

Buckfastleigh Community News



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Merry Christmas from the News Sheet Team

Another year has come and gone....I'm sure each one goes quicker than the last. To that end, we would like to wish all our contributors, readers, and especially our lovely deliverers a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful 2025.

Despite the many challenges of increased production costs etc we have managed to survive another year of delivering the News Sheet to every household in Buckfastleigh and surrounding hamlets free of charge. We are very grateful to Searle's for their continued sponsorship, and for grants received from various organisations within the town, plus individual donations received mainly through the collecting box at Buckfast Post Office, and via PayPal (link is <http://paypal.me/bflnews>).

Over the course of a year we print 20,000 copies of the News Sheet at a cost of around £3500 . This works out at around £1.75 per household per year, so if you think the News Sheet is worth that amount, and have a couple of spare coins, please drop them in the box at Buckfast Post Office - we would be most grateful and you would be helping to ensure the future of the News Sheet.

We are still looking for one or two people to join our team, initially to shadow us, and eventually to edit/type the items submitted ,and forward the finished copy to the printers, and an additional person to keep an eye on the finances, and/or organise the monthly distribution to our deliverers. If this is you, please make contact initially either via email to news@bflnews.org.uk, or telephone Chris on 07805 030407 or David on 07784 457813 if you prefer. We look forward to hearing from you.

Christmas Meals 2024

Buckfastleigh Town Council will once again be providing free Christmas meals (supplied by Wiltshire Farm Foods) to anyone in town who would like to be in receipt of one. Delivery will be on Monday 23 December.

If you and your family would like a meal delivered to your door please get in touch by emailing admin@buckfastleigh.gov.uk or by calling: 642576 and leaving a message. The information we will need is: Name, address and contact number. The number of meals you would like; if any are for children; and if you would like meat, fish or vegetarian options. There is also a choice of 3 desserts. Please place orders by **Friday 13 December**.

Buckfastleigh Christmas Street Fair

Christmas is coming, and so is the Buckfastleigh Christmas Street Fair! Fore Street will be closed to traffic, and the Fair will run from 4.00pm till 7.30pm on Wednesday 4 December.

Around 50 fabulous stalls will line Fore Street offering a range of gifts for Christmas, food, drink and much more. Local businesses will stay open till late so everyone coming to the fair will be spoilt for choice.

The highlight of our fair is always entertainment making this a perfect evening for children and adults alike.

The fair will open with performances from Buckfastleigh Primary School and Buckfast St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

This year, watch out for that cheeky Christmas Grinch who will be roaming the fair! There will be brand new stilt walkers and a festive photo booth.

We will once again be having our Victorian Carousel in the Globe Car Park. If that is not enough you can always dance or sing along to our singing quartet "Raise the Roof"

Towards the end of the evening the Live Street Auction will take place offering a chance to bid for gifts donated by local businesses. This could solve your present problems for this season.

Looking forward to seeing you on the day to start the festive season in style!

Buckfastleigh Town Council

Fly Posting: Unfortunately, there have been some negative comments about the recent removal of notices from BT poles, lamp posts etc. Firstly, this is fly-posting as consent has not been given by the owner, it is a criminal offence by Act of Parliament, not a new Town Council initiative and can incur a hefty fine through the Magistrate Courts. It is a danger to utility companies when undertaking a repair and is unsightly. The notice is to bring this matter to the attention of the public to avoid potential prosecution.

The Town Council owns 5 notice boards around the parish and preference is always given to local events and organisations.

A Big Thank You: Firstly, we would like to thank the crew from Buckfastleigh Fire Station who volunteered to assist with getting the Town Christmas Tree in place ready for dressing. A Heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Councillor Sue Clarke, Mayor of Buckfastleigh, the Town Councillors and staff would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Buckfastleigh Library Forthcoming Events

December

Bounce and Rhyme - Fridays 2.30pm until 20 December

Free song, stories and sensory play sessions for babies and toddlers. Every Friday at 2.30pm for half an hour. This is currently run by Devon Family Hubs but we are also looking for someone to take it over in the new year. If you are interested please speak to us in the library.

Christmas in the library

Decoration making is available on our craft table all through December. We will also have a community jigsaw on the go and Christmas books a plenty.

