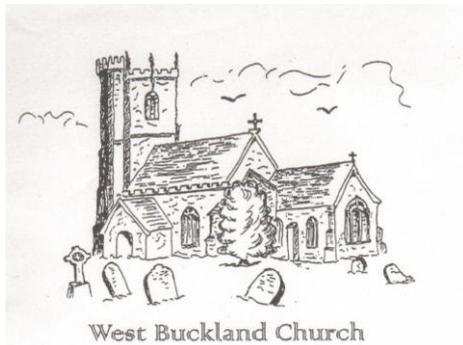


West Buckland Community News

August 2018

CHURCH FUND RAISING



We are opening the Church on
Saturday afternoons
3pm - 5pm during July and
August serving cream teas and a
bring and buy sale table.



Future event on September 28th: a musical evening with the Ukulele Strummers and the New Horizon Choir. Make a note of this date to come and enjoy the evening while supporting our team raising money for a much needed inside toilet in our Church.

WEST BUCKLAND WI MEETING JULY 2018

Our president welcomed everybody including visitors, and commented on the hall smelling nice, this was primarily due to the fact that our speaker came in with a table full of flowers.

Once the formal part of the meeting was completed, there was a lot of discussion about all the things that were going on within our WI. This month we also had a lot of new information for the members to look at and sign up to.

Our speaker this month was Michelle Liggit from Bloomin Lovely in Wellington. As well as telling us about the type of flowers used and where they come from, she also demonstrated the making of a pedestal arrangement. Following this Michelle made a couple of button hole arrangements and then invited members to have a go. Once the talk and demonstration was finished the pedestal arrangement was raffled off and one very happy member went home with the arrangement.

Our next WI meeting will be on 11 September 2018 at 7.30pm in West Buckland Village Hall when the speaker will be Carl Puzey who will be talking about 'Brain Waves' and the competition is 'A Childhood Toy'. Everyone is welcome especially new members and visitors

PARISH COUNCIL - AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th August at 7.30 pm. 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, 16th August.

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

2018 READINGS on pew sheets	5th August OT Exodus 16. 2-4.9-15 NT Ephesians 4. 1-16 Gospel John 6. 24-35	12th August OT 1 kings 19. 4-8 NT Ephesians 4. 25-5.2 Gospel John 6. 35. 41-51	19th August OT Proverbs 9. 1-6 NT Ephesians 5. 15-20 Gospel John 6. 51-58	26th August OT Joshua 24:1. 2a. 14-18 NT Ephesians 6. 10-20 Gospel John 6. 56-69
West Buckland	9am HC	10am Service	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Service	10.30am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC	9.15am HC
Langford Budville	10.30am HC	9.15am Joint HC	10am Non HC Service	<i>Join others</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am non HC	10.45am HC	Join others	10.45am HC

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
5 AUGUST	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE
12 AUGUST	CHURCHWARDENS	
19 AUGUST	C & J HAGLEY	J MORRISH
26 AUGUST	D STAGG & S SMITH	S SMITH
2 SEPTEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON

2nd August East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, at Bradford on Tone followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

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. Open The Book is also being taken to other schools in the Benefice including Rockwell Green & Stawley. 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

FOOD BANK please fill up food bank boxes in your churches- they are low on many items of food and toiletries. They particularly need fruit juice and tins of cold and hot meat. As well as food, deodorants etc & toilet rolls and washing powder.

The Big Tent 2018 – Landlubbers! Tue 14-Thu 16 August, 10am-3pm at Wellesley Park School Field
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 on **Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 August** running from 10am–3pm each day. Plans are shaping up for this year's event as we join the pirates on a treasure island! Booking info can be found at www.thebigtent.co.uk or by calling Karen at Wellington Baptist Church on 663713. There are also some leaflets on the info table at St John's Church. Do take the opportunity to invite friends & neighbours who have Primary-School aged children – there's nothing better than a personal invite.

Please pray for The Big Tent

For the children: we hope to have 100 children in the tent again this summer!

For the team: who will lead Big Tent, for health, energy and inspiration.

For provision of finances and other resources required.

For the amazing opportunity to serve many families in Wellington as we live and tell the story of Jesus through The Big Tent. This year we'll be exploring some of Paul's journey of faith in Jesus and his wise words to the Philippians with all the usual fun and creativity.

“Try to live as lights among the people of this world, as you hold firmly to the message that gives life.”
(Philippians 2:15-16 CEV) Andy Levett (for The Big Tent Team) andy.levett@bathwells.anglican.org.uk

HOW SAFE IS YOUR WATER SUPPLY?

Having a private water supply can be a real boon. Cheaper than mains water, control over chemical additives and often with better pressure, a private supply is also not subject to imposed drought restrictions. Many farms, businesses and homes rely on a private supply either through preference or practicality. Indeed, the South West has around one third of all the private supplies in England. Cool, fresh and delicious - spring water on tap can be one of the perks of rural living.

