

West Buckland Community News

March 2017

WEST BUCKLAND WIFE FEBRUARY MEETING

There was no mistaking it was Valentine's Day with a beautiful arrangement of red roses gracing the main table. The meeting began by welcoming visitors. One visitor came from as far away as Rutland. The business part of the meeting saw many interesting things being discussed such as the fundraising challenge to cross Iceland by cycling, trekking or riding a horse!

The speaker for the evening, David Elkington was known locally to many in the hall. His presentation was the work of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The charity was launched in March 2000 and they are expecting what will be their third helicopter imminently. This new AW169 will be able to operate at night and in weather conditions the previous ones wouldn't have been able to. Each flight will now carry a doctor and a paramedic. It was staggering to hear that it costs £2m a year to run equating to around £2,500 per mission. The most common call out being to road traffic accidents. David listed the ways to support this vital service including textile recycling in allotted bins in car parks, Flight for Life lottery, fundraising and bequests. Sue Morgan another volunteer with the charity held a fundraising sale of merchandise after the meeting.

The Valentine's Day theme continued with lots of heart shaped sandwiches, cakes and biscuits. Everyone feeling decidedly spoilt! The competition for the 'Photo from Above' was won by Marion Upton with her breathtaking view of Bergen in Norway taken on one of the rare times when visibility allowed! Next month's meeting will be on March 14th in West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING

A total of 62 members plus 7 who were with us or the first time braved the rather foul weather to join together for our February meeting. As usual the meeting started with the chairman welcoming everyone especially those who were new to the club and distributing cards to those members whose birthday fell during February.

The business part of the morning was quickly dealt with and those who had signed up for the Exeter trip were advised of arrangements. Once we arrived at the Cathedral coffee would be available and this would be followed by a choice of two tours – one around the Cathedral and the other a tour of the roof for a panoramic view of Exeter. This would be followed by sandwiches and a bit of free time before returning home. This was well received by members.

We then moved on to the main part of our meeting and our speaker for the day Yvette Staelens was introduced. Yvette gave us an enlightening and very interesting talk on the 'Lost Singers of Somerset' in which she went through some of the trips that Cecil Sharp made to Somerset in the early 1900s to meet folk singers and collect those songs for posterity. The talk really was very interesting and we even ended up by joining Yvette in a rendition of one of the old songs.

Next meeting will be on 2nd March when Tony Cooper will be telling us about 'my time in the Metropolitan Police'.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery will take place on Thursday, 16th March, between 5pm and 5.30pm outside West Buckland Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MARCH MEETING

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

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

March 2017	5th March (Lent)	12th March	19th March	26th March (Mothers' Day)
READINGS on pew sheets provided. <i>The Revised Common Lectionary</i>	OT Genesis 2. 15-17, 3. 1-7 NT Romans 5. 12-19 Gospel: Matthew 4. 1-11	OT Genesis 12. 1-4a NT Romans 4. 1-5. 13-17 Gospel: John 3. 1-17	OT Exodus 17. 1-7 NT Romans 5. 1-11 Gospel: John 4. 5-42	OT Exodus 2. 1-10 NT Colossians 3. 12-17 Gospel: Luke 2. 33-35
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	9am Morning Worship posies and refreshments
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC followed by APCM	10am Mothers' Day Morning Worship, Posies coffee and Simnel cake
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC	9.15am Joint Mothers Day 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	<i>Join others.</i>	10.45am Mothers' Day HC followed by refreshments

OTHER SERVICES ASH WEDNESDAY HC Service with imposition of ashes 1st March 9.45am Bradford on Tone, followed by refreshments with coffee morning group in village hall. **But there will be no BCPHC on Thurs 2nd March.**

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
5 March	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON
12 March	CHURCHWARDENS	-
19 March	C & J HAGLEY	J HAGLEY
26 March	F & C HOLWAY	B DUMMETT
2 April	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE

Smile At St Johns -3.15pm- 4.30pm after-school. 1st March & 29th March · 2017 For children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Please do join us in praying for the children and families we seek to serve and share God's love with. If you're interested in getting involved with the Smile team, do get in touch with Andy Levett on 07595 311183.

East Group Lent Course - Everyone welcome

The Lent course is called 'Receiving Christ'

Langford Budville Village Community Hall on Tuesdays from 2pm-4pm, 14th & 28th March, 4th & 11th April.

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East Group Lent Bible Study - Everyone welcome

Bradford on Tone at Jean Goodman's. For directions contact June Best on 481 339 (Churchwarden).

Monday 20th March, Thursday 30th March and Thursday 6th April from 2-4pm.

Wellington Team Churches Together

3rd March 2.30pm Woman's World Day of Prayer. St John Fisher Church, Mantle Street.

Wednesday 15th March, Christian Aid, Soup Lunch at Baptist Church.

14th April 10am Good Friday Service at Parish, Church & Walk of Witness to WBC. Wellington.

HOLY WEEK EVERYONE WELCOME!

Monday 10th April 10.30am HC Bradford on Tone.

Maunday Thursday 13th April HC with Stripping of Altars 7pm Runnington Church.

Good Friday 14th April Way of the Cross Reflection Service 2.15pm Nynehead Church.



EASTER SUNDAY 16th APRIL EVERYONE WELCOME!

West Buckland 9am Family HC; **Langford Budville** 10am Family HC; **Bradford on Tone** 10.30am Family HC; **Nynehead** 10.30am Family HC; **Runnington** 6pm Family HC.



