

BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

June 2016

'Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;' Matthew 24:32

Parish Office reopened - the Parish Administrator – Jayne Fallon – is available from 9.15am till 1pm, each Monday, at the Benefice Office (which is part of Churchinford Village Hall) to deal with any queries, enquiries or to receive feedback on church matters. The phone number is 01823 601488.

The **new Benefice website** is now up and running with all details of services and other events and activities taking place in the Benefice. The website address is www.blackdownbenefice.org N.B. please do not add 'UK' to the end as that would take you to the old redundant website.

Community Coffee Morning – there will be none in June because of the planned village celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday so the next **Community Coffee morning** will be on **Saturday the 9th July** and will include the sale of the flower baskets by the Flower Ladies.

Corfe Grand Fete will be held on **Saturday 4th June** in the fields behind the church from 11.00am till 4pm. Lots to see and do.

Celebrations to mark the Queen's Official 90th Birthday Weekend – open with FOBS holding a **children's disco on Friday the 10th June** in the **school hall from 6 till 8** (no entrance fee).

The **Buckland St Mary Community Fete** is on **Saturday 11th June 2016 from 2pm** at Buckland House (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Norton). Interesting stalls and games plus draw, teas, ices etc. Please come and bring your friends and family too.

Evening entertainment – on **Saturday 11th June from 7.30pm** - hog roast, bar, music, and dancing in the marquee at Buckland House (by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Anthony Norton). See advert in Pink Pages for details of tickets (concessions for BSM parishioners)

Songs of Praise Service – on the **12th of June 2016** –in the Parish Church **starting at 7pm**. Come along and sing some favourite hymns. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Village Pageant at Pitminster 24th, 25th and 26th June - including performances of the Pageant (24/6 @7pm and 25/6 @ 3pm in the church), cream teas, a meal in the Queens Arms, a special church service, the Corfe v. Pitminster cricket match and a BBQ. For details please contact Harry or Nicky Yoxall on 01823 412396 or email nicolaprice@doctors.org.uk

Farewell Service to mark the Retirement of the Archdeacon John of Taunton – after 17 years as our Archdeacon. The service is **@ 7pm on Thursday the 30th June at St Mary Magdalene Church, Taunton, TA1 1SA**. All welcome to come and say goodbye – refreshments to follow.

Visits to those in the Parish – do let the Benefice office, the Rector or the Churchwarden know if you know of someone who would like or would benefit from a visit from the Rector or other church member. We want to offer support to those going through difficulties or who need a helping hand whether they are churchgoers or not so please help make us aware. If you would like to help make such visits do let us know too.

Taunton Food Bank - Donations of food in tins or packets or long life cartons (within date please) are still needed as are 'Bags for Life' in which to distribute the items. Toiletries and sanitary products also needed. Donations can be left in the basket in the church.

Future dates for your diary

10th July @6.30pm - Choral Evensong at Corfe Church featuring the choir of St Mary Magdalene Church in Taunton, under their Director Miles Quick. Wine will be served in the churchyard after the service

8th October @7.30pm - Puddings Evening at Churchinford – details to follow

26th November – Coffee Morning at Churchinford – details to follow

Saturday 26th November - Buckland Bazaar — details to follow

Lynda Creek, Churchwarden