

SAINT MARY'S BUTTSBURY NEWSLETTER



Services – AUTUMN 2016 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

All services are BCP unless otherwise stated.

4 September	8.45am	Holy Communion
11 ..	11.15am	Matins
18 ..	5 pm	Evensong with Communion
25 ..	5 pm	Harvest Festival
2 October	8.45am	Holy Communion
9 ..	11.15am	Matins
16 ..	5pm	Evensong with Communion
23 ..	5pm	Evensong
30 ..	9.30am	Benefice service St Giles
6 November	8.45am	Holy Communion
13 ..	3.30pm	REMEMBRANCE Service
20 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
27 ..	3.30pm	Evensong

CYCLE RIDE

The annual cycle ride (or walk if you prefer) in support of the Friends of Essex Churches will take place on Saturday 10 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 01245 442441 or on the Friends web site.

BENEFICE SERVICE

There is no service in Buttsbury on Sunday 30 October. Instead there is a Benefice service of Holy Communion in St Giles Mountnessing at 9.30am.

OPEN AFTERNOON

The Open Afternoon at Buttsbury on 11 June was a success. It was a good social occasion and successful financially too. Takings after expenses were £442. Our grateful thanks go to all those who helped in any way and to those who came to support us.

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Secretary	Vacancy	
Treasurer	Bryan Shedel	Tel: 352213
Flower Rota	Christine Makings	Tel: 840615
Sidesmen	Arline Leaves & Christine Makings	
Pianists	Jean Bourne	Tel: 840466
	Mary Cole	Tel: 840485
	Frank Hatch	Tel: 658186

SCRATCHING THE SURFACE!

Just last week I had to pop into Brentwood Hospital for a blood test. Having waited for five minutes or so a very kind nurse called me in and said "just a scratch you will not feel a thing". She was of course right on both accounts. Just a few weeks ago the results of the "In" or "Out" referendum became known. Just a scratch maybe but so much lying dormant just under the surface. Surely this has highlighted the need for us as a nation to ask the simple question who is my neighbour? Do we see the stranger or those in need, or those who are different or do we just walk by. Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan in response to the young man asking the same question who is my neighbour? The Samaritan had compassion, commitment, but there was a cost. May we all have compassion, commitment and be prepared to pay the cost.

Every blessing to you all

Revd Celia

REMBRANCE SUNDAY

It may seem a little early to refer to Remembrance Sunday but as this Newsletter announces the service perhaps we may be excused.

The Memorial which is on the West wall of the church is very unusual in that it records not only those of the parish who fell in the Great War but also those who served. Those who fell are recorded on the centre panel and those who served including those who fell are recorded on the two outside panels.

The Memorial was made by a Mr Woodward of whom the late Don Jarvis, historian of Stock, wrote: "When a death in the village occurred, often the first intimation of this would be the 'tap-tapping' or light hammering coming from the workshop of Mr Woodward of 'The Chestnuts'. Mr Woodward was a builder, but perhaps better known as the village undertaker, and the unmistakable sound of hammering as he fashioned a coffin would cause immediate

speculation as to which local inhabitant had died. This was in the days when Stock was a very quiet village before the days of thundering road traffic, when sounds such as hammering would be carried throughout the village. Residents of Stock would not have dreamed of having a coffin made outside the village. Mr Woodward made the coffin, and also conducted the funeral processions which

were usually made on foot with the coffin on a large-wheeled hand bier pushed by one or perhaps two of the bearers, with Mr Woodward himself in top hat etc leading the procession.

Mr Woodward also had other talents. He was an expert wood carver as well as being a church organist, walking to St Mary Buttsbury every Sunday. The 1914-18 War Memorial in the church is an example of his work the unveiling having taken place in September 1920.

As a builder he also carried out many repairs to the church and discovered and opened up one window which had been bricked up for many years. He is interred in Buttsbury churchyard. His wife worshipped at the Congregational church."

It must be remembered that the parish of Buttsbury then included a large part of what is now Stock.

The reference to an organ in the church is interesting. It was probably a small hand pumped one which has long since disappeared.

The Woodward grave is to be found to the left of the path leading to the church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 25th September - tea in church afterwards. Do come.

A NOTABLE QUOTE

"Another most obvious thing in my life was that there was an in-built connection to the Head Office., which other people call prayer. It's like having a telephone, and it works. From the start I took it for granted. I guess that I was fortunate, because most people are conditioned against it. But I also feel that it's very natural, because every tribe of natural people has known it.

As far back as I can remember, I talked to the creator and he talked back, and it was just like hearing music in my head. I doubted my own identity, because people told me there no Indians, that the Indians in cowboy movies were really white people. I doubted all things but music and prayer."

American Indian)

Buffy Sainte Marie (A North American Indian)