

West Buckland Community News

February 2018



PLEASE HELP US RAISE SOME FUNDS IN MEMORY OF ANDREA WILLIAMS

On **Saturday 3rd February 2018** we are holding an afternoon of fun in memory of our dear friend, Andrea, who sadly lost her fight with cancer in October 17. Please join family and friends anytime from 1.30 to 5pm, when we will be serving cakes, refreshments, selling raffle tickets and doing some easy dance movements to the sort of music Andrea loved. There'll be plenty of time to share happy memories of a wonderful friend, mother and wife.

Entry fee £5; raffle tickets £1; donations for cakes & refreshments. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes on the day. All funds raised will be split between MacMillan Cancer Support & St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton.

If you wish to join in the choreographed dances, there is no need to wear special clothing but flat shoes are advised, and please bring a scarf. Purple clothing optional! For any queries please contact Linda Holden on 07772 005996.

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN?

West Buckland WI will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean over the weekend of 2/3/4 March. If you would like to join in and spend an hour or so picking up litter from the verges in our Parish, just contact me the week before the event and I will give you more details. Maggie Hall - hall.maggiea@gmail.com

RACE NIGHT IN AID OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, WEST BUCKLAND

Come and have supper and a whole lot of fun at the Race Night on Saturday 24th March 2018 in West Buckland Village Hall. 7pm for first race at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 each from Chris 667470 or Jean 663009.

PILATES CLASSES AT WEST BUCKLAND VILLAGE HALL



**Mondays
Pilates 6-7pm**

**£35 for 5 classes
(payable in advance)**

Limited number of places available

Beginners and more experienced welcome

To reserve a space or for more information contact:

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EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

2018	4th Feb	11th Feb	18th Feb	25th Feb
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Proverbs 8. 1. 22-31 NT Colossians 1. 15-20 Gospel John 1.1-14	OT 2 Kings 2 1-12 NT 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6 Gospel Mark 9. 2-9	OT Genesis 9. 8-17 NT 1 Peter 3. 18-22 Gospel Mark 1. 9-15	OT Genesis 17. 1-7. 15-16 NT Romans 4. 13-25 Gospel Mark 8. 31-38
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30 m HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	Join Langford Budville	6pm BCP HC with hymns	9.15am HC
Langford Budville	10.30am HC	9.15am joint HC	10am Service	Join others
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	Join others	10.45am HC

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
4 February	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE
11 February	CHURCHWARDENS	-
18 February	C & J HAGLEY	J MORRISH
25 February	D STAGG & S SMITH	E DUMMETT
4 March	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON

1st February East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, at Bradford on Tone followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

ASH Wednesday HC Service with imposition of Ashes 14th February at 10.30am Langford Budville Church.

NOTE: Langford Budville 1st Sunday service from 4th February will be starting at 10.30am.

Dear All, As many of you know I have been offered a position with the Benefice of Milverton, Halse, Fitzhead, and Ash Priors as a Community Chaplain. After prayers and a great deal of discerning I feel God is calling me to this ministry. This means after 14 years serving within the East Group I shall be leaving. I shall be fully committed to the new role which means that I will not be available to continue serving as a Lay Reader within the East Group, I am looking forward to this exciting opportunity for my future ministry and I know you will gain the opportunity to develop your own skills in worship leading and pastoral skills. I have enjoyed seeing many of you already growing in confidence and faith. As you know I live at Langford Budville and I look forward to continuing to spend my leisure time as a part of this community and am truly grateful for the continued contact of neighbours and friends. I would like to thank you for your support, love and care over the years, you have encouraged me in my ministry and spiritually I have grown with you all. May God bless each and everyone, I have been truly blessed by your faith journeys.

Sandra Lee (Reader)

Following Sandra's departure from the East Group after February 4th, help is needed with non communion services, can you help by becoming a Lay Worship Assistant? To find out more contact Alan- the vicar.

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. Starting in 2018 7th Feb, 7th March & 11th April.

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

Thank you to Father Christmas for visiting our Village, and thank everyone who came to see him and supported the Wellington Carnival Club Members, who collected £54.85 to be shared between local charities of which our Church will get a share. Jean Morrish

'EMBRACE' Lent Course for East Group - 6 Sessions. With refreshments.

Please come along & if possible ring a Bible and pencil.

First 3 held at Mrs Betty Sparks 8 Roundoak Gardens Nynhead TA21 OBX

1st Session beginning Monday 12th February 2.30pm - Speaking new value.

2nd Session Thursday 22nd February 2.30pm - Growing new lives.

3rd Session Wednesday 28th February 2.30pm - Inspiring new visions

Last 3 Sessions held at Chant Room Bradford on Tone Village Hall

4th Session Monday 5th March 2.30pm - Softening hearts again.

5th Session Monday 12th March 2.30pm - Fuelling perseverance.

6th Session Monday 19th March 2.30pm - Crafting transformation.