January

Hibernating Animal Crafts - Friday 3 January, 11.00-1.00pm

Need some post Christmas holiday craft for children? Join us making clay hedgehogs, pop up bears and nests for dormice.

The Great Christmas Book Swap - Saturday 18 to Tuesday 21 January

If you've finished all your Christmas books and fancy reading someone else's, join us in the library for a big book sale with part exchange offers. Bring a book to donate and get 50% off a different one or just come and buy something new.

Board Game Club - Saturday 25 January, 10.30am-12.30pm

A large variety of board games for families and friends from 6 years up to adults. On hand help with game play. £1.50 pp with free refreshments.

Buckfastleigh Residents' Association

Due to the lack of interest Buckfastleigh Residents Association has folded. Special thanks go to the people who helped us to turn the old play area in Barn Park into the park it is now. Due to Teign Housing not having any Play areas someone had to be found to take over the running of the park or we would lose it. Buckfastleigh Community Development Project (Trust), who run the Bungalow in Victoria Park, have very kindly agreed to take over the park, we sincerely Thank them.

We have to say thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past 25 years especially anyone who served as committee members.

The quizzes that Barbara does to fundraise will still carry on but proceeds will go to The Bungalow. There will be one available from Tuesday December 10 from Brainwave or from 61, Barn Park. They will cost £1 with a £ 10 shopping voucher as a prize, for the first winning entry drawn after the closing date of 31 January.

Moorland Community Caring

Moorland Community Caring supports people over 50 living in Buckfastleigh, Ashburton and Bovey Tracey and we need more valued volunteers to offer their time to drive people to our Moor Socials events that happen twice a month in each town. We need more regular drivers as well as people we can call on to fill in when our regular drivers are unavailable. This is a great opportunity to help your community whilst creating vital links for lonely and isolated people, improving their wellbeing.

Volunteers will need to be happy to undertake a DBS check and to advise their insurance company of the volunteer driving; we are happy to reimburse your local mileage costs.

If this sounds like something you could do then simply email info@moorlandcommunitycaring.org.uk or call 712013; we would love to hear from you!

Buckfastleigh Bowling Club - Social Events Programme

Open to members of the public at Duckspond Road TQ11 ONL. All welcome. Disabled access. Free parking.

Licensed bar and refreshments.

Wednesday 11 December – 7.00pm. Quiz night £2 per person teams of 1-4. Cash prize for winners. Raffle £1 per ticket.

Sunday 22 December – 2.00pm. Christmas Carols. Raffle £1 per ticket. Mince pies £2 available.

Wednesday 15 January 25 - 2.00pm start. A Day at Buckfastleigh Races' Betting by Tote-Pasty and a Pint £5.

Concerts in the Abbey

Service: Saturday 30 November, 4:30pm Admission free

COME & SING ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Concert: Saturday 7 December, 7:30pm Tickets £15

EXETER CHAMBER CHOIR: O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

Concert: Saturday 14 December, 7:30pm Tickets £15

ABBEY CHOIR: A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

Service: Saturday 21 December, 3:00pm Admission free

FESTIVAL CAROL SERVICE

Buckfastleigh Memory Café / Conversation Works

Thanks to a lovely grant from the McCarthy Stone Foundation the memory café is holding a special Christmas party at the Northgate Hotel at Buckfast Abbey in December, instead of the usual memory café in a carriage at the South Devon Railway. All our regulars should have received an invitation by now, but if you haven't received one yet or would like to attend please contact Kathrine.

Our first memory café of the year will be Tuesday 21 January back in our railway carriage at and we will be joined by a couple of owls from the Totnes Rare Breeds Farm as well as Newton Abbot Museum who will be bringing some railway objects and news of a new project. 2.00 – 3.30pm, South Devon Railway, for anyone affected by dementia or other memory problems.

We are also chuffed to bits to have been chosen by the Coop as one of their local community causes for 2025 – if you would like to support us head to your Coop membership page and choose the Buckfastleigh Memory Café – everyone who chooses us increases the money we can raise. www.membership.coop.co.uk

Happy Christmas to everyone and see you in 2025!

Kathrine@conversationworks.co.uk 07899 993134

Purl and a Pint

It is difficult to believe that Christmas and 2025 are beckoning. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and all best wishes for 2025.

