

West Buckland Community News December 2017 / January 2018



St Mary's Church West Buckland



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2017 AT 2PM
WEST BUCKLAND VILLAGE HALL
ALL WELCOME**

*Gifts, Tombola, Raffle, Home Made Christmas Cards,
Guess the number of sweets, Treasure Hunt, plus more*

Father Christmas will be in attendance with a sack of goodies for the children



WEST BUCKLAND PRE-SCHOOL

Christmas Coffee Morning - Friday 15th December, 10am-11.30am: All are welcome to come along and enjoy a nice cup of tea and a mince pie. You can find out more about how you can get involved with the Pre-School, win some prizes, buy crafty gifts and play games with the children. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are creating a new Facebook page, 'West Buckland Pre-school' please 'like it' and get involved when we are live in the New Year. We are working towards finding a way where we can offer more hours to parents and we have many ways in which you could help us fundraise. All the details will be available on our page. You'll also be able to keep up to date with everything the children are doing and help keep our wonderful Pre-School going. We've been open since 1982; as a community we can work together and keep it open for many years to come!

And keep an ear out for little voices carol singing at your doors!

FROM THE EDITOR

Our thanks to the West Buckland Friendship Club for their donation towards the cost of printing the magazine. It is much appreciated. The newsletter will be back in February, please submit contributions for the February newsletter by January 20.

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

2017	3rd Dec	10th Dec	17th Dec	24th Dec
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Isaiah 64. 1-9 NT 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9 Gospel Mark 13. 24-37	OT Isaiah 40. 1-11 NT 2 Peter 3. 8-15a Gospel Mark 1. 1-8	OT Isaiah 61. 1-4. 8-11 NT 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24 Gospel John 1. 6-8. 19-28	OT 2 Samuel 7. 1-11.16 NT Romans 16. 25-27 Gospel Luke 1. 26-38
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Carol Service	9am HC	6pm Christingle service 11.15pm Midnight Mass
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30 am HC	10am Morning Worship 4pm Christingle service
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join</i> <i>Langford Budville</i>	4pm Christingle Service	11.15pm Midnight Mass
Langford Budville	10am HC	9.15am HC	10am Family Service	4pm Crib service
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10 45am HC	3.30pm Carol Service	<i>Join others</i>

OTHER SERVICES

2nd Dec East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, refreshments after in village hall with coffee morning group
3rd Dec Team Advent Service 4.30pm Sampford Arundel, in Holy Cross, followed by refreshments after in Parish hall

EAST GROUP Advent & Christmas Services 2017

Sunday 10th December

10am St Mary the Virgin West Buckland Family Carol Service.

Sunday 17th December

3.30pm All Saints Nynehead Family Carol service with Candlelight.
 4pm Ss Peter & Paul Runnington Family Christingle Service & Crib Blessing.

Monday 18th December

6pm St. Peters Langford Budville Carols by Candlelight.

Wednesday 20th December

6pm St Giles Bradford on Tone Candlelit Family Carol Service

24th December- Christmas Eve

4pm St. Peters Langford Budville Family Crib Service.
 4pm St Giles Bradford on Tone Family Christingle Service with Crib Blessing.
 6pm St. Mary the Virgin West Buckland Family Christingle & Crib Blessing.
 11.15pm St Mary the Virgin West Buckland Midnight Mass
 11.15pm Ss Peter & Paul Runnington Midnight Mass.

25th December Christmas Day

10.30am St. Giles Bradford on Tone Christmas Morning Family Holy Communion service.
 10am St. Peters Langford Budville Christmas Morning Family Holy Communion Service.
 10am All Saints Nynehead Christmas Morning family Holy Communion service

ALL WELCOME!

Christmas Day Readings 25th December

OT: Isaiah 52. 7-10
 NT : Hebrews 1. 1-4. 95-12)
 Gospel: John 1. 1-14

31st December East Group Joint 10am HC service

Nynehead - followed by refreshments.
 Readings: OT- Isaiah 61. 10-62.3 NT- Galatians 4. 4-7
 Gospel- Luke 2. 15-21

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). 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.

DON'T FORGET, FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS HAPPENING IN YOUR CHURCHES! (East Group)

2018 READINGS on pew sheets	7 th Jan	14 th Jan	21 st Jan	28 th Jan
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm Epiphany Carol Service	9.15am Joint HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	9.15am joint HC	10am Family Service	<i>Join others</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10 45am HC	<i>Join others</i>	10.45am HC

4th Jan East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am at Bradford on Tone refreshments after in hall with coffee morning group

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
3 DECEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE
10 DECEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	-
17 DECEMBER	D STAGG & P FORD	D FASEY
24 DECEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	J MORRISH
31 DECEMBER	UNITED SERVICE	
7 JANUARY	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON
14 JANUARY	CHURCHWARDENS	-
21 JANUARY	D & S FASEY	D FASEY
28 JANUARY	N HAYES & T RICHBELL	S SMITH
4 FEBRUARY	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE

Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: contact Revd. Alan Ellacott email rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com
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LETTER FROM THE RIGHT REVEREND RUTH WORSLEY, BISHOP OF TAUNTON

We've been seeing the Christmas Decorations in the shops since the summer holidays ended. It starts sooner than ever each year doesn't it?

