

West Buckland Community News November 2017

West Buckland School

Christmas Fair



**Saturday 25th November
10am – 12noon at the School
Everyone is welcome!**

Refreshments, Chocolate Tombola, Raffle, Stalls,
Cakes and much more

Try your hand at our games designed and made
by the school children



EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

2017	5 th Nov All Saints Day OT Revelation 7. 9-17 NT 1 John 3. 1-3 Gospel Matthew 5. 1-12	12 th Nov Remembrance Day OT Wisdom of Solomon 6. 12-16 or Amos 5. 18-24 NT 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-18 Gospel Matthew 25. 1-13	19 th Nov OT Zephaniah 1. 7. 12-18 NT 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11 Gospel Matthew 25. 14-30	26 th Nov Christ the King OT Ezekiel 34. 11-16. 20-24 NT Ephesians 1. 15-23 Gospel Matthew 25. 31-46
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10.45am Remembrance Service	9am HC	<i>10am Morning Worship</i>
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10. 50am Remembrance Service	10.30am HC	4.30pm Evensong
Runnington	10.30am Remembrance Service	<i>Join</i> <i>Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC with hymns	9.15am Joint HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	10.45am Remembrance Service	10am Family Service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am Remembrance Service	Join others	10.45am HC

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
5 November	Churchwardens	C Rayson
12 November	Churchwardens	
19 November	N Hayes & T Richbell	J Morrish
26 November	C & J Hagley	J Hagley
3 December	Churchwardens	M Rose

OTHER SERVICES

2nd November East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

TWO WELLINGTON TEAM ALL SOULS SERVICES

Thursday 2nd Nov 7pm at All Saints Church Rockwell Green & 5th Nov 3pm at St John's Wellington. All Welcome!

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES IN EAST GROUP

Runnington	5 th Nov	10.30am
Bradford on Tone	12 th Nov	10.50am
Langford Budville	12 th Nov	10.45am
Nynehead	12 th Nov	10.45am
West Buckland	12 th Nov	10.45am

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CIVIC SERVICE IN THE WELLINGTON PARK 12TH NOVEMBER AT 3.00PM

DECEMBER 3RD TEAM ADVENT SERVICE

4.30pm Sampford Arundel, in Holy Cross, followed by refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall. All Welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 'OPEN THE BOOK'

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PASTORAL VISITING GROUP

The East Group are looking for volunteers to form a Pastoral and Visiting Group to visit local care homes at Nynehead Court & Camelot House at Chelston. Please contact your vicar Alan if you're interested.

DON'T FORGET, FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS HAPPENING IN YOUR CHURCHES!

Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Contact:

Revd. Alan Ellacott Tel: 01823 669824 email rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com

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

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER: CHRISTIANITY; OUR JOURNEY

A discussions programme for adults who want to think more deeply about the Christian Faith.

Led by Rev. Dr Maria Hearl. Thursday evenings 7.30pm- 9pm at Dunns Farm Runnington: Alison Toogood's home.

Nov. 9th Who is Jesus for us? What do we make of him, his life and teaching?

Nov. 16th -Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. What happened and why? What does this mean for you?

Nov. 23rd -Holy Spirit: in the Bible, in the Church, Living the Christian life.

Nov. 30th – Living the Christian life: the church, baptism, confirmation, Holy Communion Christian action.

If you would like to find out more about this and decide whether it is for you contact Maria on 01884 256380

Or email mariahearl@btinternet.com. If you would like to book a place (so we know how many handouts etc to provide and we make sure we have room) contact Maria, or Alison Toogood Dunns Farm 01823 667808.

'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). Autumn 2017 dates 1st Nov/ 6th Dec wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk for more details and contact information.

LETTER FROM THE REVD SELINA GARNER

Dear friends, about 60 gathered for the vision and listening evening on Tuesday 12th Sept from the Wellington Team. Thank you to those who baked cakes, offered hospitality, shared your ideas and questions and prayed deeply into this event. Special thanks to Fiona, John, Sue and Jeannie who shared their creativity visually and in song. Please pray for them as God releases their ministries across the Team. It was good to bring people together from across the parishes to pray, sing, eat cake and share together. There are so many ways that we can encourage and support one another in mission as we strengthen our relationships. Please pray for our partnership with Rural Ministries who have asked us to host their South West Training day on the 17th March 2018 in St John's so do keep that day free if you can!