We are a friendly group who meet twice a month in the Kings Arms, Buckfastleigh on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

If you decide in the New Year to learn a new skill or pick up knitting again then do please consider coming to join us. Members bring their own projects and tips and skills are shared as well as information about useful resources or events. Some of the members knit for charity or we might decide to do something as a group.

Next dates: Wednesdays 11 December ; 8 & 22 January 2025; 12 & 26 February 2025

If you want to have a chat before joining us for the first time then please call me, Dawn, on 07990 332816.

Buckfastleigh & Beyond All Ability French Conversation Club

Saturday 7 December 10.00am - 11.30am at The Singing Kettle, Fore Street Buckfastleigh

Come along to our friendly all ability French Conversation Club. £7 per person. Includes a delicious coffee and a croissant. For more information email: jacquiefelix@gmail.com or just turn up

The Valiant Soldier Museum & Heritage Centre

Christmas Fair – Wednesday 4 December

Join us to celebrate this special Christmas event. Buckfastleigh's Christmas fair starts at 4pm and the Valiant bar will be open at that time until 11pm for you to enjoy a selection of drinks, including our Old-Fashioned Christmas Punch accompanied by a complimentary gingerbread treat.

Don't miss our Pop-Up Shop in the Snug, where you can find unique holiday gifts such as our specially designed Valiant Mugs, our limited-edition 2025 Calendar and Valiant Labelled Beer.

Looking for something fun? Visit our Photo Booth and snap a festive selfie in front of our Christmas-themed backdrop. It's the perfect way to capture the holiday spirit.

Exciting News! We're delighted to announce that our tourist information and reception area is getting a facelift over the winter months, thanks to a generous grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund facilitated by Buckfastleigh Town Council. While we're closed during the winter, our team will be hard at work improving the space to create a fresh, welcoming environment. As a result, we will not have any rooms available for hire during this period, but we'll keep you updated and let you know as soon as bookings are available again.

Coffee Mornings – The Methodist coffee morning will be relocating to the Valiant Snug on Wednesday mornings while the renovations are happening. All are welcome to join us for this informal gathering from 10.00am-12.00 pm. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy a cuppa, have a chat, meet new people and find out more about our museum.

Christmas Wreath Workshop - Saturday 14 December from 2.00-4.00pm. Make a beautiful Christmas wreath to decorate your home this festive season. All materials will be provided, with festive nibbles available. £25 per person. If you'd like to make sure of a place, please email: info@valiantsoldier.org.uk You are welcome to drop in on the day - although numbers will be limited.

Next year's exhibition - will focus on Buckfastleigh in the 1920's. If anybody has any local family memories or photos which go back to those years and would like to share them please email our Archive Group on: valiantsoldierbuckfastleigh@gmail.com.

Museum Closure – We are now closed and will next be open for visitors to the museum on Wednesday 26 March 2025. We look forward to welcoming you back next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our visitors, volunteers and supporters.

Moorland Social Christmas Party

Moorland Community Caring would like to invite the people it supports and its volunteers to the Moor Social Christmas party on Thursday 12 December between 2.00-4:00pm at St. Andrew's Church Hall in Ashburton.

There will be lots of delicious food to enjoy, festive cheer to be had and a fantastic raffle to take part in. Whilst no payment is needed (although donations gratefully received) booking in advance is essential so, please call us on 07794 599206 or email info@moorlandcommunitycaring.org.uk before Thursday 5 December.

We always do our best to help with transport to and from Moor Social Groups, so please call or email us if you would like to come along and need help with transport.

Citizen's Advice Teignbridge - Pension Credit Project

Winter Fuel Payment Information

New rules for getting Winter Fuel Payments:

Now, you will only get the Winter Fuel Payment if you also receive certain benefits including Pension Credit or Universal Credit. If you are entitled to the payment, you will get a letter in October or November and it is usually paid automatically.

(£200 if you are aged under 80/£300 if you are over 80).

To check if you are eligible for Pension Credit or if you want help call 01626 326171 or visit citizensadvice.org.uk/pensioncredit. Clients can ring this dedicated project telephone line and leave a message.

The History Society Buckfastleigh - Survey

The History Society Buckfastleigh, supported by the Buckfastleigh branch of the Royal British Legion, is carrying out a survey to collect the stories and memories of former, deceased and current service personnel from the TQ11 area. These memories will be published in a book or booklet. We feel it is vital that we save these memories for future generations so your lives and service are not forgotten.

