

## BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

March 2014

*“The Lord is a refuge .....a stronghold in times of trouble” Psalm 9:9*

Following the extremely successful fund-raising meeting last year, which ensured that we could cover all expenses for the rest of the year, members of the PCC met on January 8<sup>th</sup>, with Peter Reed as Chairman, to discuss fundraising ideas for this year. Below you will find all the dates arranged so far.

### **The Annual Parish and Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

These will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. At the Annual Parish Meeting the only item on the agenda will be the election of the Church Wardens. This is followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting including reports from the Rector, Churchwarden, Treasurer and others, after which will be elections to the PCC. All parishioners are entitled to vote for the Churchwardens, but only those on the Church Electoral Roll are permitted to vote for the PCC members. The meeting is an opportunity for anyone to offer their views on the future direction and running of the church. We welcome all and will serve refreshments after the meeting.

### **The Community Coffee Morning**

This month the coffee morning, on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 to 12 noon, will be in aid of Fairtrade as it falls in Fairtrade Fortnight. We hope to have a selection of Fairtrade goods for sale and to raffle. This is a good opportunity to meet friends and neighbours after the diabolical weather we are experiencing at the time of writing.

### **Village and Churchyard Cleanup**

The cleanup will be on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10 - 12noon, or any time during the morning. All help gratefully received. There will be refreshments in the church at half time.

### **‘Around-the-Table’ Group**

The next ‘Around-the-Table’ will be on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, from 7.30 pm to 8.45 pm, at Moorseek Cottage, (For details, please contact Andrew or Vicki Bell on 01460-234463 or v-a@wabell.go-plus.net). This is a

discussion group for exchange of ideas, with prayer and refreshment, to which anyone is welcome to come regularly or once in a while. The April meeting will be on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April.

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March **Benefice Prayers** will be held in our church at Buckland St Mary, at 10am. If you would like prayers said on your behalf, please contact Sue or David or one of the Readers. This short service is open to all and you will be very welcome to join the clergy and readers.

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.

### **Dates:**

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March** – ‘*Around the Table*’ group meeting at 7.30-8.45pm at Moorseek Cottage.

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Community Coffee Morning in aid of Fairtrade Fortnight, 10.30 to 12 noon.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Annual Parish meeting and Annual Parochial Church meeting in BSM Village Hall 7.30pm

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Village and Churchyard Clean-up 9.30 –Midday or time to suit helpers

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Bingo in BSM Village Hall

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Concert of St Petersburg Ensemble

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June** - Community Choir Concert

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Fete at Buckland House 2pm

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Community Coffee Morning in the Church

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Praise Service at 6pm

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September** - Harvest Supper in BSM Village Hall

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Village and Churchyard Clean-up

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - Bazaar in BSM Village Hall

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Community Carol Service

Bernard Gready and Vicki Bell, Churchwardens