

SAINT MARY'S BUTTSBURY NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2013 Services – JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

2 June	8.45am	Holy Communion
9 ..	11.15am	Matins
16 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
23 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
30 ..	3.30pm	Benefice Evensong
7 July	8.45am	Holy Communion
14 ..	11.15am	Matins
21. ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
28 ..	3.30pm	Evensong
4 August	8.45am	Lammastide Holy Communion
11 ..	11.15am	Matins
18 ..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
25 ..	3.30pm	Evensong

CHURCH OPEN DAY Saturday 22nd June

This year the Open Day will be different. 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. For the third year running we are to have a display of pictures on view and for sale painted by members of an art group based in Billericay. For those who have no alternative transport to the church a free wheelchair accessible minibus will run continuously to the church from Mountnessing, Ingatestone and Margaretting. Starting at 1.30pm pick up points are the Village hall Mountnessing, the Black Bull Margaretting and the marketplace Ingatestone. If you need a door to door service please phone Bryan on 352213.

LAUGHTER IN PARISH NOTES

At the evening service tonight the sermon will be "What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Priest-in-Charge	Rev'd Jean Halliday	Tel: 354359
Churchwarden	Daphne Bishop	Tel: 01245 400136
Deputy Churchwarden	Trevor Reeves	Tel: 07595826300
Secretary	Arline Leaves	Tel: 653604
Treasurer	Bryan Shedel	Tel: 352213
Flower Rota	Christine Makings	Tel: 840615
Sidesmen	Frances Baggott, John Bishop, Arline Leaves	
	Christine Makings & Betty Weavers	
Pianists	Jean Bourne	Tel: 840466
	Mary Cole	Tel: 840485
	Frank Hatch	Tel: 658186

A MESSAGE FROM THE REV'D JEAN HALLIDAY

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 30th 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 Bishop of Bradwell, the Rt Rev'd John Wraw will be at our service on the 2nd June. He will be preaching and you will have an opportunity to talk to Bishop John after the service before we leave to go on to another service.

Bishop John has been in the Diocese for over a year and he is arranging to visit all the parishes in the Bradwell area and I am sure he will be given a warm welcome.

In the hope that we actually have sunshine soon, I hope you have a good summer.

There is a note book in the church for names of people we pray for. If you have anyone who is unwell or going through a rough time, please add their name in the book and they will be prayed for each week during the services.

Revd Jean

THE REV'D CANON JOHN BROWN

We welcome the return of John Brown who officiated at our Communion services quite regularly whilst we were last in interregnum and who will officiate at our Evensong with Communion service on 16 June when Jean will be on holiday.

HAPPENINGS IN THE BRENTWOOD DEANERY

The Rev'd Chris Goldsmith who many of us remember coming to Buttsbury during the last interregnum when Vicar of Warley Christchurch has recently been appointed Bishop of Truro.

Deanery Synod and indeed parishes too are discussing a paper *Re-imagining Ministry in the Diocese of Chelmsford* which has been prepared in the light of the decreasing number of stipendiary clergy in the Diocese. In 2009 there were 339 such appointments in the Diocese. In 2016 there are expected to be 292 and in 2025 215 such posts. The numbers for our Bradwell area are 109, 95 and 70 respectively. There is no aim to close churches. Parishes are likely to be grouped together to share incumbents and there will be greater involvement of the laity.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The annual meetings were held on 24 March. Daphne Bishop was re-elected churchwarden for the ensuing year. Trevor Reeves was appointed deputy churchwarden. In her Report Daphne thanked those members of the congregation who have continued 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 clean the church, 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 2012 showed an excess of expenditure over income of £199.

Betty Weavers reported that the Electoral Roll now numbered 20 of whom 16 were not resident in the parish.

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