LETTER FROM THE RIGHT REVEREND PETER HANCOCK, BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS

Going to Church is good for you- Research proves it!

A recent article *How to live to 100-plus* caught my eye. It basically crunched the numbers and listed twelve things which researchers believe contribute to a longer life. Some of it comes down to genes, but lifestyle is thought to be the biggest factor in longevity. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) recently reported that Britain now has 15,000 centenarians- twice as many as in 2001- making this the fastest growing age group. The ONS attributes this largely to improvements in nutrition, lifestyle and living standards.

So what are these factors that influence life expectancy? One is being a woman and another is being Japanese, who have the longest life expectancy of anyone in the world. Family and friends are also very important. In a study from California those with a close family and good friends live longer. 'Getting down with the kids'- whether those are children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, or the children of our neighbours and friends is a good thing to do. Marriage is also known to be beneficial to good health. Diet is obviously important and the although advice on diet seems to change every time the wind changes direction, there is general consensus that dark chocolate, leafy greens, strawberries, chillies and small amounts of wine are good for us. Exercise is obviously important too. As Fauja Singa, now 106 said, just after he completed running his last marathon.

However, among the list of factors that can lead to longer life was 'Going to Church'. Until her death last year 116 old Susannah Mushatt Jones was the world's oldest person. When asked for advice as to how to live a long life she said 'believe in the Lord'. A recent study by a Public Health School at Harvard supported this. It concluded that those who go to church more than once a week were less likely to die of heart attack or cancer. Staying for coffee afterwards is also likely to be beneficial. Age UK has demonstrated that social contact promotes well- being and helps stave off loneliness in later life.

In the gospels we hear Jesus saying: 'I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.' Life in all its fullness is not however simply about how long we live, but how we live. Jesus' promise is to be with us in this life, in all that life may bring, and also to bring us safely to the life that is to come, life everlasting.

WEST BUCKLAND WI OCTOBER MEETING

The evening was opened by our President Barbara who welcomed everybody. With the formal part of the meeting done the evening seemed to take on a Christmas feel. It was the last chance to order tickets for the Christmas Carol Festival at Wells Cathedral. The meeting then moved on to discussions about our own Christmas party and lists were put out for our members to put their names down to provide food for the evening. It does seem that it could be a really good event.

Last month we had our first coffee morning and what a great success it was, so we are doing it again on 26th October and hopefully it will become a regular event.

For the second half of the evening we welcomed Ian and Lionel from Exmoor Search & Rescue. What an interesting talk. We learnt a lot about what the Search & Rescue teams do and all the skills that they have at hand. We were shown a video of the work they did. The evening ended with a question and answer session and such was the interest that many members continued discussions after the meeting finished.

Our next meeting will be on 14th November at West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are most welcome.

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB OCTOBER MEETING

Nearly 70 people, our lowest attendance for some time, gathered at West Buckland Village Hall for our October meeting. The Chairman welcomed everyone and the usual business of the club was completed.

Following the trip on the West Somerset railway and the visit to Chapel Cleeve Manor members were asked if they enjoyed the trip and response was an overwhelming yes.

Details of our 'Mystery trip' in October were given out but as it is a 'mystery trip' the details were somewhat limited with only meeting times being given out and the fact that a tea would be provided.

Members were updated about the Somerset lottery and again encouraged to support it as it provided a good revenue source for the club.

Our speaker for the day was Mandy Bennett who gave a talk on Somerset Dowsers. At the end members were given an opportunity to have a go with the dowsing rods.

Our next meeting will be on 2nd November when we will be holding our AGM, presenting next year's programme and finishing up with a buffet. There are a number of important proposals being presented and all members are encouraged to attend this important event.

PARISH COUNCIL - NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th November 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 23rd November.

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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