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## **BUCKLEY BULLETIN: No 389**

Is it November already? As I write, the trees are still lovely with their various coloured leaves, although they begin to drop now; the sun is blazing down but has limited heat – and they say snow is a maybe! Now we have altered the clocks, sadly it is the start of long dark evenings but it is also the run-up to Advent and Christmas ..... and not forgetting our second Tree Festival.

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### **SHOEBOXES**

It has been another successful year for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal at Buckley. We held the Shoebox Service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October when 150 boxes were displayed, all beautifully and lovingly filled. The boxes will be sent first to Hoyland, the local Collection Centre. From there they will travel to Doncaster for packing onto lorries that will go to ports. It is not yet known where the



shoeboxes will be distributed - it could be Eastern Europe, Africa or Central Asia.

We have been most fortunate, and are very grateful, for all the gifts given. It was quite a mammoth job and thanks to all who have helped get them complete.

It must be wonderful to see the children's faces when they open their boxes. Thank you again – we couldn't have done it without you.

### **NOVEMBER DIARY:**

|                       |         |                                                               |
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| Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> | 10.15am | Writers' Group                                                |
| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 10am    | Coffee Morning (weekly)                                       |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.30am | <b>NO SERVICE AT BUCKLEY:</b> Joint Service at Pogmoor Church |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 2pm     | Ladies' Group (weekly)                                        |
| Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am | Preacher: Ray Taylor: <b>Special Remembrance Service</b>      |
| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am | Preacher: Rev Cameron Stirk: Communion Service                |
| Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am | Preacher: Janet Crossley: ( <u>Service in Schoolroom</u> )    |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>  |         | Tree Festival preparation                                     |

Please find out when the church will be open this week – lots to do – lots of help needed in so many ways.

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 10am "Music" Tree Festival opens

### **DECEMBER**

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 10am-4pm Tree Festival and Christmas Fayre  
Refreshments will be served throughout the day

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Preacher: Rev Cameron Stirk  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent: Candle 1 to be lit

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|                      | 12 – 4pm | Tree Festival open                                            |
| Sun 9th              |          | Christmas Postbox available for your cards for Church Members |
| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am  | Carol Service                                                 |
|                      | 11.45am  | Refreshments and distribution of cards                        |
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 10am     | Christmas Coffee Morning                                      |
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 3pm      | Preacher: Rev Ben Scriven<br>Christingle Service              |

**November Flowers: Thank you for your donations and to Mary Melling for her work, week by week.**

11<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Mann    18<sup>th</sup> Gladys Milner    25<sup>th</sup> Pat Paddon

The calendar shows we have a busy time ahead. We look forward to seeing you at these celebrations. Please share the dates and pass the invitation round about the **Music Tree Festival** – it promises to be a very special event.

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### WHITE CHAPEL MISSION

Recently we had a visit from John Mann, Dorothy’s brother. He has a special interest in the White Chapel Mission and, in particular, about the work they do for the homeless. The collection of men’s clothing, soaps and towels we have amassed was gratefully received and will be taken by John down to the Mission. His talk to the Ladies’ Group was very interesting. John has promised to return and tell us more.

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### BUCKLEY TREE FESTIVAL: CELEBRATING MUSIC FRI 30<sup>TH</sup> NOV – SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> DEC



This year the trees will be decorated with a “music” theme – a favourite song or hymn, instruments, music that evokes a

memory. Trees will be displayed both in Church and in the Schoolroom.

There will be a Christmas Stall with lots of ideas for presents,

tombola, a 50p stall, cakes, toys and lovely raffle prizes.

If you’ve been in the Schoolroom recently, you cannot have missed the “**CALL FOR HELP**” notice. Over the 3 days of the Festival we need people to welcome visitors and to support them in Church (it can be a sitting down job).

In the Schoolroom, the stalls at the Christmas Fayre need to be manned and the refreshments served, and cleared.

There will be a rota so everyone can have a break. Please spare an hour – or two – over the 3 days. Let us know your preferred time and day.

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It was good to see Cynthia Howe back in Chapel for the Shoebox Service after her recent hospitalisation following a fall. We wish her well in her recovery.

Our thoughts are also with Terry Armstrong who was taken ill during a recent service. He is home after a brief visit to hospital.  
We remember them, and May, and all those who are unwell, in our prayers.

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This month, of course, we do not forget November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday. Much is being printed about the Great War which ended 100 years ago this Armistice Day. I'm sure there are many of us who have our own wartime memories from another war. In our church, names of the fallen will be read out as we remember especially one of our own - a young Buckley member by the name of John Harrison.



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.