

## BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

October 2014

*"For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end." Psalm 48:14 NIV*

### **Vanished Lives - Exhibition 23rd – 25<sup>th</sup> August**

World War 1 and 2 – Remembering Buckland St Mary's War Dead –  
A wonderful display was set up in the Church on the above dates showing the history and personal details of all the 13 men from our Parish who died during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War 1914–1918, and the 2 who died during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War 1939 – 1945. Our grateful thanks to Rosanna Barton and Val Pym who did a terrific amount of research and displayed the information in a remarkable way. We would also like to thank them for leaving all the above information for each fallen soldier in Red Folders at the back of the church under the British Legion memorial boards so that we can all read the fascinating information at our leisure.

### **Songs of Praise Service**

Our thanks once again to Roy Harkness who led a Songs of Praise evening in the church, on 7<sup>th</sup> September, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We all sang 11 well known hymns nominated by members of the congregation and we look forward to this being repeated again next year.

### **Harvest Services**

Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held in Birchwood at 3pm on 12<sup>th</sup> October, and in Buckland on 19<sup>th</sup> October, at 7pm, and all suitable gifts will go to the Taunton Food Bank. The archdeacon, The Ven. John Reed will be preaching at the Buckland Service and the school will have their Harvest Thanksgiving service the previous Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2.30pm. The church flower ladies will be decorating the church and would welcome gifts of vegetables and fruit which can be left in the church any time from Thursday onwards.

### **Parochial Church Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, at 7.30, at The Old Post Office, Bishopswood and a report will be given in the November News. An Events and Fundraising meeting will be arranged for November.

### **'Around-the-Table' Group**

The next 'Around-the-Table' group meeting will be on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, at Moorseek Cottage as usual. (For details, please contact Andrew or Vicki Bell on 01460-234463 or v-a@wabell.go-plus.net).

### **Benefice Prayers**

These will be held on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, in Pitminster Church, at 10am. If you would like prayers said on your behalf, please contact David Ager or one of the Readers. This short informal service is open to all and you will be very welcome to join David and the 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. Suitable donations for the Harvest Festival Services will also go to the Food Bank.

### **Dates:**

**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

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Bingo in BSM Village Hall

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Vicki Bell and Lynda Creek, Churchwardens