The quality of private water supplies, however, can be extremely variable. It's vital to ensure the safety of your supply for yourself, your guests, livestock or customers. In fact, it's a legal requirement if you run a commercial activity where you supply water to your customers, such as a campsite, B&B or rental property. Owners can help safeguard their supplies by protecting from contamination by livestock and other hazards, installing treatment apparatus, and making sure the water is stored and distributed safely before use.

Private water supplies often pose a health risk because they are not managed or tested in the same way as public supplies. Common problems include bacteria, heavy metals such as iron, manganese, aluminium, lead and arsenic, as well as nitrates, nitrites, ammonia and other minerals. Sometimes the contamination may affect the appearance, taste or smell of the water but it is often not obvious. The best way to be sure your supply is fit for use is to have regular testing carried out.

Professional testing should include metals such as iron, zinc, lead, nickel and copper that may result from deteriorating pipework or other sources. It should also report on chemical levels from disinfection products. The key benefit of engaging a reputable professional laboratory is that they can provide microbiological testing which will identify health hazards such as E.coli. Not all labs offer this service, so always check what is included when choosing a company. It is highly recommended that a laboratory accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) is used rather than internet testing kits which are very unreliable and often give misleading results.

Somerset Scientific Services, part of Somerset County Council, have been supplying impartial advice and testing for over 50 years. Contact them for information or a quote for a comprehensive UKAS accredited testing package.

SSSmalbox@somerset.gov.uk - 01823 355906 - www.somersetscientificservices.co.uk

WEST BUCKLAND PRE-SCHOOL

Well, where did that year go? It's incredible to think that it's the end of another academic year. Our Pre-School children have all been amazing; they played, they sang songs. They climbed, painted and oh yes, they made lots of things too. That's only a little of what our pre-school children did and that's how they learn - all the while having lots of fun. We are so proud of all the things they can do now that they couldn't last September and how hard they have all tried. Well done superstars!

On 20th July the Rising 5s had a 'graduation' celebration - they were excited to dress up for the occasion and wore little gowns and mortar boards. They looked so smart and grown up. A **huge** thank you to Madge Smith for making sixteen graduation gowns - you are an angel. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has supported us this year, particularly the Chair of our Committee, Laura Burrow whose kindness, help, optimism and enthusiasm has kept us smiling all year. Thanks also are extended to our committee members, parents, families, friends and locals who have helped at fundraising events and been so supportive of all we do. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you parents for giving us the privilege of teaching and caring for your precious children. We are sure you are very proud of them, as are we.

Thank you to the Village Hall Committee; with your ongoing support we are able to offer pre-school places to children in West Buckland and the surrounding areas. As we say goodbye to sixteen Rising 5s we will need more children to join us from September to remain open, so please spread the word about us. <http://westbucklandpreschool.weebly.com> We also have a Facebook page: West Buckland Pre-School.

Do you have some spare time? If so, would you like to join our Committee? We meet four times per year at The World's End to discuss fundraising ideas etc. I would like to thank my wonderful staff Sarah, Jill and Sheena for their unstinting support, enthusiasm and hard work. They really do make the workplace a bright and cheerful place. Have a well-deserved summer break ladies! If you have any rolls of wallpaper you no longer need, we would gladly take them for our squiggle wiggle work. Please contact Sharon Smith on 07956452332.

We always have to fundraise to make ends meet and so we have a Wish List on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/2VSX4LV8D5KJM> 'Every little helps!' We are now members of Somerset West Lottery – just Google West Buckland Pre-School – tickets are £1 each and we receive 50p from every ticket purchased in our name. The odds are better than the National Lottery too.

On 8th September Jill and I will be doing the Dartmoor in a Day Challenge – a 30km walk (18 miles with an OS map) to raise funds for Pre-School. There will be a link on our FB page and website in due course. In September we will have a Bag 2 School collection, so if you want to clear out your wardrobes (good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys) ready for your latest autumn catwalk collection, please bring your donations to the village hall between 8am and 8:30am on 24th September. In return the Pre-School will receive cash depending on the total weight collected. So, the more we collect, the bigger the benefit to us. Thank you in advance! We shall be sharing some of the things we do at Pre-School with you on a regular basis. Our theme for the first term will be The Circus #betterpracticemyjugglingskills

Finally, after eleven years of working at the Pre-School, we say a fond and tearful farewell to one of our staff, Jill, during which she has put out all of the Pre-School tables, chairs and equipment in creative ways ready for the start of each session. She has worked tirelessly with all of the children not just her key children. She is an all-round super colleague (and not just because of her amazing cakes) but she has promised to help out when staff are on courses - and to pop in with the occasional batch of cakes for our fundraising coffee mornings. Jill, we love you dearly and will miss you. Thank you for your lovely sunny nature, professionalism, friendship and unstinting support. You rock!! We welcome our new staff members Sheena Hamilton and Catherine Palmer whom we are looking forward to having on our team. Have a super summer holiday one and all.

Sharon Smith, Manager

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

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