

St Mary the Virgin, West Buckland

East Group of Parishes News and Worship April 2016

RACE NIGHT SUCCESS IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDRAISING

The race night was again a wonderful evening raising a magnificent £1,000+ towards the ongoing work of the Church.

Thanks to all who came and generously supported us, our fantastic sponsors, the ladies who provided the supper and of course Denis and Colin who looked after the bar.

But our biggest vote of thanks must go to Bob Payne who was unable to ride this year owing to a previous injury but still managed to train the horses, prepared the evening and worked non-stop. The William Hill girls were unable to come, so we had to call on the management who did a first class job.

We all had great fun and are overwhelmed by your generosity.

Thank you all again, West Buckland PCC

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH WEST BUCKLAND

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee at Buckland Farm from 10am to 12pm on Thursday 21st April. There will be a bring and buy stall and a raffle.

CHURCH FUNDRAISING CONTINUES AT THE MAY DAY EVENT IN WELLINGTON PARK

HELP! I need lots of things to sell on the church stall. If you can help with bric-a-brac, books etc. please contact me on 664775. Many thanks, Betty.

YET MORE CHURCH FUNDRAISING – ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHURCH TOWER CHALLENGE?

With the help of the Royal Marines we are hoping to raise Church funds by abseiling from the tower, are you up for the challenge? We hope this will be in July, so more details next month. If you'd like lodge your interest in advance please call Betty on 664775.

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

April	3 rd April	10 th April	17 th April	24 th April
READINGS on pew sheets provided. <i>The Revised Common Lectionary</i>	OT Acts 5. 27-32 NT Revelation 1. 4-8 Gospel John 20. 19-31	OT Acts 9. 1-6 (7-20) NT Revelation 5. 11-14 Gospel John 21. 1-19	OT Acts 9. 36-43 NT Revelation 7. 9-17 Gospel John 10. 22-30	OT Acts 11. 1-8 NT Revelation 21. 1-6 Gospel John 13. 31-35
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	9am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am shortened HC followed by APCM	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC	9.15am HC
Langford Budville	10am HC followed by APCM	9.15am HC joint service	10am family service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead	10.30am Court Non HC	10.45am HC	<i>Join others.</i>	10.45am HC

OTHER SERVICES

CANCELLED no Thursday 7th April Bradford on Tone midweek BCP Service 9.45am.

SMILE at St John's - 3.15pm- 4.30pm after-school on 13th April for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Please do join us in praying for the children and families we seek to serve and share God's love with. If you're interested in getting involved as part of the Smile team, do get in touch. For more details contact: Andy Levett on 07595 311183

3rd of April APCM after Langford's 10am HC service

6th April 2pm Nynehead's APCM in church

17th April APCM after Bradford on Tone's 10.30am Shortened HC service

20th April 2pm West Buckland's APCM at the village hall

The Big Tent 2016 Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17, Thursday 18 August 2016,

On Thursday 14th April, 7.45pm at Wellington Baptist Church, we have a training and envisioning evening for all, more details coming.

We wish Sandra our Reader all the best during her placement in Milverton Benefice from April to October 2016. We thank those Lay Worship Leaders which have recently trained to take services as Sandra is unavailable to take any in the East Group during these six months.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – In early April 2017 Hugh Allen will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If you are interested in the possibility of coming please phone him (01984 624166) or email hallenarkwood@yahoo.co.uk It will be an eight day visit based in Jerusalem and by the Sea of Galilee. He needs to know numbers and receive deposits as soon as possible in order to book up the best slots.

	Sidespersons	Readers
3 Apr	Churchwardens	M Rose
10 Apr	Churchwardens	-
17 Apr	S Fellgett & N Hayes	J Hunt
24 Apr	C & J Hagley	-
1 May	Churchwardens	C Rayson

WEST BUCKLAND WI MARCH MEETING

WI President Jean welcomed members and several visitors. Visitors can attend three meetings before joining but most of them decided to join immediately, and we are very pleased to welcome them.

National have sent us the raffle tickets.

County have been very busy arranging roadshows, a fashion show, a new members' evening, a coffee morning at Wilton Lodge on March 30th, soup and pudding lunches, a quiz night on July 20th and a short holiday to the Christmas Extravaganza at Thursford in December. Plenty to suit all members.

Two members brought their cushions to show us which they had made at a county workshop.

The Group meeting at Sampford Arundel had been very much enjoyed, with our WI coming first in the competition and receiving the trophy.

Our own WI group dates were given out for skittles, walking, reading, handbells, craft, and kurling. Two other WIs had come to us to try out this sport.

Schedules were given out for the Village Flower Show and The WI will be manning the cake stall. A block booking for seats for the Wellington Operatic Show *Sugar* have been made for May.

Our evening speaker Kay Wych took us back in time with her portrayal of a 16th century kitchen maid, working as a volunteer at Glastonbury Abbey, she dressed and acted the part, engaging with her audience and was warmly thanked by Hilary Shove.

The competition for a decorated wooden spoon was won by Barbara Edgehill. Brenda Climpson was second and third place went to Marion Upton.

The April meeting is on Tuesday April 12th where the speaker will be Yvonne Whittamore on 'Fabric Flower Making'. We will make you very welcome if you feel like joining us. **Jean Morrish.**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 26th April at 7pm. All the local organisations give a report on what they have accomplished throughout the previous year. This is always interesting and also a chance for residents to ask questions on village issues. Everyone is invited to attend.

WEST BUCKLAND FOOTPATHS

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who is interested in the Adopt a Footpath scheme. If you live near a footpath or perhaps walk one regularly this would be ideal. More details can be found on the Parish website www.westbuckland.org Margaret Blogg – Tel: 663378

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Once again the West Buckland Friendship Club had a packed hall for their March meeting. Following the usual coffee and biscuits the chairman welcomed everyone and handed out birthday cards to those with a birthday during the month.

The business part of the morning included transport arrangements for the forthcoming outing to Oakham Treasures, a reminder about the carvery lunch at Oake Manor in April and an explanation of how the Exmoor Safari in September would be managed. Also a reminder was given that our trip to Slimbridge would be instead of the May meeting and payment was to be made at the April meeting.

Our speaker for the morning was Norman Thompson who brought a large display of cameras and other photographic memorabilia.

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 7th when Dawn Lawrence will give a presentation entitled “Two Steps Behind”.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACTS

NEW VILLAGE HALL BOOKING SECRETARY

Please note that as from Friday 1st April 2016 the new Village Hall Booking Secretary will be:

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Thank you for your past support over my 10 years doing this job. Please continue to give Sue your help. Thank you, Jean Morrish.

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The deadline for next month's edition is, as usual, the 20th of the month preceding.

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