

BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

September 2015

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." *Luke 18v16*

Childrens' Holiday Club

Cheryl Govier, the church's youth worker, ran 3 Jungle Jamboree Holiday Clubs across the Local Ministry Group during the school summer holidays. They were at Thurlbear School, Curry Mallet Village Hall and at Buckland St Mary Village Hall. Overall 89 children attended these three clubs and enjoyed a range of activities including games, crafts, listening to stories, team challenges, singing etc.

They all had a huge amount of fun as can be seen from the picture of the children from the Buckland St Mary event wearing their animal masks! The children also looked at 4 different parables from the bible, The Good Samaritan; The Lost Son; The Lost Sheep; and The Great Banquet and thought about the fact that God loves us and knows everything about us.

Cheryl was aided by the Rector, Jim Fallon, volunteers from the various churches, and parents, all of whom joined in the activities and had great (but exhausting) day. Especial big thanks to Cheryl for organising such wonderful events at which, it was clear, the children enjoyed and learnt so much.

Tower Repairs – Contract Award

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met on the 12th August 2015 to consider the tenders for the above works. The church architect is managing this project and once the successful contractor has been notified a start date for the works can be set although an application for a faculty (a sort of planning permission) must be made too. The work is likely to be uncontroversial as it is simply repair work to bring the tower up to a good condition. In addition to the tower repairs some works to the south window and the replacement of missing and dislodged tiles on the roof will also be undertaken.

PCC Meeting

The next PCC meeting for Buckland St Mary is on the 21st September 2015 at 7.30 in the parish church. If there any matters you wish to bring forward or ideas for church improvements please let one of the Churchwardens or PCC members know.

Vicki Bell and Lynda Creek, Churchwardens

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 12th September – 'Ride and Stride'

The annual fundraising event for Somerset's churches will take place. The idea is to do a sponsored walk, cycle, ride (or even drive) to the churches set out on one or more of 5 routes that have been designed to highlight the beauty of Somerset's countryside and church architecture – or you can do your own thing!. For more details of routes and what's on offer see www.somersetchurchestrust.org

Saturday 19th September Community Coffee Morning – from 10.30am in the church of St Mary the Virgin, Buckland St Mary to discuss and develop the Parish Plan for Buckland St Mary's future. The Parish Council is inviting all parishioners to attend to give their views and ask any questions. The Chair of the Parish Council will give a short address at 11.00 and other representatives of village organisations – including the Church - will be present too.

Saturday the 26th September Buckland St Mary Harvest Supper – 7.30pm in the Village Hall. For more details and tickets contact Val Jeffery 01460 234379 or one of the churchwardens.