

# **SAINT MARY'S BUTTSBURY NEWSLETTER**



## **SUMMER 2014 Services – JUNE/JULY/AUGUST**

1 June	8.45am	Holy Communion
8 ..	11.15am	Matins
15 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
22 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
29 ..	3.30pm	Benefice Evensong
6 July	8.45am	Holy Communion
13 ..	11.15am	Matins
20. ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
27 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
3 August	8.45am	Lammastide Holy Communion
10 ..	11.15am	Matins
17 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
24 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
31 ..	10.00am	Service at Margaretting

## **SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

This, being the fifth Sunday, is Benefice Sunday. There will be no service at Buttsbury but in its place a Benefice service at 10.00am in St Margaret's Margaretting.

## **CHURCH OPEN DAY Saturday 14th June**

This year the Open Day will be different again. Those who have helped in previous years are not getting any younger and many are finding a full day's attendance too exhausting; so in place of a full day this year's event will be for half a day. Instead of ploughman's lunches, cream teas will be served. There will be activities for children of all ages and of course the flower decorations are sure to be as beautiful as ever.

## **LAUGHTER IN PARISH NOTES**

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break forth into Joy".

## **CHURCH OFFICERS**

Priest-in-Charge	Vacancy	
Churchwardens	Vacancies	
Deputy Churchwarden	Trevor Reeves	Tel: 07595826300
Secretary	Vacancy	
Treasurer	Bryan Shedel	Tel: 352213
Flower Rota	Christine Makings	Tel: 840615
Sidesmen	John Bishop, Arline Leaves	
	Christine Makings & Betty Weavers	
Pianists	Jean Bourne	Tel: 840466
	Mary Cole	Tel: 840485
	Frank Hatch	Tel: 658186

## MUSIC IN CHURCH

Music plays an important part in worship in church. At our Matins and Evensong services we sing hymns canticles and psalms. We may be small in number but music at these services enhances our worship and we sing enthusiastically.

The canticles and psalms are the same that have been used for many centuries. The words have been used in many churches and cathedrals, monasteries and convents over the centuries so, as we use these in our services, we have a connection not only with those who have worshipped in Buttsbury church, but churches across the country.

We are very fortunate to have the Vesper Singers lead by Bruce Pennick joining us at the church on the 29<sup>th</sup> June when we will have Choral Evensong at 3.30 pm followed by refreshments. This is an opportunity to hear this ancient service sung beautifully in a very special church.

## THE INTERREGNUM

On 27 May representatives from all three churches in the Benefice will meet with the Archdeacon to discuss the way forward there having been no applicants for the recently advertised post.

## NEWS FROM DIOCESAN SYNOD

In November the General Synod gave its first consideration to and passed the new draft Measure and draft amending Canon to provide for women to become Bishops in the Church of England. In February, General Synod issued the statement from the House of Bishops on the proposals for the draft declaration and regulations establishing a dispute resolution procedure. All Dioceses are discussing these proposals and their views and the draft Measures would then be considered by the General Synod later in 2014, with the potential for final approval within the same year.

The proposed new Measure repeals the 1993 legislation on women priests and makes it lawful for the ordination of women and men to the office of Bishop and priest. The House of Bishops would put

together arrangements for those parishes that, for theological reasons, cannot accept the ministry of women ordained as priests or Bishops and set out a procedure for the resolution of disputes arising from these arrangements.

The Diocesan Synod was asked to debate and vote upon the motion: *That this Synod approve the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and draft Amending Canon no 33.* Following discussion the motion was passed.

If the majority of Diocesan Synods approve the draft legislation, it will return to the General Synod in July 2014 for the final drafting stage. The Final Approval stage, at which two-thirds majorities are required in each House, may also be taken in July. If approved, the Measure will then go to Parliament for consideration by the Ecclesiastical Committee and approval by both Houses of Parliament.

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The annual meetings were held on 13 April. In her Churchwarden's Report Daphne thanked those members of the congregation who have continued to clean the church and to labour in the churchyard clearing graves, cutting hedges, strimming grass, burning rubbish, and keeping the grass of the car park cut. Thanks were also given to all those who give so much of their time and energy to make Buttsbury such a lovely place; to those who arrange the flowers, to those who unlock and lock the church each day, to those who play the piano, to those who take the services, to those who read the lessons and of course to those who make it all worthwhile by attending the services and coming here to pray.

The Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013 showed an excess of expenditure over income on unrestricted funds of £1,212. However there were donations of £550 to increase the restoration fund to £1,040.

The Electoral Roll now numbered 24 of whom 20 were not resident in the parish.

The members of the PCC for the ensuing year are Daphne Bishop, Margaret Giles, Barbara Hewitt, Arline Leaves, Trevor Reeves as deputy warden and Bryan Shedel as Treasurer.



