



**MAY 2024
PRICE 20p**



BUCKLEY BULLETIN: No 435

MAY DIARY DATES

Sat 4 th	10am	Coffee Morning
	11.15am	Service: Rev Lyn Gregg Flowers: Pat Goodall
Mon 6 th	NO LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP (Bank Holiday)	
Sat 11 th	10am	Coffee Morning: Raffle monies to be donated to Christian Aid Ward Councillors' Surgery
Sun 12 th	10.30am	Service: Rev Lyn Gregg Ladies Friendship Group Anniversary Flowers: June Brown
Sun 12 th – Sat 18 th	Christian Aid Week	
Mon 13 th	1pm	Ladies Friendship Group Speaker: Deacon Alison McCauley
Fri 17 th	7-8.30pm	An Evening with Ellie and Wayne, Emmanuel Church. Supporting Circuit Youth trip to 3generate
Sat 18 th	10am	Coffee Morning
	11.15am	Service: Peteandoug, Staincross Chapel: "The Rock That Never Rolls" Flowers: Carol Scott
Mon 20 th	1pm	Ladies Friendship Group
Sat 25 th	10am	Coffee Morning
Sun 26 th	10.30am	Service: Deacon Alison McCauley
Mon 27 th	NO LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP (Bank Holiday)	
Sat 1 st June	10am	Coffee Morning

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### **What season is it?**

We've had such a range of weather recently, it's difficult to remember some days what season we are in. Today, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, there has been no rain (yet), just terrible cool winds turning everything upside down. Who knows what tomorrow will bring – hopefully more of yesterday's sunshine. At least the days have longer daylight hours.

This poem seems to capture it....

*This is a day when plant pots roll around,  
Garden chairs tip over, sprawling on the ground.  
This is a day when blossom flies from the trees,  
Tossing and swirling like dancers, caught up in the breeze.  
This is a day to hear the wild waves roar,  
To see them swell and break, crashing on the shore.  
This is a day for running in the park,  
Flying kites with children, home before it's dark,  
This is a day to blow away our cares,  
Time to pick up plant pots, and the garden chairs.*

*Jo Stone.*

## May Day

May Day is a European festival of ancient origins marking the beginning of summer, usually celebrated on 1 May. Traditions often include gathering wildflowers and green branches, weaving floral garlands, crowning a May Queen, and setting up a Maypole around which people dance continuing a medieval tradition.



In Ireland, people used to put flowers on the doorstep or windowsills of their homes on May morning to bring good luck and offer protection against the fairies.

Amongst many May Day superstitions was the belief that washing the face with dew on the morning of May 1<sup>st</sup> would beautify the skin and bring good luck.

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EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA



It was a cracking event! A Bunny Drive, Grand Raffle, Lucky Cups, Tombola, plants – fun, prizes and funds raised. In total, over £900 was raised for Chapel funds. Thank you to all involved in organising their stalls and for the refreshments. Another successful series of fun coffee mornings.

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## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Easter Sunday saw the congregation transform the Lenten cross into a colourful sight with bunches of spring flowers. The service was led by Wayne Ashton and his trainee, Gabriel. Afterwards, the cross was displayed outside for the local community to enjoy.





## PLEASE WILL YOU HELP?

Please support this appeal for children's clothing. The donations will support children and families where appropriate seasonal clothing is needed. Items can be brought to Buckley or delivered to Emmanuel Church, Huddersfield Road, Barnsley.

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Invitations Galore



CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA — supporting AFRICA WITH LOVE

You are invited to this special event at Emmanuel on **Saturday 1st June** at 2pm. Tickets £15 to include afternoon tea, entertainment and raffle. Tel 01226 241912 or 231139 or email joncargawber5@gmail.com for tickets. Limited places.

Ladies Fellowship Lunch: **Monday 10th June 12-2pm**

At Hoyland and Birdwell Methodist Chapel. Lunch followed with entertainment from Birdwell Junior Brass & Friends. Cost £6
To book please contact Ellie 07919155101 or Dawn 07977745942

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## Thoughts and Prayers

- News of the passing of Brian Waddington came as quite a shock to many. Brian, and his family, spent his childhood at Buckley. Later he helped run the Youth Club and gave many years of support to the chapel. He always had a smile and was happy to share in doing whatever was needed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, June, and their family, The service, held at Emmanuel Church, was well attended and many churches were represented.
- Our thoughts are with Christine Heath who has had major problems with her throat after it was damaged by a broken tablet casing. Fortunately, her throat is slowly healing and she is now able to take liquid food.