

West Buckland Community News

April 2018

THANK YOU

I wish to take this opportunity to give a "Big Thank You to those kind Friends and Neighbours of Dyers Close who during the cold and snowy spell we had recently, made sure I was alright, offering to get any shopping or anything else I might need, also clearing the snow from around the bungalow.

When you are in your nineties and living on your own, it is so reassuring and comforting to know that there are good and caring people around you. Thanks once again.

Percy Cooper

"IF YOU CAN TALK YOU CAN SING"

This is the philosophy of the Natural Voice Approach to singing and our Community Choir proudly use it as the logo for our banner, flyers and website. Everyone is born with an individual voice, different from anyone else, rather like our finger prints. With this thought in mind our choir leader, Claire Stronach will teach a song, introducing the four parts, Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass by a "listen and repeat" method, building up the song in easy stages, in a relaxed manner with plenty of encouragement throughout. The result from singing in four parts, using this method, is felt by all the choir, as the harmony comes together and the sound feels really good.

The sole purpose of a Community Choir is to sing together for fun and enjoyment and to go home at the end of a session feeling really good. There are the opportunities to sing in some informal concerts and gatherings during the year but this is up to each individual choir member as to whether they want to participate or not at these events.

Singing is a popular pastime at the moment and we have a healthy membership, including a reasonable number of much treasured male voices, which really help to enhance our sound. Each choir member can choose which part they feel most comfortable to sing, some members like to swop for a particular song, preferring a different part. We have male and female tenors, the latter enjoying the challenges of singing a part sometimes reserved for the male voice.

The Blackdown Community Choir meets in term time at the Baptist Centre, South Street, Wellington on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm. More information from www.blackdowncommunitychoir.co.uk

EASTER DAY SERVICES Sunday 1st April

9am Easter Holy Communion at West Buckland Church

10am Easter Holy Communion at Bradford on Tone Church

10 am Easter Holy Communion Runnington Church

10.30am Easter Holy Communion Langford Budville church

10.30am Easter Holy Communion Nynehead Church



Don't forget FOOD BANK collection boxes are in your churches, please support this !

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

2018 READINGS on pew sheets	1st April Easter OT Acts 10. 34-43 NT 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11 Gospel Mark 16.1-8	8th April OT Exodus 14. 10-end . 15. 20-21 NT Acts 4.32-35 Gospel John 20. 19-end	15th April OT Zephaniah 3. 14-end NT Acts 3. 12-19 Gospel Luke 24. 36b-48	22nd April OT Genesis 7. 1-5, 11., 8.6-18,9.8-13 NT Acts 4.5-12 Gospel John 10. 11-18
West Buckland	9am Easter HC	10am Parish Praise		10am Morning Worship followed by APCM
Bradford On Tone	10am Easter HC	10am Morning Worship	10.30am United Easter Group HC service	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10 am Easter HC	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>		9.15am HC
Langford Budville	10.30am Easter HC	9.15am Joint HC		<i>Join others</i>
Nynehead Court	10.45am Easter HC	10 45am HC		10.45am HC

DATE	SIDESPERSIONS	READERS
1 April	C & J HAGLEY	M ROSE
8 April	CHURCHWARDENS	-
15 April	UNITED SERVICE -	BRADFORD ON TONE
22 April	D STAGG & S SMITH	J MORRISH
29 April	UNITED SERVICE –	LANGFORD BUDVILLE
6 May	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON

5th April East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, at Bradford on Tone followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

22nd April West Buckland APCM in Church Immediately following 10am service.

29th April East Group Joint HC service at 10am Langford Budville.

Readings : OT Baruch 3.9-15, 32- 4.4 or Genesis 22. 1-18 NT Acts 8. 26-end Gospel John 15. 1-8

NOTE: West Buckland Church-1st Sunday of the month -BCP HC Service will be starting at 9am from 6th May onwards.

EAST GROUP TRIP

Come and enjoy a visit to

Buckfast Abbey, Totnes, Devon Wednesday 16th May

Coach leaves Longforth Road Wellington

9am Returning 5pm

Tickets £10 from your Churchwardens **ASAP.**

Wide range of Refreshments available

in Abbey Restaurant or Picnics in grounds, weather permitting!

