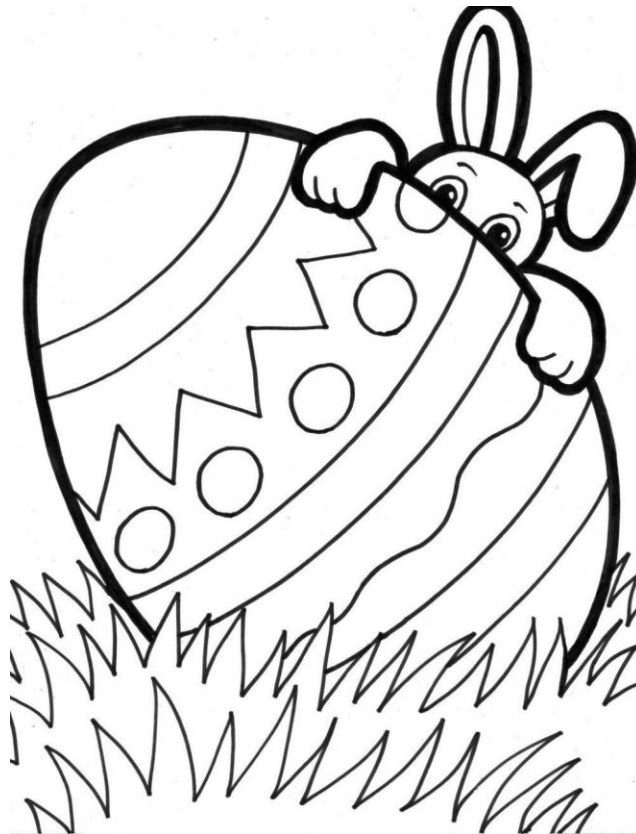


West Buckland Community News

April 2017

HAPPY EASTER WEST BUCKLAND

Colour me in...



BLACKDOWN COMMUNITY CHOIR – by Diana Hall

There is one activity that I look forward to more than any other and that is on Thursday evenings, when I join with other like-minded souls to sing together. In the cold winter evenings, when it is more tempting to stay in by the fire, once there, the warm welcome and the challenge ahead to master and enjoy a wide repertoire of songs makes it all well worthwhile.

Last Spring some of our choir took up an invitation to spend a weekend with the “Alive and Kicking” community choir in Brecon, South Wales. It was a very successful and enjoyable experience and we are now excitedly looking forward to their return visit here in March to Wellington and we can ensure them of a very warm welcome.

This summer we are invited to take part in a day of singing with local community choirs and we are also hoping to take part in the Taunton Summerfest.

Our wonderful energetic and enthusiastic leader Caroline Rigby is retiring at the end of our summer term and we shall really miss her dedication and commitment to our choir over her time with us. We now hope we can find a similar person who will inspire us and keep our Thursday evenings full of song, laughter and friendship.

If you are looking for a new activity to challenge and inspire you, one where you will have opportunities to sing a wide variety of world songs then why not come along for a taster session. There are no voice auditions, our motto is: “If you can talk you can sing”. Further information: www.blackdowncommunitychoir or phone 01823-662203.

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

APRIL 2017	2 nd April	9 th April	16 th April Easter Sunday	23 rd April
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Ezekiel 37. 1-14 NT Romans 8. 6-11 Gospel John 11, 1-45	OT Isaiah 50. 4-9 NT Philippians 2. 5-11 Gospel Matthew 27. 1-54	OT Acts 10. 34-43 NT Colossinas 3. 1-4 Gospel Matthew 28. 1-10	OT Acts 2. 14a- 22-32 NT 1 Peter 1. 3-9 Gospel John 20. 19-31
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am Easter Family HC	9am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am Easter Family HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm Easter Family HC	9.15am Joint HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	9.15am Joint HC	10am Easter Family HC	<i>Join Runnington service</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	10.30am Easter Family HC	10.45am HC

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
2 April	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE
9 April	CHURCHWARDENS	-
16 April	D STAGG & P FORD	J MORRISH
23 April	D & S FASEY	D FASEY
30 April	UNITED SERVICE –	BRADFORD ON TONE
7 May	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON

OTHER SERVICES April 6th 9.45am East Group Midweek BCP HC Bradford on Tone, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.
30th April East Group Joint 10am HC service at St. Giles Bradford on Tone, followed by refreshments. A chance to meet together during Lent.

Wednesday 19th April West Buckland's APCM 7pm village hall, committee room.

Smile At St Johns -3.15pm- 4.30pm after-school. May 3rd 2017 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, get in touch *Contact: Andy Levett on 07595 311183*

East Group Lent Course

The Lent course is called 'Receiving Christ'. Langford Budville Village Community Hall on Tuesdays from 2pm – 4pm. 14th & 28th March, 4th & 11th April. Everyone welcome.

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East Group Lent Bible Study

Bradford on Tone at Jean Goodman's *For directions contact June Best 481 339 (Churchwarden).*

Monday 20th March, Thursday 30th March and Thursday 6th April from 2-4pm. Everyone welcome.

Wellington Team Ministry Retreat Days at Hilfield Friary Please join us for a Lent retreat. 1st April. A day for reflection, spiritual conversation, silence, creativity, walks and exploring the prayer life held by the community at Hilfield. RSVP Revd Selina Garner T: 01823 662277 E: selina@thegarner.me.uk

Wellington Team Churches Together

3rd March 2.30pm Woman's World Day of Prayer. St John Fisher Church, Mantle Street.