If you would like to be part of this survey I can forward a questionnaire or we can meet and we can go through the questions together. If you are a Veteran from any of the services e.g. Army, Royal Navy, RAF or are currently serving or have a deceased family member you'd like to talk about, and wish to be involved, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07542 187137

Yoga Retreat at Pridhamsleigh

Retreat back to yourself in midwinter with a delicious yoga and mindfulness event on 11 January, 10.00am - 2.00pm.

We will enjoy a mix of yoga styles, relaxation, guided meditation, also Reiki healing and a seasonal botanical feast.

Everything is provided and you do not need to have any previous experience of yoga.

Limited spaces. £75. Please contact Kate to book your place 07816355903.

Buckfastleigh History Society

The History Society Buckfastleigh December talk will be at The White Hart, Plymouth Road, TQ11 0DA on Thursday 19 December at 7.30pm. The talk will be "Christmas Folk Traditions from Devon and beyond" by Rod Denley-Jones. Donations to the History Society. Please note this talk is NOT at the Valiant Soldier.

The History Society Buckfastleigh January talk will be in the Side Chapel, St Luke's Church, TQ11 0DA on Thursday 16 January at 7.30pm. "Walking with the Ancestors - A brief History of Prehistory in South Dartmoor" by Philppa Wood.

Please note this talk is NOT at the Valiant Soldier.

Support the Valiant Soldier Museum & Heritage Centre

Even though we are currently closed, you can still help support us and have the chance to win a £25,000 jackpot every week! Tickets are just £1! Simply visit the Teignbridge Lottery for Communities website, search for The Valiant Soldier Museum and Heritage Centre, and buy your ticket. By purchasing a ticket, you'll be supporting the museum and helping it continue its vital work in preserving local history. Every ticket purchased helps fund the museum's activities and future projects! Thank you for your support – and good luck!

We are still seeking help with funding for urgent maintenance on the chimney stacks. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. Please visit our 'Go fund me' page on facebook: <https://gofund.me/f819a57a>.

Father Christmas

Father Christmas will be touring around Buckfastleigh on his glorious float on the evenings of December 16, 17 & 18, from 5.30 - 8.30pm.

Buckfastleigh Mothers' Union

At our next meeting on Thursday 5 December we will be holding a Christmas Tea in St Luke's Church. Members will be bringing the food and making cards for the local Care Homes and those living on their own. We will also be decorating our Christmas Tree.

On Thursday 9 January 2025 Nickie Johnson will give us a talk on 'Mary of Nazareth' at St Luke's from 2.30 pm. Visitors will be welcome to join our friendly group. More information about Mothers' Union please contact Janet Jones on 643627.

Buckfastleigh WI

Our WI members met on 12 November where we enjoyed crafting and conversation. We are busy preparing for our Christmas Fair at the Town Hall on Saturday 23 November. We will be open to the public from 10.00 – 12.00. Please come and have a browse around the stalls – a mixture of crafts, cakes and a Tombola. There will also be a Raffle, beverages and biscuits. We have our usual stall too at the Buckfastleigh Street Fair on 4th December where we will be selling mulled wine.

Our next meeting is after Christmas on Tuesday January 14 2025 at 7pm in Buckfastleigh Rangers Football Club, Duckspound Road, Buckfastleigh. Visitors are welcome – we ask non-members for a £5 donation towards our expenses. For more information please see our Facebook page. You can contact us on 07884 221312 or email buckfastleigh1.wisec@gmail.com

Dean Prior 100 Club

In the November draw, the following names were drawn.

1st. Yvonne Dance 2nd. Linda Naughton 3rd. Valerie Chew

Thank you all for your support. Lynda Grieveson.

Buckfastleigh Bowling Club

Function Room for Hire

Duckspound Road, Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0NL

Our club room with lovely views onto the Green is available to all to hire.

It has kitchen and toilet facilities. Seats 48. Disabled access and parking.

Negotiable rates. To book: Contact Denise 07501 363937/01364 643172.

What's on at the Wool Hub in December & January

Wool craft workshops for all ages, free activities and shop.

Workshops

To book, email woollynanas@gmail.com. Payment in advance, fully refundable if cancellation is before 7 days of event. No sessions between December 23 and January 6.

