

## BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

November 2016

'Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or change' James 1:17

**Service of Welcome for James Hall, the new Youth Worker – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm in Pitminster Church.** This is a combined benefice Service for all churches on the Blackdown and Seven Sowers Benefice to come and meet James and welcome him to the benefice. For those unable to attend there should be further opportunities to meet James in the coming months as he starts his work amongst us.

**Church Bazaar – 3<sup>rd</sup> December @2pm in Buckland St Mary Village Hall** – Please come and bring your friends - any proceeds will help fund the work the youth worker is undertaking. Donations for stalls/raffle most welcome.

**The Buckland St Mary Harvest Supper** was held at the Village Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> October and was greatly enjoyed by those attending. Many thanks to all who helped in any way but especial thanks to Pam Parry and her helpers who prepared and cooked our 2 courses to perfection; to Ted and Val Jeffery who organised the event so efficiently and ran the raffle; to Kay Wyatt, Penny Hart and Mike Canham who printed the tickets and did other essential admin tasks!; and to Kay and Elaine for organising the delightful post dining entertainment, by the Buckland St Mary Singers, which included some audience participation at the end. Thanks to the singers too, of course!

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November @ 3pm at Birchwood Church – special Rosemary Service of Remembrance** – a Rosemary Service is a peaceful, reflective service where we remember loved ones who have passed away.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.30 till 12 Noon – Community Coffee Morning** at Buckland St Mary Church - in aid of the Royal British Legion so please come and support your RBL local branch.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 @ 3pm at Buckland St Mary church - British Legion Festival of Remembrance Service** – please come and remember those who gave their lives in war. Other churches in the Benefice are marking this special day – please see church service listings page for details.

**Early warning of special Christmas Services in the Benefice - the Buckland St Mary School Christmas Carol Service** is on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.30pm and **Midnight Mass at Buckland St Mary** is at 11.00pm on Christmas Eve. There is no service on Christmas morning at Buckland St Mary or at Birchwood.

**Birchwood Carol Service** is on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm (please note there is no Evening Prayer that day).

There are **Carol Services at Churchstanton and Corfe** is on the 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm whilst the **Otterford Crib Service** is on Christmas Eve at 4pm and **Pitminster Carol Service** is on the same day at 5pm with **Pitminster Midnight Mass** at 11.00pm

A **Christmas Morning Holy Communion Service** will be held at Churchstanton starting at 10.00am

### Other Dates for your Diary

**Fri. 4th November Spooky Disco and Fireworks Organised by FOBS – 5-7pm** at Buckland St Mary Village Hall. **Please note change of date.**

**Mon. 7th November Bags to school event** - Clear out your wardrobe and donate a bag of unwanted (but clean) clothes to help the school raise funds – drop off at Buckland St Mary School or at the Parish Church if the school is closed). **Please note change of date**

**Fri. 11th November Churchinford Puddings Evening @7.30pm** – sorry no further details were available at time of copy deadline.

**Sat 26th November Churchinford Coffee Morning** – sorry no further details were available at time of copy deadline.

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Buckland Church Bazaar – 2pm in the Village Hall**

**15<sup>th</sup> December – Buckland St Mary School Christmas Nativity and Carol Service @6.30pm in Buckland St Mary Parish Church**

**Sat 20th May 2017 – School May Fair** – in the school grounds – **12.00 to 3pm** – more details to follow

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Male voice Choir (and friends) Concert** in  
Buckland St Mary Church – details to follow

**Lynda Creek, Churchwarden**