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### **SNOWDROPS**

*Aptly named, a drop of snow;  
Sweet flowers that come when the cold winds blow.  
And in the depths of winter bring  
The whispered tidings of the Spring.  
You'd think such fairy things would be  
Beneath the bleak and bitter sky.  
Just like little frozen drops of snow,  
How daintily the small balls grow;  
No sunshine warms their icy bed,  
No birds make music overhead,  
When, like strangers, they appear  
At the gateway of the coming year.*

Yes, the snowdrops are out and the daffodils at the front of church are growing well but, one wonders, if the snow is going to come and bury them. It's so very cold and there are talks of the weather changing – and not for the better sadly. Once again, if the weather causes us to cancel services or meetings, please ring before setting off – 01226 287058.....stay safe and warm.

### **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Coffee Morning (weekly) Chapel meeting to follow
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO SERVICE AT BUCKLEY 10.30am	Rev Ben Scriven at Pogmoor Communion Service
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Ladies Group (weekly)
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Writers Group (weekly)
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Elizabeth Haigh
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Ladies Group Speaker: Kirstie (Emmanuel)
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Preacher: Carol Roshina
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Ladies Group
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Chapel Anniversary & Gift Day Preacher: Rev Mick Neal
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Ladies Group Speaker: Sue Stokes, Ireland

Flowers for February

10<sup>th</sup>: Pat Goodall                      17<sup>th</sup>: Steve and Jayne Howe

24<sup>th</sup>: Marjorie Micklethwaite

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### **CHURCH MEETING: SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**

We invite you to join us after the Coffee Morning to discuss plans for Church activities and events. There is much to share together and decisions to make. Our first church, now the schoolroom, is 150years old this year and we need to celebrate this in the best way possible. Perhaps you have your own suggestions? Please come and share your ideas.

### **CELEBRATING 150 YEARS AT BUCKLEY**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February will be the start of our commemorative events. Rev Mick Neal will lead the Thanksgiving Service. It is also our Gift Day when we ask you to return your gift envelope. We have much to be thankful for and many happy memories. After the service, we hope you will stay and join us for a light lunch. Please make it known if you intend to come to help with catering.

### **The History**

150 years ago, a small building was erected in Buckley Street, a very busy and crowded area. It was a simple four walled structure “but the labourers were eager and the harvest was plenteous” to quote from Rev Roebuck’s “A Short History of Buckley Church”. It was written at the time that “to the builders it was a palace”. Years later, they added a vestry and a kitchen.



NOT BUCKLEY PHOTOS

Stories have been passed down through the years and photographs taken in later times so, hopefully, there are enough resources to create a special memento.

We would welcome your own contributions – photos you have in your albums, photos of you taking part in Buckley activities, photos of events that helped to finance the growing Church.



Maybe you have memories that stand out in your mind – write them down or mention it and we’ll come to talk to you.

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### **LOOKING BACK**

We finally managed to get all the Christmas trees down, boxed up and put away for another year. It was almost harder to do the clearing up



than to set up the festival! It was still amazing to look back and see how the theme of Music was interpreted in so many ways. As well as providing visitors with a spectacular display of themed trees, we also raised £1240 - a wonderful total for all the work done. Again, our thanks to all involved.

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January seemed to have a team of birthdays to celebrate - some young, some not so young.

The celebration of a special birthday for Christine Wilson was enjoyed by all who attended.

Decorations, cake, a lovely tea.....and even a pressie to take home. It was also lovely to meet up with friends we don't see too often.

Thank you Christine.



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Birthdays seem to bring to mind our childhood memories and to wake up an echo of forgotten melodies.

*Happy birthdays of the past the heart recalls once more,  
The parties, the presents and the postman at the door.  
Happy birthdays of the future, many may there be  
Bringing blessings and contentment and felicity.*

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A woman was frantically driving around trying to find a well-known computer store. Becoming impatient, she pulled over when she saw two young police officers.  
“Excuse me,” she said. “Could you tell me where PC World is?”  
“Sorry madam,” replied one of the officers, “I’ve never heard of him!”