

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



Services – DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY **WINTER 2014/15**

All services are BCP unless otherwise stated

7	December	8.45am	Holy Communion
14	..	11.15am	Matins
21	..	3.00pm	Family Crib Service
25	..	8.45am	Holy Communion
28	..	3.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
4	January	8.45am	Holy Communion
11	..	11.15am	Plough Sunday service
18	..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
25	..	3.30pm	Evensong
1	February	8.45am	Holy Communion
8	..	11.15am	Matins
15	..	3.30pm	Evensong with Communion
22	..	3.30pm	Evensong

BENEFICE SERVICE 30TH NOVEMBER

Please note that the last Newsletter incorrectly stated that the benefice service on Sunday 30th November would be held at Margaretting. It will be held in St Giles Mountnessing at 9.30am where it was originally planned.

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.

A service for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held on Wednesday 21 January at 8pm in St Mary and St Edmund, Ingatestone.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Our thanks go to Margaret, Trevor and Bryan who between them raised £200 for the Friends of Essex Churches on 13th September. Half of the money raised comes to Buttsbury. Thanks too to the sponsors and to those of our congregation who provided refreshments for those riders who visited our church.

CHURCH OFFICERS

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WAR'S WASTED WEALTH

In this centenary year of the start of the first world war our thoughts have turned to those who gave their lives not only there but in other conflicts.

In 1877 Mr Henry Richard, M.P., during the war between Russia and Turkey, stated what he would do if he had all the money spent in war. James Shepherd, a Chelmsford poet, put his statement into verse.

O give me the whole of the money that war
Has cost, with its carnage and woe;
And every square foot of the world I will buy,
And many more things I will do:-

I will clothe every man and woman and child.
In raiment that princes might wear;
I will build a school-house upon every hill side,
And the same in each valley I'll rear.

I will build an academy in every town,
And endow them, most richly, as well;
A college I'll build for each state in the world,
These with able professors I'll fill.

I will crown every hill, with as noble a church,
As the worship of God ever knew:-
Where the *Gospel of Peace* may be always proclaimed,
And doctrine be taught that is *true*.

I'll supply every pulpit with preachers devout,-
All able and worthy to teach
The precepts of *Righteousness*, leading their flocks
To practise the truths which they teach.

So that, Sabbath by Sabbath, the chime on one hill
Should answer the chimes on the rest;
And, all the circumference of the wide world
Should resound with the songs of the blest.

And the voice of their prayers, and the song of their praise
To our Father in Heaven should ascend:-
All this,-and much more, I would do, -if I had
All the money that warriors spend.

THE INTERREGNUM

There is still no news of a new priest for the Benefice. The September advertisement in the *Church Times* produced not a single applicant. What a pity that Henry Richard did not have his wish fulfilled in 1877 as then we might now have candidates. We should continue to pray that someone will find a call to serve in our communities.

SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS

There is a crib service including a Christingle element on Sunday 21 December at **3.00pm** (not 3.30pm) in place of Evensong. It will be a great occasion for all but particularly for children and their parents and grandparents. The collection at the crib service will be given to The Children's Society.

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 28 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).

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 7 and Sunday 14 December; Food** (use by date beyond 15 January) tinned soup, baked beans, tinned fruit, tinned fish, ham or chicken, instant coffee (no decaf please) tins of assorted biscuits, chocolate bars **Toiletries** soap, razors, tooth brushes & tooth paste, Roll on Deodorant (non aerosol) & new towels: and last but not least **Money** for fresh milk and vegetables etc.

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