

## Some dates for May 2012

Wed 2	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Mums and Tots (Methodist Hall)
Thur 3	8.00pm	Ground Floor Group (Vicarage)
Fri 4	3.30pm	Tea, chat and toys (Vicarage)
Sun 6	9.30am	Family Service (Offord)
	10:30am	Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
Wed 9	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Mums and Tots (Methodist Hall)
	10.15am	Coffee after Communion (LS Room)
	7.30pm	Deanery meeting with Bishop Stephen (St Mary's School, St Neots)
Fri 11	10.30am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning (Buckden Methodist Church Hall)
	3.30pm	Tea, chat and toys (Vicarage)
Sat 12	8.30am	Men's Breakfast in the Lion
Sun 13	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion (Offord)
	10:30am	Family Eucharist
	4.00pm	Stepping Stones
Mon 14	7.30pm	Buckden Churches Together meeting (Vicarage)
Tue 15	3.00pm	Holy Communion at Hardwick Dene
	7.30pm	Offord PCC (Offord Church Rooms)
Wed 16	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Mums and Tots (Methodist Hall)
	10.15am	Coffee after Communion (LS Room)
Thur 17		Ascension Day
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Holy Communion (Offord)
	8.00pm	Ground Floor Group (Vicarage)
Fri 18	3.30pm	Tea, chat and toys (Vicarage)
Sun 20	9:30am	BCP Matins (Offord)
	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	4.00pm	Messy Church (Offord Church Rooms)
	6.00pm	BCP Evensong
Mon 21	10.00am	Buckden School Service (St Mary's)
Tue 22	11.00am	All Saints Spring Clean – all welcome
Wed 23	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Mums and Tots (Methodist Hall)
	10.15am	Coffee after Communion (LS Room)
Fri 25	2.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's
	3.30pm	Tea, chat and toys (Vicarage)
Sat 26	1.45pm	Wedding at St Mary's
Sun 27	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9:30am	Holy Communion (Offord)
	10:30am	Family Communion
		<i>'Teaching Communion' – no talk, but instead a reflective 'commentary' on the words and actions of the service.</i>
	4.30pm	Buckden & District Churches Together Church's Birthday Party Picnic and renewal of the covenant (Buckden Towers)
Wed 30	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Mums and Tots (Methodist Hall)
	10.15am	Coffee after Communion (LS Room)

**Coming soon...** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.30am  
A special service of Choral Matins to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. If you have anything that you think would be of interest to the wider congregation relating to the Prayer book or the Jubilee, please contact Lorraine (811352) or Tim (819665), as we are also planning an exhibition.

## St Mary's The Parish Church of Buckden Newsletter, May 2012

Dear Friends

As a reader (and sometimes writer) of science fiction, the idea of imagining the future is something I've always found compelling. Yet, though even the youngest of us has already lived through huge changes in society and in technology, it remains challenging to imagine what the future may hold for us, as individuals, as a nation, as a world and as a church.

Bishop Stephen is asking us to engage in exactly that task of imagination, but not simply to make passive predictions about what may come to pass, but to take an active part in shaping the future. His document, 'Imagining the Future' is an invitation to talk together about what we see as the future of the church, particularly at a local level, and to reflect on what really matters about our life together as people of faith, and how we can best respond to the needs and opportunities around us.

The PCC and ministry meetings will certainly be engaging with this process, but it would be even better if the whole congregation were to contribute. Reading the document itself is a good start. You can ask me for a copy, or use one of the copies in the church library, or you can read it online at <http://elyimaginingthefuture.wordpress.com>.

Then, you can respond in various ways:

1. Talk about it over coffee after church – and write your ideas and responses on the paper copy on display in St Mary's.
2. Log on to the website above and leave your comments online
3. Tell any of the ministry team or PCC your insights, and share your questions.

We will be re-shaping our Mission Action Plan in response to Imagining the Future, so please do join in with the thinking that will help shape the future of the church in Buckden.

Yours in Christ

Ally



## Prayer Corner

**In the life of the local church, please pray for:**

- This year's wedding couples, and especially for Ross & Katie, and for Christopher and Kayleigh, getting married in St Mary's this month

**In the local community, please pray for:**

- Children and young people of our village, especially those preparing for exams

**In the wider world, please pray for:**

- The work of Christian Aid

## General Notices

### Parkinson's Charity UK

Many of St. Mary's congregation attended the lunch in aid of Parkinson's UK. £670 was raised. Thanks for your support and the many individuals and to Costcutter, Top Banana, Que Serra and the Lion for raffle prizes and donations..

## Christian Aid Week 13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May

### House to house collections

If you usually help with this, please collect your envelopes from the back of St Mary's (or, if you are unable to take part this year, let Ann Brittain know).

### Coffee Morning Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00-11.30am Buckden Methodist Hall

If you can help on the day, or if you have plants, raffle prizes, or items to donate for the stalls, please contact Karen Miles (810027) as soon as possible.

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Closing Date for May Newsletter: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.  
Items to Ken Gray by hand or by E Mail to:  
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We are now able to distribute the St Mary's newsletter by email. If you would like to receive your copy electronically, and haven't already told us, please be in touch. If you have already told us you're happy to go paperless, thank you! Electronic distribution saves paper (and, for those outside the parish, postage, too). The newsletter is also available to download from the church website. Please send your request by E Mail to Philip Mowat, Church Secretary at E Mail address: secretary@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

## St Mary's Fundraisers

Our next event is the ever popular **Safari Supper** on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.  
Please ring Patsy on 810041 to reserve tickets, numbers are limited.

## Living Stones & Church Funds

### Music at St Mary's 2012

Thanks to the Silver Swan Madrigal Group from Cambridge for giving us a delightful lunchtime concert on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Over £150 was raised for church funds. Ron asks that you let him know if another lunchtime concert would be appreciated.

The big concert this month is the annual Stageworks presentation. Always good and always well supported! Tickets from church, Costcutter or Que Serra.

Season tickets are now available from Ron for all six concerts – your support is appreciated!

### Concert dates for your diaries

- Fri May 18<sup>th</sup> **Stageworks**  
Another spectacular evening of songs from the shows with talented young students.
- Sat June 2<sup>nd</sup> Folk music with '**Pennyless**' - three lively musicians bringing Folk to the Folk.
- Fri June 8<sup>th</sup> **Ridley Hall Gospel Choir**  
Their first visit & our first Gospel Group.
- Sat June 16<sup>th</sup> **The Eagle Choir** from Bedford 'From Bach to Broadway' A return visit following their highly acclaimed concert of Karl Jenkins 'The Armed Man'.
- Sat Sept 15<sup>th</sup> '**Peterborough Young Singers**' – stylish & accomplished- a welcome return visit.
- Sat Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> '**Jazz and more....**' with Ally & Sam
- Details: Ron Ingamells 01480 811608**
- July 6<sup>th</sup>. **Music at Hoo Cottage**,  
"A journey to Russia" with the Colvilles new programme. Music by Sibelius, Grieg en route! Start 7.30pm  
**Details : Alan & Margaret Johnson 01480 812424**