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LETTER FROM THE RIGHT REVEREND RUTH WORSLEY, BISHOP OF TAUNTON

As I write this, in the past week we have been hearing of President Trump's travel ban which includes the prevention of refugees from entering the US. US lawyers have suspended the ban and a fight is ensuing, on Twitter and in the courts. Archbishop Sentamu, and the Bishops of Liverpool and Durham have been among those who have publicly spoken out and reminded us of the Christian charge to welcome the stranger in need. Bishop Peter and I have made a very specific Bishops' Lent Appeal this year to support the work of welcome to refugees. To support this appeal, every day of Lent there is a story on the diocesan website of someone working for the common good. Amongst them are some specific stories of refugees and those who work to support them. We hope you will take the opportunity to read them and reflect on how they open up Scripture for us through an example of 'living the story'. And in response, we ask you to consider giving something towards the work we are doing in the diocese and beyond to support such work. Perhaps you are holding a Lent lunch or taking a special, additional offering each week in your church. Would you consider giving this to the Bishops' Lent Appeal for Refugees? Half of what is collected across the diocese will go to the work here in Somerset. And half will go to encourage the work of a church community in Greece supporting them in providing food and shelter for those in immediate need.

I have been very encouraged to hear of the stories of those who have found practical support and a warm welcome from the people of Somerset in the midst of despair, anxiety and fear. It has been a real joy to see folk gathering together to offer whatever they can by way of befriending, language support, homes to those in need. One primary school has even seen the children collecting money to buy bicycles for two Syrian children. Such generosity! We've now welcomed four families to Taunton with more on the way. In Yeovil and Bath there are young people and families being supported through the government resettlement scheme. And in Nailsea and Taunton, community sponsorship hopes to welcome others. Our diocese has played its part and provided £5,000 this past year for training, interpretive support amongst other things.

We are committed to doing more this year and would welcome whatever help you can offer. Ruth, Taunton

WEST BUCKLAND RACE NIGHT

The race night will soon be here! It is on Saturday March 25th at 7.30pm in the village hall. Tickets are £5 (to include supper). The going is good, and the horses are ready, so please come and have a real fun night and support your local church. Betty 664775

WELLINGTON PARK SPRING FAYRE.

The church are having their usual stall in the park on Sunday 30th April, please look in your cupboards for things that we can sell bric-a-brac books etc. will all be gratefully received. Betty 664775

PRE-SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

Our latest preschool Quiz Night is being held on Saturday 11th March. Doors open at 7.30pm for a prompt start at 8pm. The quiz is being held at West Buckland Village Hall to help raise funds for the preschool and promises to provide another highly enjoyable evening. Teams should be of 4 to 6 people at a cost £2.50 per person. There will be a cash prize for the winning team, a bar, and snacks available to buy. Contestants can also bring along their own nibbles. There will be a raffle with generous prizes. To book a team, or for more details, those interested can email this address or call 07779 459386. Angela Wills.

WELLINGTON TEAM MINISTRY LENT RETREAT DAYS AT HILFIELD FRIARY

Wednesday 8 March (Led by Rev Selina)

Thursday 9 March (Led by Rev Selina)

Saturday 1 April (Led by Rev Tim who has spaces in his car to drive folk down that day)

A day exploring Lent through reflection, spiritual conversation, silence, creativity, optional walk and exploring the prayer life held by the community at Hilfield.

Useful information about the Hilfield day retreats

Ideal for people who have never been on a retreat or a day like this before. People can dip into what will be available and Selina will chat with you to help make the time work for your needs. To find out more about Hilfield Friary look at www.hilfield.org.uk Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee and biscuits will be available. We will try to share lifts wherever possible (and so can hope to be able to help with transport). Hilfield is 45 miles away and takes about an hour to drive to. If people are able to contribute £15 for the day would be really helpful, but please do not let costs prevent you from attending.

Spring Harvest day trips in Holy Week Monday 10 April or Wednesday 12 April

Spring Harvest is a lively charismatic evangelical conference with contemporary worship and thousands of people in a VERY Big Tent worshipping God and listening to biblical teaching! There are also lots of workshops and information about the church across the world. It is based in Butlins at Minehead.

Helena and Selina are planning a day trip to Spring Harvest with the young people on Monday 10 April. Adults are welcome to join us! Selina is also willing to accompany/drive others wanting to experience Spring Harvest teaching and worship for the day on Wednesday 12th April. The speaker for both days is Paula Gooder who is brilliant!

Let me know if you or others you know are interested. We hope to get some free tickets which we can share among us to reduce the cost per person.

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ANYONE FOR TEA AND CAKE?

Are you interested in baking, tasting, recipe sharing, cup of tea and a chat?! Then I would love to hear from you with a view to starting a cake club, to be held at my home which is one and a half miles from West Buckland. So whether you are 19 or 90 you would be very welcome. Date, time and details to be agreed. E-mail lindabond24@gmail.com

WELLINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY

St John's Church, Wellington, is the venue for Wellington Choral Society's next concert on Saturday 25 March. Music Director, Laurence Blyth, has put together an eclectic mix of popular works, stretching from early Handel with three of his *Coronation Anthems*, to Poulenc's *Gloria*, taking in Mendelssohn's well-known *Hear my Prayer* and Elgar's *Benedictus*.

The Society is delighted that the accomplished soprano, Héloïse West, will be joining them for the performance and the organist will be David Davies.

The concert begins at 7.30pm and doors open at 6.45pm. Tickets are £12 (under-18s free) and are available from Nurtured by Nature in South Street, Wellington, the Taunton Visitor Centre, Market House, Taunton (01823-340470), or online at www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk.

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

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