SMILE: first Wednesday of each month after school at St John's Church. Smile is fun, free and for families with primary school-aged children. Craft, games, stories, music, and prayer activities for all the family. 3.30pm- 4.30pm (drinks and snacks from 3.15pm). 11 April. See www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk for more details and contact information.

Our two primary schools in the East Group, West Buckland and Langford Budville are enjoying 'Open the Book' and would like to continue. For this to happen we need more people to join our friendly team of volunteers for a couple of hours on some Wednesdays between 9.45am and 12.30pm. Please contact your vicar Alan for more information.

The East Group are looking for volunteers to form a Pastoral & Visiting Group to visit local care homes at Nynehead Court & Camelot House at Chelston. Please contact your vicar Alan if you are interested.

Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: contact Revd. Alan Ellacott email rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com Tel: 01823 669824

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

St Margaret's Lectures 2018. Our theme this year is 'Beyond Words' and we are thrilled to be welcoming The Rev'd Professor Frances Young on Wednesday 2 May Professor Max Watson on Wednesday 6 June

Canon Mark Oakley on Friday 6 July **Ann Fulton Spiritual Care Coordinator**

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<http://www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/2018-st-margarets-lectures>

LETTER FROM THE RIGHT REVEREND RUTH WORSLEY BISHOP OF TAUNTON

Love and foolishness.

'Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!'

1 April is both Easter Sunday & April Fool's Day. Not a bad combination. For 'it is the foolish things of God which confound the wise of this world', so says Paul in his letter to Corinth. The message of the cross itself is foolish he says, and he, Paul, in telling the story of it, does so inexpertly, and through his own weakness.

The story of God's grace doesn't make sense to many...

'What does God see that's worth redeeming in this world?'

'Why love **me**?'

And if we get past these questions, then...

'How come his forgiveness is for **everyone**, when evidently doesn't deserve it?!'

Perhaps like Paul we find it difficult to communicate the message of the cross well to others. We may feel we lack theological understanding, be unfamiliar with the atonement theories, find it hard to put into words. But the simple fact is that the best way of telling the story, the message of Easter is through you, yourself.

As people look at the way you live, do they see someone with faults and failings, flawed and yet someone who knows that God loves them. Do they see you accepting the grace of God shown through his giving of himself on a cross for us? Do they see someone who now lives in the freedom of that forgiveness, living a life in all its abundance and fullness?

I have to confess that I find myself often continuing to strive to earn God's love and grace. My life becomes full of all that I seek to do in ministry for him. Forgetful that the message of the cross is the expression of his love for me, freely given, without strings. All I need do is receive his love.

What foolishness! Such love!

1914-1918 WORLD WAR 1

In 2014 we held a display day at the Village Hall in August to mark the beginning of the war. On 3 November we are repeating this as it will be 100 years since the end of the conflict. This is advance notice as many local residents provided memorabilia and maybe there are other items hidden away which would be of interest to people. More information will follow nearer the time but meanwhile, please contact me if you have any queries.

Margaret Blogg - Tel: 663378

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 24th April at 7.30 pm, followed by the April meeting of the Parish Council. Everyone is welcome to attend.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery is between 5.00 pm and 5.30 pm outside the Village Hall on Thursday 12th April.

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB MEETING MARCH 2018

The imminent arrival of Storm Emma depleted numbers attending the club's March meeting but the 16 members who braved the snow thoroughly enjoyed hearing Ray Budd's fascinating talk about his sometimes amusing experiences as a driving test examiner. He included information about the history of the driving test and interesting statistics concerning it, such as the first attempt pass rate coincidentally remaining at around 48 per cent ever since it was introduced here in 1935. Members were also given details of the planned outings to Babbacombe later this month and Compton Acre Gardens on 3rd May. The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th April at 10.30am in West Buckland village hall when David Beckley will present 'The History of the Magic Circle'.

BTINTERNET ADDRESSES

Please note that people with BT internet addresses are for some reason not receiving the newsletter by e-mail. You are on the distribution list and are e-mailed every month. I have read recently that BT Internet has improved its spam filter so my only suggestion is to check your spam filter settings as it may be that.

Editor

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

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