

SAINT MARY'S BUTTSBURY NEWSLETTER



Services – AUTUMN 2019 SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

All services are BCP unless otherwise stated.

1 September	8.30am	Holy Communion
8 ..	11.15am	Matins
15 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
22 ..	3.30pm	Harvest Festival
29 ..	10am	Benefice at St Margaret's Church Margaretting
6 October	8.30am	Holy Communion
13 ..	11.15am	Matins
20 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
27 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
3 November	8.30am	Holy Communion
10 ..	3.30pm	REMEMBRANCE Service
17 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
24 ..	3.30pm	Evensong

THE BRIGHT FIELD

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying
on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

R.S.Thomas

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CHURCH REPAIRS

We are delighted to report the recent major repair programme is now complete. There are a few snagging problems under review and final sign off will be in November.

Do you ever look up when you visit St Mary's Church Buttsbury? If you do you may notice, we have a good number of resident spiders. The professional advice during the restoration was the spiders should remain undisturbed to continue their help in protecting the churches timbers from other wildlife which share the same area.

OPEN AFTERNOON

On the Hottest day of the year! Although not as many people attended as in previous years possibly because of the exceptionally hot weather we still exceeded last year's takings. In all £823.45 was raised which made the occasion not just a good social occasion but also a financial success. Our thanks to all those who helped in any way and to those who came to support us..

HARVEST FESTIVAL 22nd SEPTEMBER

Buttsbury's harvest festival will be held in the church on Sunday 23rd September at 3.30pm. Tea and cake will be served in the church afterwards.

A PRAYER FOR NOW

Try a few deep breaths, and saying this prayer, one phrase at a time between breaths.

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know

Be still

Be.

Richard Rohr, Everything Belongs, the Gift of Contemplative Prayer.

BUTTSBURY CHURCH –THE SACRAMENT OF THE PRESENT MOMENT

For those who worship in Buttsbury Church on Sundays, it is a treasured place of traditional Church of England worship. We have our Book of Common Prayer books and familiar hymns.

Yet in a sense we are only part of the congregation. For our many daytime visitors and pilgrims - 'welcome', - do stop awhile and may the stone walls, the light and the silence here be your prayer book. And may we offer you a moment of refreshment in this island of peace that is Buttsbury Church.

We all live in a world of ever-increasing distractions. There is no 'now' in our lives, now present moment, only the endlessly increasing demands of tomorrow. Yet at heart we instinctively know we are missing out on something that is often only half-remembered, deeply desired but so rarely experienced.

Richard Rohr writes, 'The contemplative secret is to learn to live in the now. The now is not as empty as it might appear to be, or that we fear it may be.. yet everything is right here, right now. And God is in this moment in a non-blaming way.

Our moments are not tasted or full or real or in the Presence: we are never full – we create artificial fullness and try and hang onto that. We have to try and control everything.

But know this', he writes, 'things are okay as they are. This moment is as perfect as it can be. The saints call this the 'sacrament of the present moment.'*

May this 'sacrament' be yours today.

Tim Lee

BENEFACTICE SERVICE

There is no service in Buttsbury on Sunday 29 September. Instead there is a Benefice service at St Maraget's Margareting at 10.00am.