

BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

May 2016

'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world' John 16v33.

Funeral of Victoria Bell – 11.30am on Monday the 9th May 2016 at St Mary the Virgin Church at Buckland St Mary - Many of you will have heard of the sad passing of Vicki Bell who was churchwarden here for a number of years and was also a great servant of the church and village community. Andrew, her husband, and the rest of Vicki's family would welcome anyone who knew Vicki to attend her funeral – details above – and we thank God for her life and service.

There will be no Community Coffee Morning for May because the repairs to the South Window affect the area around where the coffee is made/food is prepared. There will also be **no coffee morning in June** because of the planned village celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday. 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.

We now having bookings for all the months, up to and including November 2016! Keep checking CBO News for details of dates.

At the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Buckland St Mary – on the 14th April 2016 – Lynda Creek was confirmed as Churchwarden for one final year and was also confirmed as Parochial Church Council (PCC) member along with Kay Wyatt (Treasurer); Penny Hart; Bernard Gready; Mike Fortune and Ted Jeffery plus Revds Jim Fallon and David Ager. Sally Nex continues as the PCC Secretary.

Caroline Drew, Jenny Pym and Emma Lupton all stood down from the PCC and their great contribution to the work of the PCC, over the years, was acknowledged and, despite stepping down they will be continuing to support to the church and its activities.

The meeting was attended by about 10 parishioners and a further 4 sent their apologies. The Rector, Jim Fallon and the Associate Priest, David Ager also attended. If you would like to be sent a copy of the minutes when available please contact Lynda Creek on 01460 234248 or 07845870450 or lyndachippie@googlemail.com

Easter Services - the range of differing Easter services offered something for everyone in terms of service style and activity – there were walks, bonfires and bacon sandwiches as well as peaceful vigils, traditional and family type services. The Rector, Jim Fallon, found it a great experience to share these services with people, throughout the Benefice, for the first time. The services were relatively well attended with many attending a new church and enjoying a new experience.

Taunton Food Bank - Donations are still needed for the Taunton Foodbank. Food in tins or packets or long life cartons (within date) please. Also 'Bags for Life' which are needed to distribute the food and toiletries and sanitary products. Donations can be left in the basket in the church (on the left past the table).

Saturday 21st May 2016 School May Fair at Buckland St Mary School from 12 till 3. Please come and enjoy the fun!

Sunday 29th May 2016 at 2.30pm - Craft Ladies' Cream Tea at the home of Mr and Mrs Ducker at 2 Cross Hill Farm, Buckland St Mary to raise funds for Fiveways School, for children with special needs. There will be cake, plant and craft stalls etc. **If you wish to donate goods to sell** please contact either Sheila Ducker 01460 234105; Margery Harkness 01460 234599 or Ann Kennard 01460 391135.

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Celebrations to mark the Queen's Official 90th Birthday Weekend - as a part of the wider village celebrations for this weekend, the **date of the Fete has been changed to Saturday 11th June 2016 at 2pm**. It will be a 'Community Fete' this year and will be held at Buckland House (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Norton). If you would like to run a stall, please contact Lynda Creek – contact details above - or one of the other PCC members.

Songs of Praise Service – on the 12th of June 2016 – this service will be held in the Parish Church **starting at 7pm**. If you would like to suggest a hymn to sing at the service, please contact Roy Harkness on royandmargeh@btinternet.com or phone 01460 234599 or Lynda Creek – contact details above. Do Let Lynda know if you are willing to help at this, or any of the other events being held over the celebration weekend.

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

Lynda Creek, Churchwarden