Wintertide Advent wreath making Saturday 30 November, 10.00am to 4.00pm. £20 to £30. Create your own Advent wreath from a willow base, and build it up with locally foraged greenery and festive decorations. No need to book, last entry 3.00pm.

Needle felting Christmas decorations Saturday 14 December. Drop in between 10.00am and 4.00pm. £15 for approx two hours (one item). Last entry at 2.00pm. Make your own felted decorations to your design or inspired by Rita.

Rug Making Saturday 7 December, 10.00am to 4.00pm £60 including materials

Make your own small rug. Some weaving experience necessary. With Noni.

Rug Weaving Skills Saturday 13 January, 10.00am to 2.00pm. £45. Learn pattern making techniques and make a rug. With Noni.

Children's sessions (school term)

Felting Fun Mondays 3.30 to 5.00pm. £15 per session. 8 years+ with Marcelle

Young Weavers Tuesdays 3.30 to 5.00pm £15 per session. All ages welcome (under 6 with accompanying adult). With Noni.

Festive Pop-up Shop

Handcrafted scarves, hats, felted decorations, hair accessories, cushions, yarn, books and more. Sundays in December, 11.00am to 3.00pm

Free Weekly Activities

Suggested donation £5, no need to book. No sessions from 23 December to 6 January.

Monday Felting with Marcelle 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tuesday Weaving, Knitting and Natural Dyeing 11.00am to 3.00pm

Wednesday Various activities - drop in and join in

Thursday Spinning and Knitting with Ruth 10.00am to 3.00pm; Crochet and knitting with Ann Mornings; Crochet for young people with Carly 3.30 to 5.15p; 'Sort It' with Jackie Help & advice with crafty problems 1.00 to 3.00pm on December 5 & 19, & January 9 and 23.

Friday Felting with Rita 1.00 to 5.00pm

The Wool Hub 1 Fore Street, Buckfastleigh TQ11 0BT. Find The Wool Hub on Facebook

All Ability Yoga with Kevin Mitchell of Wellswood Yoga

Drop In All Ability Yoga on Wednesdays

A friendly all ability group yoga class at St Luke's Church Buckfastleigh. Wednesdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Entrance is at the back of the church. Regulars, Drop Ins and Visitors welcome. No need to book, just turn up. Free parking available at Victoria Woodholme car park

One to One Yoga

Individual Yoga tuition for one or two people in their own home

Private Classes for Groups and Organisations

Ideal to promote wellbeing in the workplace or other settings

Yoga has many benefits for people of all ages. It: Improves strength, balance and flexibility; helps with anxiety & Stress; back pain; can ease arthritic symptoms; benefits heart health, and can help you relax and sleep better too.

Contact Kevin on: 07540 751745 / email: wellswodyoga@gmail.com Website: www.wellswodyoga.com

The Christian Community Church

The Christian Community Church was founded in 1922 as a movement for the renewal of religious life in our time.

The centre of its sacramental life is the Communion Service in which priest and congregation together celebrate the healing presence of the Risen Christ.

All services are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Sundays at 10.00am

We are now offering guest accommodation for visitors (minimum stay 3 nights), further details from Sabine on sabine.christian2003@gmail.com

For enquiries please phone 644272 or look at our website www.thechristiancommunity.co.uk/Devon

The Catholic Church

St Benedict's Catholic Church in Chapel Street, Buckfastleigh is a friendly Catholic worshipping community served by our Parish Priest, Fr Francis Straw, from Buckfast Abbey. We warmly invite you to join with us on Saturdays at 5pm for Mass, followed by tea and coffee. Children are very welcome to enjoy our quiet activity area during the service.

Advent

Marking the beginning of the season of Advent, there will be an ecumenical Advent Service of Light at the Catholic Church in Ashburton - Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Petrock- on Tuesday December 3rd at 7.30pm and at the Catholic Church in South Brent – St Dunstan's - on Thursday December 5 at 7.30pm. You are very welcome to attend and join us for refreshments afterwards.

Children's Crib Blessing Service at St Benedict's Church Buckfastleigh

On Wednesday December 4 at 2.00pm, one of the classes from our parish school, St Mary's, will be leading us in a pre-Christmas reflection, where Father Francis will bless the crib which will have been decorated with the children's help. This is a wonderful service where we always enjoy the children's presentation of Christmas- especially their beautiful singing!

