

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



## **SUMMER 2018**

### **Services – JUNE/JULY/AUGUST**

All services are BCP unless otherwise stated

3 June	8.30am	Holy Communion
10 ..	11.15am	Matins
17 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
24 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
1 July	8.30am	Holy Communion
8 ..	11.15am	Matins
15 ..	3.30 pm	Evensong with the Vesper Singers
22 ..	3.30 pm	Evensong
29 ..	3.30am	Lammas Benefice service
5 August	8.30am	Holy Communion
12 ..	11.15am	Matins
19 ..	3.30 pm	Evensong with Communion
26 ..	3.30 pm	Evensong

### **CHURCH OPEN AFTERNOON Saturday 14th July**

This year the Open Day will again be a half day - from 2.00 - 4.30pm. There will be cream teas served by Alison Hayward and others, some stalls, a raffle, activities for children of all ages and of course the flower decorations are sure to be as beautiful as ever.

### **EVENSONG Sunday 15th July**

Evensong will be sung by the Vesper Singers led by Bruce Pennick. We are honoured that this talented choir are coming to enhance our service again.

### **BENEFICE SERVICE**

The Benefice service on 29th July will be a celebration of Lammas taken by the Rev'd Janet Nicholls, the Diocesan Rural Advisor and Agricultural Chaplain.

### **CHURCH OFFICERS**

Priest-in-Charge	Rev'd Patrick Sherring	Tel: 352562
Churchwarden	Christopher Hayward	Tel: 356836
Deputy Churchwarden	Trevor Reeves	Tel: 07595826300
Flower Rota	Christine Makings	Tel: 840615
PCC Secretary	Vacancy	
Treasurer	Bryan Shedel	Tel: 352213
Sidesmen	Arline Leaves & Christine Makings	
Pianists	Jean Bourne	Tel: 840466
	Mary Cole	Tel: 840485

## **THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

The annual meetings were held following Evensong on 22 April. Chris Hayward was re-elected Churchwarden. The PCC members elected were Trevor Reeves as chairman, Alison Hayward as Safeguarding Officer, Margaret Giles and Bryan Shedel as Treasurer.

## **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING**

In his report Chris referred to the resurfacing of the path leading from the road to the porch by Edward Knapp who being asked for a quote to do the work had sent his men along to do the job at his own expense for which we were truly grateful. Chris then referred to the repairs including work to the turret for which a faculty was being sought. During the year a watercolour of the interior of the church had been bequeathed to the church. This is currently in Ingatestone rectory and it is planned to have a facsimile made to hang in the church. Chris thanked Margaret Giles for her unstinting work in the churchyard, Christine and her flower ladies for all that they do and whose flowers add so much to the beauty of our church and worship and are so much appreciated by those who visit for quiet and private prayer and also thanked our talented pianists Jean and Mary who play for us.

Chris went on to speak about the Parish Share. As most of you will know this is the amount payable to the Diocese to pay mostly for the priests and their training but also for the Archdeacons, other officers and administrators etc including the architects who carry out the quinquennial inspections of every church in the diocese. Of the five parishes in the two benefices, only Fryerning had paid their full share in full, and that was out of reserves. Buttsbury had paid about half of its share and this was more than some others. Chris went on to say that people give in many ways, not just money, but also time, but we do need money to pay bills, there is a cost to providing services, there is a cost to having clergy, there is a cost to repairs. It is easy to give what we have always given over years, without appreciating that over the years the value of what we give has declined. We should all

consider how much we give, and ideally increase it, and it is also of great assistance to the parish if giving is regular, by way of standing order. Giving only when one attends church can result in a fluctuating and uncertain income. In discussion with others, please would you urge those who don't regularly attend the services but support the church, to give regularly through a standing order, and when we are making our Wills, it would be helpful to consider a legacy to the church.

Chris ended his report by thanking all who have given freely of their time in supporting St Mary's and our worship. Without that support we would not be able to keep this very special church open for private prayer and worship. He also thanked all of the congregation who assist with setting up on Sundays and with clearing away at the end of services.

## **DATA PROTECTION ACT - Policy**

Buttsbury PCC holds personal data in various forms and for various purposes. These include those required by Law such as the registers of banns, marriages and burials which are available for public inspection on payment of a fee; certificates from the Disclosure & Barring Service held by the Safeguarding Officer and not available for public viewing; Names and addresses held by the treasurer given for the purpose of reclaiming Gift Aid Tax and provided only to HM Revenue and Customs; Names and addresses of those on the Electoral Roll and Names and addresses, including e-mail addresses, of those who have requested copies of the Newsletter. No consent is required for holding any of this data.

The PCC will not use, share or sell any information for any purpose other than that for which it is given.

## **TIME FOR A SMILE**

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget to bring your husbands."