

SAINT MARY'S BUTTSBURY NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2016 Services – JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

5 June	8.45am	Holy Communion
12 ..	11.15am	Matins
19 ..	5 pm	Evensong with Communion
26 ..	5 pm	Evensong
3 July	8.45am	Holy Communion
10 ..	11.15am	Matins
17 ..	5 pm	Evensong with Communion
24 ..	5 pm	Evensong
31 ..	9.30am	Benefice Lammastide service Margaretting
7 August	8.45am	Holy Communion
14 ..	11.15am	Matins
21 ..	5 pm	Evensong with Communion
28 ..	5 pm	Evensong

CHURCH OPEN AFTERNOON Saturday 11th June

This year the Open Day will again be a half day - from 2.00 - 4.30pm. There will be cream teas served by Arline Leaves 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.

BENEFICE SERVICES

At St Mary Buttsbury Sunday 29 May at 3.30pm when Evensong will be sung by the Vesper Singers led by Bruce Pennick.

At St Margaret's Margaretting Sunday 31 July at 9.30am. No service in Buttsbury this day.

CHURCH OFFICERS

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SERVANT HEART

Splendour and majesty, loyalty and devotion, service and humility, just a few words that in some small way help us to know a little better our Queen. Already this summer there have been many words and indeed programmes that have taken us behind the scenes, and given us an insight into whom the Queen is and what she does: what an amazing women. As we gather in our community here we join with so many up and down the country to celebrate her amazing life and reign.

That alone surely should be enough, but there is even more to Elizabeth, she is Supreme Governor of the Church of England and a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, in her message of Christmas 2002 she said these words "I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all the day brings, and to put my trust in God...I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."

What an example to us of a life well lived for others, as she follows the example of Jesus Christ his love, his humility and his sacrifice for all. May we all remember some of these words as we celebrate together in June.

Every blessing to you all

Revd Celia

EVENSONG

There has been a suggestion that Evensong would more conveniently be held later in the day than 3.30pm. This was discussed at the May PCC meeting and it was agreed that Evensong should continue to be at 3.30pm during the darker evenings but be at 5pm for the remainder of the year during the summer months. Consequently, starting in June, Evensong will be at 5pm whilst the clocks are set to British Summer Time and at 3.30pm whilst the clocks are set to Greenwich Mean Time.

TREVOR'S MARATHON

Last year Trevor, our deputy churchwarden, ran the London marathon raising £90 for church funds. This year he has run the Paris marathon raising over £150 (which with the attributable gift aid becomes £200) for church funds. He has our heartfelt thanks and congratulations for this wonderful performance.

LAMBING

The Lambing Day at White Tyrrells on 9 April was a great success. A goodly number turned up and there were plenty of youngsters willing to bottle feed the lambs. It was a financial success too, raising over £350 for church funds. Our thanks go to our churchwarden Chris and his wife Alison for organising and hosting this event.

THE EASTER GARDEN

For some years we have had the pleasure of an Easter garden created by our flower ladies in the porch. This year was exceptional as at the other end of the porch there were the three crosses on a hill, an inspired addition to earlier years. Our thanks are due in particular to Christine and Alison.

WILD FLOWERS

Have you noticed that the churchyard is beginning to be host to a variety of wild flowers? Margaret Giles has over the last year or so been introducing and encouraging varieties of wild flowers into the churchyard which is making it more interesting and beautiful. We are most grateful.

SONG CYCLE

Evensong on 22 May was a delight. The four members of Song Cycle sang Evensong with us (actually we the congregation sang only the hymns and they did the rest). We look forward to their return.