

# ***SAINT MARY'S BUTTSBURY NEWSLETTER***



Thank you to Robert Fletcher for this photo of St Mary's Buttsbury taken Feb 2013

## **SPRING 2019**

### **Services – March/April/May**

*All services are BCP unless otherwise stated*

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|----|-------|----------|---|
| 3  | March | 8.30am   | Holy Communion  |
| 10 | ..    | 11.15am  | Matins  |
| 17 | ..    | 3.30pm   | Evensong with Communion                                   |
| 24 | ..    | 3.30pm   | Evensong  |
| 31 | ..    | 9.30am   | Mothering Sunday - Benefice service St Giles Mountnessing |
| 7  | April | 8.30am   | Holy Communion  |
| 14 | ..    | 11.15 am | Matins – Palm Sunday                                      |
| 21 | ..    | 3.30pm   | Evensong with Communion                                   |
| 28 | ..    | 3.30pm   | Evensong  |
| 5  | May   | 8.30am   | Holy Communion  |
| 12 | ..    | 11.15am  | Matins  |
| 19 | ..    | 3.30pm   | Evensong with Communion                                   |
| 26 | ..    | 3.30pm   | Evensong – Rogation Sunday                                |

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

The Annual Meetings will be held on **Sunday 28 April** in the church immediately following Evensong. Tea and biscuits will be served. The meetings are important in the life of the church as not only are Reports and Accounts of the past year presented but the meetings also have the responsibility of electing Churchwardens, Sidesmen and Parochial Church Councillors for the ensuing year.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Buttsbury Church Open Day – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Open Day with church flowers, cream teas, stalls, including one from our neighbour Remus and games for the young at heart,

### **PHOTOS and PAINTINGS of ST MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY**

Thank you for your photos and paintings of St Mary's Buttsbury please keep them coming it would be good to have a selection of photos taken through the seasons. If you would like to submit an image to our collection for consideration and possible future use please forward a digital copy via email to [v-george@sky.com](mailto:v-george@sky.com)

### **CHURCH OFFICERS**

|                     |                                   |                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Priest -in-Charge   | Rev'd Patrick Sherring            | Tel: 352562       |
| Curate              | Rev'd Matt Houghton               | Tel: 01245 475724 |
| Licensed lay Reader | Tim Lee                           | Tel: 216583       |
| Churchwarden        | Christopher Hayward               | Tel: 356836       |
| Deputy Churchwarden | Trevor Reeves                     | Tel: 07595826300  |
| Secretary           | Vicky George (nee Razzell)        | Tel: 01621 850730 |
| 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       |

## THE REV'D MATT HOUGHTON

On 10th February at the morning service in Ingatestone Parish Church the Rev'd Matt Houghton was licenced as assistant curate to Ingatestone with Fryerning and Margaretting with Mountnessing and Buttsbury. Matt has been serving as curate in Great Baddow and now comes to us until May 2020 to complete his curacy. We look forward to welcoming him to Buttsbury and to his ministry with us.

## CHURCH REPAIRS

After a long and difficult process we eventually received a licence from natural England to carry out the repairs to the church building. The licence requires the work on the interior and the roof to be completed by the end of March. The scaffolding both inside and outside the building was erected during the first week of February. The plaster repairs to the inside of the roof has begun. The major repair is to the plaster on the North side of the nave East gable which is cracked and in danger of falling. The plaster on the South side of the nave East gable was restored some years ago. The architect has been up the scaffolding and has drawn up a detailed schedule of work to be done to the tower. The lower weather boards have to be removed and most of the base plate (the wooden beam fixed horizontally to the top of the brick structure which forms the bottom half of the tower and provides the foundation of the upper wooden part of the tower) has to be replaced as much of it has rotted away. Regrettably the church building will for security and safety reasons be locked whilst the repairs are in progress. Sunday services will continue unchanged.

## INGATESTONE CHURCHES TOGETHER

### Lent Ecumenical Group

The group meets at 7.45 each Wednesday in Lent in Ingatestone Parish church. The course is entitled "Daring to see God Now" written by Bishop Nick Baines and will comprise a hymn, a prayer and with contributions on CD from four others followed by discussion in groups. All are welcome whether to all or just one or two of the meetings which end at 9.30pm.

## A Book of Meditations for Lent

Ingatestone Churches Together has again produced a book of short meditations contributed by the ministers and members of the congregations from all the local churches. This inevitably means that there is a diversity of approaches, which helps in making each reading and reflection fresh and interesting. Copies are available in the church.

## Good Friday - 19 April

There is the usual three hour devotion in Ingatestone commencing with stations of the cross in the Catholic Church at 12 noon followed by a procession of Witness, pausing at the Elim and United Reformed Churches for short acts of worship, to arrive at the Parish Church by 1.00pm where there will first be a Family Service followed by a more formal act of worship for the last hour. All are welcome to all or just part of the devotion.

## CHRISTian poetry – by deborah ann

<https://poetrybydeborahann.wordpress.com/>

Lord, I am ready, for Springtime to begin  
for new growth to produce from within.

I'm ready for winters, dead wood to be pruned  
I'm ready to be trimmed so we are more in tuned.

I'm ready for the sun, to melt the winter snow  
I'm ready for Your grace to multiply and grow.

I'm ready for the warmth, to penetrate the cold  
I'm ready to be for You someone fresh and bold.

I'm ready for the chance, to blossom and flourish  
I'm ready for Spring to renew and nourish!