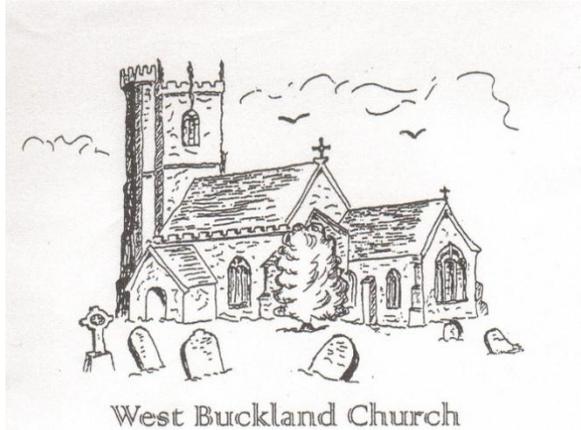


West Buckland Community News

August 2017

CREAM TEAS IN THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT SUMMER



The Church will be open on Saturday afternoons 2-4pm throughout August serving tea, cake and cream teas, do come and join us in return for donations for the Church building fund.

WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL PTFA

A massive thank you to everyone involved with our Scarecrow Festival and Grand Prize Draw in July.

The merry band of PTFA and happy helpers would not have been so merry without the support of: the other village organisations who came out in force to run fabulous stalls; those who made and entered brilliant Disney character scarecrows; and the School and Village community who attended and enjoyed our hospitality. Even the weather stayed on our side and the afternoon ran without a hitch.

We are still accounting for expenses but early indications are that we raised around £690 which is a healthy boost to our funds which we are currently raising money towards the development of the front playground.

Thank you for your continued support. Whatever your involvement we couldn't have done it without you!

YEAR 6 CELEBRATION DAY AT ST JOHN'S 2017

In July, 120 Year 6 pupils & members of staff from five local Primary Schools gathered at St John's Parish Church in Wellington for what's become an annual day of celebration for those moving from Primary to Secondary School. The day, hosted and run by the Wellington churches Schools Team, saw children from Langford Budville, Rockwell Green, Wellesley Park, West Buckland and St John's Primary Schools joining together to take part in a range of creative activities inside and outside of the building. We were also joined by Oddments Theatre Company who began the day with a performance based on their version of Pilgrim's Progress, after which the children moved around four creative workshops: drama (led by the Oddments team), music (learning a new song), outdoor challenge (complete with large inflatable obstacle course on the front lawn) and a reflective prayer space in the main church (allowing children the space to think and pray about the journey they're on). The day concluded altogether with some powerful singing, a final performance from Oddments (with lots of audience participation) and a prayer of blessing.

One of the great things about this day, apart from the fact the children and staff seem to love it, is that the team is made up of those who visit our local schools throughout the year, and in that sense the journey continues. Thanks to all those in the Wellington churches who again supported this event especially in prayer. Looking forward to next year already.

Andy Levett, Youth & Children's Work Coordinator for Tone Deanery, Diocese of Bath & Wells

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

2017	6 th August	13 th August	20 th August	27 th August
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Isaiah 55. 1-5 NT Romans 9. 1-5 Gospel Matthew 14. 13-21	OT 1 Kings 19. 9-18 NT Romans 10 5-15 Gospel Matthew 14. 22-23	OT Isaiah 56. 1. 6-8 NT Romans 11. 1-2a. 29-32 Gospel Matthew 15. (10-20). 21-28	OT Isaiah 51. 1-6 NT Romans 12. 1-8 Gospel Matthew 16. 13-20
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	10am
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30 am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC with hymns	9.15am Joint HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	9.15am Joint HC	10am Family Service	<i>Join Runnington service</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	Join others	10.45am HC

DATE	SIDESPERSIONS	READERS
6 AUGUST	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE
13 AUGUST	CHURCHWARDENS	
20 AUGUST	C & J HAGLEY	B DUMMETT
27 AUGUST	F & C HOLWAY	J MORRISH
3 SEPTEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE

OTHER SERVICES

August 3rd 9.45am East Group Midweek BCP HC Bradford on Tone, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

Wellington and District Team Ministry Christianity: a Journey



A discussion programme for adults about the Christian Faith, leading to Confirmation/ Baptism for those who wish. Christianity: a journey is a series of discussion evenings exploring the Christian faith and seeing how it ties in with the experience you have had in your life.

Who is the series for?

Regular/ occasional church-goers who want to learn more;

People who go to church very rarely but who have some sense of God in their lives and want to know more;

Parents hoping to bring up their children to follow Jesus who **want to know more**;

Anyone who is simply interested in learning more about Christian beliefs and seeing how it fits in with their own experience.

About the sessions

When? Thursday evenings 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. starting 3rd August

Where? at The Lang Room – the church hall behind All Saints Church at Rockwell Green.

What will happen? Discussion, activities, some handouts, suggestions further reading and hopefully lots of fun.

Contact: Led by Reverend Maria Hearl Tel: 01884 256380 for more information or [email: mariahearl@btinternet.com](mailto:mariahearl@btinternet.com)

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

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WELLINGTON & DISTRICT

There are increased numbers visiting both Taunton & Wellington Foodbank. Such was the demand on groceries and toiletries stocks of supplies were getting low. We are encouraged to fill the foodbank bins in Waitrose, and the Co-op. **DONT FORGET, FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS HAPPENING IN YOUR CHURCHES!**

THE BIG TENT IS BLASTING OFF! TUESDAY 15 – THURSDAY 17 AUGUST

The 3-day Holiday Club for Primary School-aged children run by the Wellington churches will be back in a large marquee at Wellesley Park Primary School **Tuesday 15–Thursday 17 August**, 10am–3pm each day. This year's theme is **Space Academy** and we'll be blasting off into outer space with lots of fun activities, competitions, songs, videos, creative makes & outdoor games. Through the week we'll be exploring stories of Bible hero Daniel who found himself in a very strange land but was still able to trust in his faithful God. Cost for the 3 days is £16 per child. Booking info at www.thebigtent.co.uk or by calling Karen at Wellington Baptist Church office 01823 663713.