At the beginning of November a checkout assistant was telling me she already had her decorations up at home due to her daughter's insistence. I remember the time when my parents would put up the tree on Christmas Eve and we weren't allowed into the living room until the next morning. Our excitement knew no bounds!

'Waiting' is something we are not very good at. Many of us are impatient in this world of immediacy. We want our needs, our wishes, fulfilled at once. We are like it with our shopping online. Paying more for next day delivery. We can be like that with our prayers too. Challenging God as to why He doesn't appear to have heard us when we don't receive the answer we're looking for.

This season of Advent is all about waiting. Waiting and watching, not just to celebrate the festival of Christmas, the coming of the baby in the manger, but also waiting and watching for his coming in glory. The early Christians were anticipating that Jesus would return for them in their lifetime. His words in John's gospel about "going to prepare for them", "going ahead" of them, caused them to be expectant of another advent or arrival of God, breaking into the world. They couldn't understand why He didn't come back quickly particularly when they faced persecutions for their faith.

I know of people now who live in that expectancy of Jesus' return each day, opening their curtain with the words, "Maybe today, Lord". Perhaps you do. I'm aware that I don't say that enough. Not because I'm fearful of life in the 'here and now' but rather thinking of each day as potentially the last here on earth and therefore thinking about how to make it count. Thinking about hope I might live and tell the story of God's love to friends and neighbours, strangers and family, in a way they might hear that message most effectively. So that they can come to know God who loves them enough to enter into their world and be present with them.

This Advent, perhaps we need to become more aware that it's not only us doing the 'waiting' but also God waiting to receive the best from us.

God Waits

God waits silently

In our inner recesses,

The chambers of our soul, Gazing lovingly

On our treasure,

Awaiting our response. (Yvonne Morland)

WEST BUCKLAND WI NOVEMBER MEETING

There was a good turnout for our November meeting and our President Barbara welcomed everyone. With the formalities done there was still a lot to talk about. The Christmas Carol Festival programmes were handed out. The Christmas sign up list was on the table, it looks like our Christmas party is going to be a good one this year. The green sheet was handed out and we were encouraged to go on the WI web site and have a look at what is going on. The floor was opened up for members to tell us what was going on over the next month and the diary is starting to fill up now.

There was a short break whilst our speaker John Harmsworth set up. We had a slide show of Norway in the 1970s and in 2004, a lot has changed including the cars and new buildings, but the scenery is still as stunning. After John's talk there was a lot of chatter about past holidays over coffee and food.

Our next meeting is the 12th December which is our Christmas party and will start at 6pm. Then our January meeting will be on the 9th for 7.30pm start. Visitors are most welcome.

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING

The Chairman welcomed everyone and the usual business of the club was completed. He then went on to ask if those who attended enjoyed the 'Mystery Trip' which was held on a damp morning in mid October.

The mystery trip itself entailed a visit to Dartmoor Prison Museum, which was really very enjoyable. Thanks must go to the staff at the museum for making the visit so informative. From the museum we moved on to 'The Two Bridges Hotel' where a formal high tea was laid on. What a wonderful spread. After with everyone fully stuffed it was on to the coach and back home.

We then moved on to our AGM and the village hall was packed, whether this was due to the AGM or the buffet which was laid on for after the meeting, was up for debate. The meeting commenced with the minutes for the 2016 meeting, which were unanimously accepted and then moved on to the officers' reports and the election of new officers. At this point Marion Stephens stood down as Treasurer and was presented with a token of the club's appreciation by the Chairman and a rapturous round of applause by all those present.

With the conclusion of the AGM the Chairman then moved on to present the program for 2018. There are trips to Compton Acres in Poole, a visit to the Bishop's Palace in Wells, a trip to the Bath Christmas market and an outing to either SS Great Britain or Aerospace Filton. We also have a varied program of speakers.

Our next event is the Christmas lunch at Oake Manor and we kick off 2018 with a talk by Ian Williamson entitled My Amazon Rain Forest Adventure on Thursday 4th January. Also in January we have our anniversary party which this year is called Route 60/6 and will be held on 25th January at 2.30pm in the village hall.

PARISH COUNCIL

There is no meeting of the Parish Council in December but there are two meetings in January 2018. These take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd January and Tuesday 30th January at 7.30 pm. 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 21st December. Dates for 2018 are not available until later.

The newsletter will be back in February, please submit contributions for the February newsletter by 20th January. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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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