Wednesday 15th March, Christian Aid Soup Lunch at Baptist Church.

14th April 10am, Good Friday Service at Parish Church & Walk of Witness to WBC, Wellington.



HOLY WEEK EVERYONE WELCOME!

Monday 10th April 10.30am HC Bradford on Tone.

Maunday Thursday 13th April HC with Stripping of Altars 7pm Runnington Church.

Good Friday 14th April Way of the Cross Reflection Service 2.15pm Nynehead Church.



EASTER SUNDAY 16th April EVERYONE WELCOME!

West Buckland 9am Family HC; **Langford Budville** 10am Family HC

Bradford on Tone 10.30am Family HC; **Nynehead** 10.30am Family HC; **Runnington** 6pm Family HC

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals Contact: Revd. Alan Ellacott 01823 669824 or email rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com

Wellington & District Team Ministry website: www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk

LETTER FROM THE RIGHT REVEREND PETER HANCOCK BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS

I was on the London Underground recently and saw an advert: 'Personal Beauty Delivered to you at your Home'. It was advertising beauty products. It made me think however what it would be like if beauty could be ordered on the internet and delivered to the front door. Could a package that came through our letter box really transform us? For beauty is of course much more than how we look on the outside. Beauty is a thing of the heart. True beauty comes from within. Indeed everything in God's creation is beautiful. As Confucius said: 'Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.' And the Psalmist declared that everyone is beautiful, for we are all 'fearfully and wonderfully made'. We are all made in the image of God himself and God is the source of all beauty.

So as we finish our journey through Lent we need to remember that giving up alcohol, biscuits or chocolate alone won't make us beautiful. And as we come to Easter and the shops are filled with chicks and eggs and Easter bunnies we need to remember that it is not ultimately what we do, how we look, or what we have that makes us beautiful. Beauty, true beauty, comes through the cross and the resurrection. Our lives are changed not by what we stop eating, or what creams we might put on our faces. It is the Holy Spirit who truly transforms our lives, so that we become the people God is calling us to become. When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well he said that the water he gives is like a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Her response was to say to Jesus 'Give me this water'. May that be our prayer too: 'Lord, give us the water of life, that we might become more like Jesus.'

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN FOR EASTER

We will be decorating and cleaning the church for Easter on Saturday April 15th at 9:30am – any help will be gratefully received. Madge Smith

CHURCH FUNDRAISING

The lovely CD recorded by Pat and Alan, our church musicians, raised £700 for the ongoing work in the church, thanks to them for making it, and to you for buying it!

We received £175 from the Wellington Carnival Committee, our share of the carnival collection and from Father Christmas's visit.

AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 15th April afternoon tea in the church, please come and enjoy some home made cake and tea, and see the beautiful EASTER GARDEN.

WELLINGTON PARK SPRING FAYRE

The church are having their usual stall in the park on Sunday 30th April, please look in your cupboards for things that we can sell, bric-a-brac, books etc. will all be gratefully received. Betty 664775.

WEST BUCKLAND WI MARCH MEETING

It certainly looked like Spring had sprung with a table full of colourful spring posies and spring gardens planted in tea pots awaiting judging for the competition of the month. After welcoming a lovely new member to the fold, the WI business got underway. There was much on offer to keep everyone happy: from garden safaris, activity breaks and race nights to Sweeney Todd!

The speaker for the evening was welcomed – John Horsey with an illustrated talk on Bulbs and Bulbous Plants. John is the main tutor for Horticulture and Garden History Courses based at Burrow Farm Gardens near Axminster. His beautiful and informative slides proved there are many more bulbous plants than just daffodils and crocuses! Taken in the beautiful locations of RHS Rosemoor, Greenways, Trellice, Avebury Manor, Knightshayes, Forde Abbey and the enlightening gardens of Beth Chatto members were left with lots of places they planned to visit. After delicious food and refreshments, Linda Bryant was announced as the winner of the best spring posy competition with an entry that any budding florist would be proud of.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th April at 7.30pm in West Buckland Village Hall. You will be most welcome to come along and see what the WI is all about!

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB MARCH MEETING

Nearly 90 members joined together for our March meeting which as usual started with the Chairman welcoming everyone especially those who were new to the club and distributing cards to those members whose birthday fell during the month.

The business part of the morning was quickly dealt with and those who had signed up for the Exeter trip were again advised of arrangements. Details of our activities for June, July and August were given out – In June we are visiting the Rosemoor Rose Festival, in July we are having a social visit to Wellington Bowls Club where members will be encouraged to have a go and in August we have hired a boat on the River Avon.

Members were also advised of the annual West Buckland Annual Race Night with all proceeds going to the local church. Everyone was urged to attend and make it a really fun night.

Our speaker for the day was Tony Cooper who had spent 37 years in the Metropolitan Police and gave us all a very amusing talk on his time with the police. He told us a number of very amusing anecdotes concerning famous or perhaps it could be said infamous people that he had come into contact with including the Krays, Christine Keeler and John Profumo.

The next meeting will be on 6th April when David Beckley will be entertaining us with 'The history of the Magic Circle'

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery will take place on Thursday, 13th April between 5pm and 5.30pm outside West Buckland Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of the Parish Council will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday April 25th at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Newsletter is available directly to your e-mail inbox – simply send an e-mail indicating your wish to **westbucklandnews@hotmail.com** and you will be added to the mailing list.

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

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