Festival Carol Service at Buckfast Abbey

A traditional service of readings and carols will be held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday December 21 at 3.00pm.

Christmas Eve

Especially for families, and those who prefer an earlier service, there will be a First Mass of Christmas at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Petrock in Ashburton on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Children from our parish will be taking part. This is a lovely way to begin our celebration of Christmas.

Midnight Mass will be held at Buckfast Abbey.

Christmas Day

We invite you to join us in the celebration of the birth of Jesus at St Benedict's Catholic Church on Christmas Day at 10.00am.

A later service at 11.00am will be held at Buckfast Abbey.

Moor and Messy Barn Christmas

Carols and Nativity at Cyril's Barn, Newcombe Farm, Coombe, Buckfastleigh TQ11 0JE on Sunday 8 December at 3.00pm. Visit www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/services for more info.

The Catholic Church (continued)

New Year

Whether you are a newcomer to the Catholic Church or you have just lost the habit of going to church and want to find your way back home, come along to our regular Mass on Saturdays where you will be most welcome. What better way to begin 2025.

Buckfastleigh Foodbank

There is a donation point for the Foodbank in St Benedict's and we thank parishioners for their continuing generosity and especially all those who attended our parish Harvest Festival and gave so kindly for the Foodbanks of Buckfastleigh and Ashburton. A list of items particularly needed is available in the church or on the Buckfastleigh Foodbank website.

Father Francis and the parishioners of St Benedict's Church Buckfastleigh wish you a most joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Contact Details: parish@buckfast.org.uk

Telephone Fr Francis Straw on 645526

Buckfast & Buckfastleigh Methodist Church

December is of course a busy time for all churches as we celebrate both Advent and Christmas. Following our successful Community Harvest Celebration at MIC a couple of month back, we are going to have a Community Carol Sing there on Saturday, 7th December at 5pm, so if you fancy a festive sing or would like to bring an instrument along, please join us!

Our own Carol Service at Buckfast Chapel (in the grounds of the Abbey, or course) will take place on Sunday 15 December at 3.00pm, and of course you are warmly invited.

Our other Sunday worship times will be at 3.00pm on December 1st, 22nd and 29th, January 5th, 19th and 26th, and at 10.30am on January 12th.

Finally, although there is renovation work going on at the Valiant Soldier, our weekly coffee morning on a Wednesday will continue, but within the old pub itself rather than in the entrance area. This has developed into a lovely open, friendly and informal group, so if you are free on a Wednesday and fancy a bit of company, please try it out!

With love and best wishes for a peaceful Christmas and happy New Year, from everyone at Buckfast Methodist Church.

St Luke's Church

CHRISTMAS AT ST LUKE'S

We invite you to come and celebrate the heart of Christmas – the birth of Jesus.

On Christmas **Eve** there is a combined Crib and Carols Service at 2.00pm. This will include child-friendly elements as well as a few traditional Christmas carols. Everybody is very welcome – so come and take a break from the shopping!

On **Christmas Day** there will be a special Christmas-themed Holy Communion service at 10.00am. Again, all are welcome, of all ages, and whether or not you are a regular member of this or any church.

SUNDAY SERVICES –

Our other services in December and January follow the usual pattern, with a service at 11.00am each Sunday, except December 1 and January 5, when there will be the evening Compline service at 6.00pm, and December 29 when there will be no service at St Luke's, but instead a joint service with the six other churches in our group – this will be at St Peter's, South Brent, at 10.00am.

Our **FOODBANK** provides food and other essentials - please phone 644485 to request assistance. The Foodbank operates on Friday mornings, but messages can be left on the answerphone at any time. As well as food distribution, the Foodbank Café offers skilled advice from our CAB adviser, and also each week a different agency comes in to offer help and advice.

Please note that information on Christmas opening times was not available at the time of going to press.

FULL INFORMATION on services and other activities can be found on our website - www.stlukeschurchbuckfastleigh.org.uk.

Phone contact number for our Team Rector, Gina Radford, is 07903 400480.