LENT 2018

The Bishops' Lent Appeal 2018 is celebrating Lay Ministry of all shapes and sizes. It hopes to raise money to directly support lay ministry roles in Zambia. Bishop Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton, says: "Last year the Bishops' Lent Appeal raised nearly £20,000 to support refugees in Somerset and in Greece. That money has made a huge difference. This year we are celebrating 40 years of partnership with our link dioceses in Zambia and what better way to celebrate that fact, than to raise money and awareness to support lay ministry in Zambia and in our own diocese."

Over the course of Lent, which this year begins on 14 February, the Bishops' Lent Appeal will showcase and celebrate the variety and diversity of lay ministry in our diocese and Zambia. This will include stories of Christians that have followed God's call into Reader Ministry, Chaplaincy, Pioneer Ministry, Youth Work, and Lay Worship Leader roles. Information, stories and inspiration will be shared through the diocesan website and social media channels throughout Lent. Parishes are invited to participate by setting aside one Sunday during the Lenten period to pray for reflection, and make a donation in support of the Bishops' Lent Appeal.

LIVING LENT BY THE RIGHT REVEREND RUTH WORSLEY BISHOP OF TAUNTON

We've got one of our lovely sons and daughter-in-laws living with us at the moment. It's great! For me at least. (I've never had to live with my mother-in-law before so can't speak for Danielle!) I find myself coming home to dinner on the table, the house swept clean and my cupboards all neatly rearranged. We've even got a newly painted downstairs loo! And we are having some really good conversations, sharing our hopes and dreams.

This month sees us enter Lent, the season of reflection as we trace Jesus' footprints and walk the road to the cross. It's an opportunity for us to do some clearing out. We empty our cupboards of rich foods, beating up the batter for our pancakes, preparation for a more abstemious few weeks.

However living Lent is more than attending to our diets but rather making room to reflect on those aspects of our lives that need adjusting. Those things we need to bring into God's light for him to forgive, help us to turn from and find a new way of being. This means doing more than just rearranging shelves. It requires us to rid ourselves of those things that hold us back from God's call on our lives. What might that mean for you this Lent? What needs to go?

But it's not just about taking bags of old and unwanted items down to the recycling bank. It's also about how we form hopes and dreams for the future. How we look beyond the 'now' to 'what might be'. How we move into a new resurrection, a renewal of life beyond the cross.

Many of us make plans, whether that's for this weekend or for our children's long-term future. How many of us seek out what God's plan might be for us? We will be hearing something of how Jesus 'set his face towards Jerusalem' this Lent. How he walked towards what he must have sensed as imminent danger. But he did so in obedience that the will of his father would be fulfilled.

At that moment in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus seemingly faltered. 'If it be your will, take this cup from me' he prays. However it was only through the cross that resurrection, hope, new possibilities could be revealed. What future are you seeking? God's will to be revealed? Or have you mapped it all out already?

WEST BUCKLAND WI JANUARY MEETING

The meeting started by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and welcoming everyone to the meeting. Then our President had some sad news that two of our past members had passed away, so while we sang *Jerusalem* our thoughts were with them and their families. It was noted that our January meeting was down on numbers as a lot of our members had gone down with the various colds and flu that have been going around. Our President thanked everyone for their help at the Christmas party where the trophies were handed out. In some instances there were only a couple of points between first and second, much better than last year.

Members were then reminded that membership/subs were due. After the formal part of the meeting was done we introduced our speaker Colin Spackman. We had a pleasant evening learning about some of the street names in Wellington and how they came about along with showing us photos of the said roads/streets. With some of our members not having grown up in the area it was nice to learn about the history of Wellington as well. The evening came to an end with coffee and nibbles, then the judging of the competition - an Antique tin, which brought a lot of discussion of what we still have in our houses.

Our Next Meeting is Tuesday 13th February 2018 7.30pm at West Buckland Village Hall. Visitors welcome. The speaker is Ian Williamson: Travelling Experiences in Tasmania. The Competition is Unusual Holiday Souvenir.

PARISH COUNCIL - FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 27th February 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 1st February.

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 November 3rd 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

PLANNING RENOVATIONS THIS YEAR?

If you're thinking of a new extension, a bit of remodelling, or finally knocking down that old garage, have you checked for asbestos? Any property built or refurbished before 2000 could potentially contain ACMs (Asbestos Containing Materials). Commonly found in corrugated roofing sheets, it was also widely used in artex-type paint coatings, insulation material, floor tiles, other construction material, fixtures and fittings. Left undisturbed, these materials don't present a health risk. However, when damaged the fibres easily become airborne and can be inhaled. Exposure to these microscopic fibres can lead to severe lung disease and cancer. In the UK, around 5,000 deaths a year are linked to asbestos exposure, and it can take years for symptoms to develop. Invisible to the naked eye and normally blended with other substances, professional testing is needed to ensure asbestos is dealt with safely.

Somerset Scientific Services, part of Somerset County Council, offer free impartial asbestos advice as part of our commitment to public health and safety. We also offer an expert service to identify and project manage the removal of any ACMs. Samples of suspect material can be sent to our lab for analysis and we'll provide impartial advice on your next steps if asbestos is identified. For larger projects surveys can be completed on site by our specialist asbestos team if needed.

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

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