THE POWER OF SONG

In the media recently there have been several discussions on how beneficial music and song can be to our wellbeing. In Dementia Awareness Week events were held in local communities to draw attention to the need for everyone to play a part in supporting those with dementia. The Blackdown Community Choir took part in a concert of music and song and amongst the audience were those with some form of dementia. We knew from comments afterwards that our songs were enjoyed and appreciated.

A few years back I was regularly visiting my Dad, who sadly was in the late stages of dementia. Although he no longer had the ability to recognise his daughter, his agitated mind was often calmed when I sang to him and he would join in on those songs he knew and loved. As a family we all grew up with music being an important part of our everyday life, so the opportunity to tap in on this, when Dad was ill, helped to bring us back together for a short while and give us both some peace and calm.

Reflecting on this amazing ability for the power of song to calm the mind, each week in our choir sessions I hear people say how after a stressed day they find singing together can calm their mind and they go home refreshed & ready for the next challenge! If you feel this is a good way for you to de-stress then why not come along to one of our sessions. We don't have voice auditions and we offer a warm welcome. We meet in term times on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm at the Baptist Centre, South Street, Wellington. Info on www.blackdowncommunitychoir or 01823-662203.

PARISH COUNCIL - AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday August 29th at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery is between 5.00pm and 5.30pm outside the Village Hall on Thursday 3rd August.

WEST BUCKLAND PRE-SCHOOL

After 14 years of managing the village pre-school, Angela Wills is passing on the baton and moving on to pastures new. The committee and staff would like to wish her the best of luck in her new endeavours and thank her for all her hard work over the years. Things won't be the same without her but we know she'll keep in touch and support the pre-school's fundraising events.

Therefore we are now looking for someone else to take on the role of Manager, adverts will be out shortly and if you know of anyone that would suit the role please do get in touch with our Chair, Laura Burrow on 07931 182065 to find out more information and receive an application pack.

Save the date! Our AGM is September 25th 7.30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. If you would like to keep the pre-school going we need your support. As a committee led pre-school we depend on parents and members of the community to step up to the roles and offer their time and skills to help shape the future of the pre-school. If you would like to make a difference and be involved please contact Laura for more information.

The pre-school would also like to thank the school and PTFA team behind the Scarecrow Festival for an amazing effort last month. A huge amount of fun and fundraising was had by all. We are really hoping they will do it again next year!

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB JULY MEETING

Nearly 90 people, including some new members and guests, packed West Buckland Village Hall for our July meeting. The Chairman welcomed everyone and the usual business of the club was completed.

The Chairman then updated members on future events including a visit to Wellington Bowling Club at the end of July, where members could give bowls a try. For our August trip we have hired a boat on the river Avon which has proved so popular that we have now hired a much larger boat to accommodate all those who wish to attend and finally, our September trip which includes a journey on the West Somerset Railway and a visit to a private house afterwards.

Members were advised that we now have a notice board which will let them know of local events taking place in the next month. Members were encouraged to support the West Somerset lottery; the club has been accepted as a beneficiary and 50p of each ticket sold, as long as the friendship club is chosen, is given to club funds for future use.

Our speaker for the day was Karen Steed-Dexter from Kingfisher Falconry in Axminster who give a very informative talk entitled 'The Sport of Kings' and brought along a barn owl, a falcon and a buzzard for members to see and explained falconry through the ages. The next meeting will be 3rd August when Spence Kingdom will be presenting a talk entitled 'Rivers & Rock Cakes'.

WEST BUCKLAND WI JULY MEETING

At our July meeting members were treated to an interesting and informative talk with slides from Robert Tinker on the 'Fun and Frivolity' experienced at Britain's seaside piers. For many years Robert worked on the Weston-super-Mare pier and his enthusiasm for this quintessential form of seaside entertainment was evident with the many anecdotes he had to tell. Did you know the Isle of Wight has 14 piers! Health and Safety rules and regulations were not around in the early 1900's and recorded fatalities on pier building sites were surprisingly minimal.

Several of our members dressed in their best outfits recently to attend an Ascot racing Ladies Day at Taunton Rugby club. They had a very enjoyable time, unfortunately many were losers but one lucky member of the party came home with more than she went with.

At our next meeting on 12th September Kathy Osborne will be explaining the intricacies of Longarm Quilting. If you are interested in becoming a member of our WI and would like to know more about us please come along to one of our meetings where a warm welcome awaits you. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at West Buckland.

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL VILLAGE AGENT

Well, it would appear that summer is well and truly with us. Let's hope that the sun stays shining brightly and any rain comes during the night. A few things though during this hot weather, don't forget to keep hydrated, drink plenty of water, if it gets too hot outside, go indoors for a break and don't forget to wear a sunhat. Suncream is always a must especially when you are out in the garden. Heatstroke can always creep up on you quickly and it's not nice.

Also a little bit of crime prevention advice. As it's been warm, we tend to leave our windows and doors open to get a breeze flowing through the house. If you do, don't leave your purse or bag by the doors and if you go out, remember to lock doors and close windows. It's so easy for someone to climb through and take things that are precious to you.

Our animals also need help at this time, extra water in their bowls and some water for the birds wouldn't go amiss. So while I head off for sunnier climes for the next few weeks look after your friends and neighbours and I'll see you all when I get back. Gary Larsen, Village Agent. 07931 018019

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

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