Contacts

Emergency Numbers:-

Ashburton Hospital - 652203
 Buckfastleigh Medical Centre 642534
 Derriford Hospital - 01752 202082
 Devon Doctors (out of hours service) - 111
 Foodbank - 644485
 Macmillan Cancer Support - 0808 808 00 00,
www.macmillan.org
 Newton Abbot Hospital - 01626 324500
 NHS Medical advice - (non life-threatening)
 111Police - non emergency -101 emergency only - 999
 Taxi Service - Jon - 07881 723722
 Teign Housing 01626 322722
 Teignbridge District Council 01626 361101
 Totnes Hospital 01803 862622
 Torbay Hospital - 01803 614567

1st Buckfastleigh Scout Group 07970 987425

After School Club 07867 672282
 Age Concern Devon 0845 2967810
 All Ability Yoga 07540 751745
 Arthritis Support Group 01803 732664 (evenings)
 Ashburton & Buckfastleigh Hospital League of Friends 652217
 Ashburton & Buckfastleigh Rotary Club 643546 / 643699
 Bariatric Patient Support Elaine Jenkins, 644632 / 07766 674295
 Be Buckfastleigh - hel-lo@bebuckfastleigh.co.uk
 Brainwave Charity Shop 642010
 Buckfast Abbey - 645500
 Buckfast PO - 642941
 Buckfast Residents Society 643912
 Buckfast Short Mat Bowling 644570
 Buckfast Village Hall - bookings 07928 620122
 Buckfastleigh Bowls Club 07577 219962
 Buckfastleigh Caving Group 644256
 Buckfastleigh Chamber of Trade 643206
 Buckfastleigh Community Care - 712013
 Buckfastleigh Community Forum buckfastleighcommunity@gmail.com
 Buckfastleigh Community News Sheet 643553, 642922, 643428
 Buckfastleigh Cricket Club 07506 411401
 Buckfastleigh Drama Group 642509
 Buckfastleigh Ki-Aikido Club 07962 432317
 Buckfastleigh Library 642638
 Buckfastleigh Patchwork & Quilting Group

642690
 Buckfastleigh Primary School 643304
 Buckfastleigh Ramblers Rugby Club 643895
 Buckfastleigh Rangers Social Club 642853
 Buckfastleigh Swimming Pool / Victoria Park 642222 Bfl.pool@yahoo.co.uk
 Buckfastleigh Town Council/Town Hall / Town Ranger 642576 Ranger@buckfastleigh.gov.uk
 Buckfastleigh Women's running group 642271
 Buckfastleigh Youth Club 642641
 Buckfastleigh Youth Project 644481
 Buck the Trend 698101, e-mail info@buckthetrend.info
 Car Share Devon 08700 111199 www.carsharedevon.com
 Catholic Church 645526
 Christian Community 644272
 Church of England 643120, www.stlukeschurchbuckfastleigh.org.uk
 Church of England Children's Society 643660
 Crime Stoppers 0800-555111
 Dartmoor National Park 01626 832093 www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk
 Devon Cave Rescue Organisation - 07748 762580
 Devon County Council 01392-382000 www.devon.gov.uk
 Devon Domestic Abuse Support Service 0345 155 1074, e-mail admin.devon@splitz.org
 Devon Speleological Society secretary@devonss.org.uk www.devonss.org.uk
 Feldenkrais Classes & Sessions, info@lifeforworks4me.co.uk, 07989 394904
 Football (Under-14s) 642872
 Friends of Buckfastleigh Swimming Pool 643846, e-mail info@buckfastleighpool.co.uk
 Holne Community Shop & Tearoom 631188, enquiries@holnecommunity.shop
 Holne Village Hall bookings 631344 (leave message), e-mail holnevil-lagehall@gmail.com
 Home-start Teignbridge 01626 353700
 MacMillan Cancer Supp - 9.00-8.00pm helpline 0808 808 0000 www.macmillan.org.uk
 Mama Mondays Yoga—07985 013085; umayogini07@g.mail.com

Massage - Sarah Cook, 07949 334003, sarahmcook@hotmail.co.uk
 Methodist Church 07834 468880
 Moorland Community Care Group, Befriending & Volunteering 07538 100461
 Mothers' Union 643627
 Newton Abbot Community Transport 01626 335775
 Orchard Millennium Green 642486
 Patchwork Quilt Challenge - 642486
 Petanque Pitch 642336
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