



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# St Thomas a Becket Scarecrow Competition and trail

To raise funds for our village church

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015**

St Thomas a Becket Church invites all organisations and residents in Pucklechurch and the surrounding villages to make scarecrows and place them in prominent positions in gardens around Pucklechurch. There is no charge for entering a scarecrow.

This year's theme is **A character you would like to invite to your birthday party!!**

To enter please ring Gill on 01179 373262 or e-mail [info@pucklechurchscarecrow.co.uk](mailto:info@pucklechurchscarecrow.co.uk) with the following information:

- Details of the character you have chosen.
- A clue - either simple or cryptic to help people guess the scarecrow's identity.
- Your name, address and telephone number (so we can tell you if you have won and also make a map of the village.)

The closing date for entry is Friday 8th April.



There will be one prize for the best scarecrow as voted by the public who take part in the trail. Please label your scarecrow if it is made by a child or children.

Please take your scarecrow in overnight to stop it catching cold or running away! But please leave it out until 7pm, weather permitting.

If you live outside the village and have difficulty finding a garden in which to place your scarecrow, please mention this when entering your scarecrow and we will find a location for it.

## The Trail

On the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May, everyone is invited to take part in the scarecrow trail to identify the scarecrows and enjoy chatting with friends, family and neighbours as you go around. There is a cash prize for whoever correctly identifies the most scarecrows. The winner will be notified during the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Trail entry prices:

<b>Children under 16</b>	<b>£1.00</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>£2.00</b>
<b>Family ticket</b>	<b>£5.00</b>		

**Additional maps £1.00**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

- Join us either for Café Church in church at 10am or from 11.30am onwards. Coffee, tea and sandwiches will be on sale from 11.30am.
- There will be lots of stalls and crafts available in church, suitable for children and adults.
- Collect and pay for your trail form and map from 11.30am in church.
- Explore the scarecrows around Pucklechurch and guess their names.
- Cream teas will be available in the church room from 2.00pm - 4.00pm with a chance to listen to some music.
- Return your trail form to church by 4.00pm on Sunday or Monday if you need 2 days to do the trail.

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

- Church opens from 10.30am for the sale of coffee, tea and cakes. Sandwiches will be available after 11.30am.
- There will be lots of stalls and crafts available in church, suitable for children and adults.
- Collect and pay for your trail form and map from 10.30am in church.
- Explore the scarecrows around Pucklechurch and guess their names.
- Cream teas will be available in the church room from 2.00pm - 4.00pm with a chance to listen to some music.
- Return your trail form to church by 4.00pm.
- At 4.15pm find out the answers to the trail and see a PowerPoint presentation of all the scarecrows.
- This will be followed by a short blessing.

### **A basic scarecrow design to get you started.**

- To make the scarecrow frame, nail a 2' long , 2" x 4" pole to a 6' long 2" x 4" pole to form a cross.
- Dig a hole 1 foot deep, place the frame inside and back the soil firmly around the frame.
- Use a pillowcase for the head, or make one using papier mâché. Attach to the top of the pole either with twine or through the hole in the base of the head you have made.
- Dress your scarecrow as your chosen character. Tie trouser legs closed with twine and stuff with newspaper. Put the shirt/top on the frame and tie sleeves and waist with twine, stuff with newspaper.
- Add any finishing touches to get your scarecrow in character!
- Label your character with the number issued to you and add the clue.



Have fun and thank you for your support!

