trade Coffee Morning on the 14th February** in the

Parish Church at Buckland St Mary from 10.30 till 12.00. Please do come if you can to support this good cause.

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. We have vacancies for most of the years so please do get in touch.

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