

SAINT MARY'S BUTTSBURY NEWSLETTER



Services – AUTUMN 2014 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

All services are BCP unless otherwise stated.

7 September	8.45am	Holy Communion
14 ..	11.15am	Matins
21 ..	3.30pm	Harvest Festival
28 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
5 October	8.45am	Holy Communion
12 ..	11.15am	Matins
19 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
26 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
2 November	8.45am	Holy Communion
9 ..	3.30pm	REMEMBRANCE Service
16 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
23 ..	3.30pm	Evensong

THE INTERREGNUM

There is little to report. No applicant for the post of Associate Priest came forward as a result of the advert put on the Diocesan web site. An advertisement is being placed in the Church Times during September. It is critical that asking for God to send the right person should be part of our prayers and of the church. On 21 September at 3.30pm we celebrate Harvest Festival using the familiar service from the Country Services book. At 3.00pm that day you are invited to the church for a short period of prayer to be led by the Rev'd Patrick Sherring before the Harvest Festival service which will be followed by refreshments. Please keep the parishes of Margaretting, Mountnessing and Buttsbury in your daily prayers.

Our thanks go to the Rev'ds Patrick Sherring, John Brown and Jes Salt and Readers David Tee and Lesley Lynn who have been taking and continue to take our services during this time.

A WEDDING

The picture in this newsletter is of the marriage of Michael Cox and Sharon Cogdale on Saturday 23 August. It was a lovely occasion attended by some 44 family and friends and 10 members of the Buttsbury congregation. The Rev'd Jes Salt took the service and Claire Renowden played the piano. Michael and Sharon have been much valued members of the Buttsbury congregation for two or three years. Sharon has been helping with the flowers and Michael has not only been cutting the grass in the churchyard but has also painted the porch both inside and out. We wish them every happiness in their lives together and look forward to continuing fellowship with them.

HARVEST SUPPER

The harvest supper for the benefice will take place on Friday 3 October, 7 for 7.30pm, at Fitzwalters, Roman Road, Mountnessing by kind permission of Charles and Sarah Courage.

The menu will consist of shepherd's pie and apple crumble with custard; any dietary considerations should be discussed in advance with Sarah please. Tickets are on sale at £5 each and the usual arrangement whereby participants bring their own drinks, will apply. There is a maximum capacity of 34, so you are advised to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

OUR NEW CHURCHWARDEN

We warmly welcome Christopher Hayward as churchwarden. No warden had been elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 13 April so a letter was sent to all those on the electoral roll convening a further meeting on 25 May at which it was hoped to appoint a warden. Thankfully Chris came to volunteer and was duly elected. He is the only resident of the parish to be appointed for very many years. He is a busy man and will need our support.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday 28 September has again been appointed nationally as “**Back to church Sunday**”. There are many people in our communities who for one reason or another have lost touch or simply just stopped going to church. Christ has appointed us all to be his disciples and this is a golden opportunity to invite a neighbour or friend to join us.

17th CENTURY NUN'S PRAYER

LORD Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody: helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other's pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessing cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. AMEN

CYCLE RIDE

The annual cycle ride (or walk if you prefer) in support of the Friends of Essex Churches will take place on Saturday 13 September. One half of the money raised goes to the church nominated by the participants and the other half to the Friends of Essex Churches from whom Buttsbury Church has had a number of generous grants. Sponsorship forms may be obtained from Daphne Bishop.

BENEFICE SERVICE

There is no service in Buttsbury on Sunday 30 November. Instead there is a Benefice service in St Margarets Margareting at 10.00am.

OPEN AFTERNOON

The Open Afternoon at Buttsbury on 14 June was a success. It was a good social occasion and successful financially too. Takings after expenses were £497. Our grateful thanks go to all those who helped in any way and to those who came to support us.

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