

SAINT MARY'S BUTTSBURY NEWSLETTER



Services – DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY WINTER 2012/13

2	December	8.45am	Holy Communion
9	..	11.15am	Matins
16	..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
23	..	3.30pm	Family Crib Service
25	..	8.45am	Holy Communion
30	..	3.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
6	January	8.45am	Holy Communion
13	..	11.15am	Matins
17	..	2.00pm	Service for Christian Unity
20	..	3.30pm	Plough Sunday service
27	..	3.30pm	Evensong
3	February	8.45am	Holy Communion
10	..	11.15am	Matins
17	..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
24	..	3.30pm	Evensong

CHURCH CLEANING

Have you an hour or two to spare and would like to help keep our little church clean? **IF SO WE NEED YOU!**

All you have to bring is a duster and polish to make the furniture shine, the broom and dustpan are already there.

Please give Daphne a ring on 01245 400136; She will be delighted to hear from you.

THE MOTORIST'S PRAYER

LORD, grant me a steady hand and watchful eye,
That no man may be hurt when I pass by.
Thou givest life; I pray no act of mine
May take away, or mar, this act of thine.
Save those, dear LORD, who bear me company
From shock and pain, and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others' need,
Nor miss through love of speed
The beauty of this world; that so I may
With joy and courtesy go on my way.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Priest-in-charge	The Rev'd Jean Halliday	Tel: 354359
Churchwardens	Daphne Bishop	Tel: 01245 400136
	Vacancy	
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 SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR YOU

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book
And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look
And that is when I realize that these names are part
Not of the book they've been written in, but really in my heart
For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path some time,
And in that meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme.
And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,
I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name
And while you may not be aware of any special "link",
Just meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you think.
For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.
So never think your Christmas cards are just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between,
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,
It is because you're on the list that I'm indebted to,
For you are the total of the many folks I've met,
And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget,
And whether I've known you for many years or few,
In some way you have had a part in shaping things I do,
And every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew.
The best gifts life can offer, is meeting folks like you.
And may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures
Leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours.

SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS

There is a crib service including a Christingle element on Sunday 23 December at 3.30pm in place of Evensong. It will be a great occasion for all but particularly for children and their parents and grandparents.

Christmas is celebrated at Buttsbury with Holy Communion at 8.45am on 25 December to welcome the Christ child into our hearts and on Sunday 30 December at our Carols by Candlelight service to express our joy at His coming. Shenfield Parish Church choir is joining us and so that they may more easily read their music the service will start at **3.00pm** (NOT 3.30pm). The collections on Christmas Day will be given to children in need.

CHRISTMAS EVE

There is Holy Communion at St Margaret's Margareting at 11pm.

INGATESTONE & FRYERNING CHURCHES TOGETHER

On New Years Eve there will be a service in Ingatestone Parish Church at 6pm to which all are welcome. Afterwards, at 7.15pm, there will be a display of fireworks in the field next the Church.

There will be a service each day for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the week commencing 14 January. The service in Buttsbury will be at 2pm on Thursday 17 January at which the Revd Patrick Sherring will officiate.

CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

Crisis will again in shelters throughout central London be providing warmth, welcome and support at Christmas to some of the most vulnerable and isolated people in London. Guests are offered somewhere to stay, three hot meals a day, healthcare, someone to talk to, advice and assistance in getting accommodation and like most people at this time of year – some fun. **Donations of the following may be left in the church on Sunday 2 and Sunday 9 December; Food** (use by date June or later) tinned soup, baked beans,

Tinned vegetables, tinned fish, ham or chicken, tins of powdered potatoes, Tea bags (no flavoured or decaf please) instant coffee (no decaf please) tins of assorted biscuits **Toiletries** soap, tooth brushes & tooth paste, Roll on Deodorant (non aerosol) & new towels: **Stationery** art and craft materials **Kitchen** Rolls of foil or cling film and last but not least **Money** for fresh milk and vegetables etc.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Our thanks go to Carla and Trevor, Margaret and Bryan who between them raised £260 for the Friends of Essex Churches on 8th September. Half of the money raised comes to Buttsbury. Thanks too to the sponsors.

**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS
A BLESSED AND JOYFUL CHRIST**