

BUCKLAND ST. MARY CHURCH NEWS

September 2016

'As for us, our life is like grass. We grow and flourish like a wild flower; then the wind blows on it, and it is gone —no one sees it again. But for those who honour the LORD, his love lasts for ever, and his goodness endures for all generations' Psalm 103 v15-17

Benefice Service at Birchwood Church on 31st July 2016 – around 50 people attended the first benefice service held at this lovely church. Many thanks to Rosemary Ward-Smith and Mike Fortune for the fabulous flower decorations and to Sandra Aplin for the lovely refreshment (and also to any that donated cakes!). Especial thanks to Rosemary Ward-Smith for allowing us to use her studio to enjoy the cakes etc and to view her wonderful artwork.

New Youth Worker – as we said, last month, a fond farewell to Cheryl Govier for her tremendous work across the Blackdown and Seven Sower Benefices, we now are very excited to welcome James Hall as the new Youth Worker from the 1st September. James has previously been teaching in Africa but is from Somerset originally and so understands the rural nature of the area.

Do keep an eye out for the date of the official welcome service for James as details were not available at the time of the copy deadline for CBO News.

Missing - 2 Tree Trunks! – these items were part of the wonderful decorations at the wedding of Jacalyn Arscott (nee Dobson) on 18th June 2016. They are approximately 3' tall and 1' wide and were left in the church by mistake and have now gone missing. Please **contact Jacalyn on 07540 971953** if you picked them up thinking they weren't wanted or have any information about their whereabouts. Many thanks.

Community Coffee Morning at Buckland St Mary Parish Church – this month's is on **Sat 10th September** - from **10.30 till 12.00** in aid of the Air Ambulance

Songs of Praise Service at Buckland St Mary Church - Sun 11th September @ 7pm – back by popular demand - sing your favourite hymns (no sermon) and afterwards enjoy refreshments. This service will be shorter than last time but we intend to hold it more frequently.

Weds 14th September @ 3pm – there will be **Cream Teas** served at Gibbs (the home of Ann Jeffery, Churchwarden at Corfe), Corfe TA3 7DG - in aid of cancer research UK. Please support if you can.

Corfe Church Harvest Festival – on Sun 25th September @ 10.45am – please support if you can - refreshments to follow

Choral Evensong by the choir from Wellington School under the musical direction of Andrew Trehwella – **@6.30pm on 25th September 2016 at Buckland St Mary Parish Church** - refreshments to follow.

Works at the Parish Church – the South Window works are still continuing but hopefully it will not be too long before the scaffolding can come down and we can get back to normal.

Visits to those in the Parish – We understand the isolation that living in a rural community can bring and we want to offer support to those going through difficulties or who need someone to chat to (whether a churchgoer or not) so please make us aware – through the Rector, Churchwarden or benefice office – of any such needs. If you would like to help us make such visits do please let us know too.

Taunton Food Bank - Donations of food in tins or packets or long life cartons (within date please) are still needed as are 'Bags for Life' in which to distribute the items. Toiletries and sanitary products also needed. Donations can be left in the basket in the church.

Dates for your diary

Sat 1st October Corfe and Pitminster Harvest Supper @7.30pm in Corfe Village Hall – tickets £7.50 to include a glass of wine and are available from Ann Jeffrey on 01823 421764

Fri 7th October - Harvest Supper at Buckland St Mary Village Hall – @7.00 pm for a 7.30pm start cost £10pp (£5 for under 12s) for 2 courses. Choice of hot dishes (inc Veggie) for main plus choice of desserts. Tickets from Ted and Val Jeffery on 01460 234379

Sat. 8th October - Community Coffee Morning - in Buckland St Mary Parish Church from 10.30 till 12.00 in aid of FOBS

Sat 8th October Church Open Day at Churchstanton Church – 10.00am till 6pm. Featuring church tours, vintage cars, church records on display and possibly a jazz band too. Refreshments and BBQ ending with a Songs of Praise service
N.B Puddings evening that was scheduled for this date is postponed till November 11th.

Sun Sat 8th October @7.30pm – Quiz at Otterford Parish Hall (in Bishopswood) in aid of Otterford Church. Contact John and Penny Gale @ gale.gabriel@talktalk.net for more details

9th October – Pitminster Church Harvest Festival @ 10.45am with refreshments to follow – please come along and view the pumpkin spectacular (plus marrows, squashes, apples etc) decorating the church.

Sun 9th October – Birchwood Church Harvest Festival @3pm – refreshments to follow. Please note this service will replace Evensong.

Sun 16th October Buckland St Mary Harvest Festival @7pm at Buckland St Mary Parish Church – refreshments to follow and any monies from donations of produce will go to a Homeless Charity.

Weds 19th October – Deanery Synod meeting at Ilminster

Sat 5th November - Spooky Disco and fireworks at Buckland St Mary Village - details to follow

Tues 8th November – Bags to School Event – collection of old clothes to raise money for the school.

Sat 26th November – Coffee Morning at Churchinford – details to follow

Sat 3rd December - Buckland Bazaar – @2pm –note change of date – in Buckland St Mary Village Hall – more details to come

Fri 3rd February 2017 – ‘Break Dry January’ Quiz in the Candlelight Inn – details to follow

Sat 25th March 2017 – Bingo at Buckland St Mary Village Hall – doors at 7pm eyes down 7.30pm - refreshments available – good prizes!

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

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

Lynda Creek, Churchwarden