

West Buckland Community News

October 2017

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB SEPTEMBER MEETING

Nearly 80 people, including some new members, gathered at West Buckland Village Hall for our September meeting. The Chairman welcomed everyone and the usual business of the club was completed.

The 20th August dawned bright and sunny and 83 members of the club met at both Longforth Rd and West Buckland Memorial for the club trip. This month it was a boat on the River Avon followed by lunch. We arrived in Bristol, next to SS Great Britain, and boarded the boat for the hour long trip up the river. We were treated to a commentary by the crew on all the interesting points as we made our way serenely up the river. Following a light lunch at a riverside restaurant we settled back down for the return journey. Throughout the trip the weather was very kind to us and everyone had a most enjoyable day out.

Members were also reminded about our September trip on the West Somerset railway and the visit to Chapel Cleeve Manor with a private viewing. Some details of our October event were given out but as it is a mystery trip, nothing much about the actual content was discussed.

Members were updated about the Somerset lottery and encouraged to support it as it provided a good revenue source for the club. Our speaker for the day was John Dando who gave an interesting talk entitled 'The Magic of the Somerset Carnivals'

Our next meeting will be on 5th October when Maddy Bennet will be presenting a talk entitled 'WS Dowsers'

WEST BUCKLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Advance notice so please could you keep this date free, the return of the popular West Buckland School Christmas Fayre. It will be held on Saturday 25th November, at the school, from 10.00 till 12.00 and everyone is welcome to come along. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

WEST BUCKLAND PRE-SCHOOL

The preschool is delighted to welcome Sharon Smith as the new manager. She is a teacher with almost thirty years experience working in education and she is very much looking forward to being part of the team. She is new to the village and we're sure you'll have plenty of opportunities to meet her at one of our future fundraising events.

PARISH COUNCIL - OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday October 31st 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 12th October.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

The Harvest Festival is on Sunday, October 8. We will be decorating and cleaning the church for harvest on Saturday, October 7 at 9.30am. All welcome to come and help. Non-perishable donations are to be given to the women's refuge. The Harvest Festival service is at 11am on Sunday, October 8, followed by ploughman's lunch in the village hall at 12 for 12.30. Tickets £5, from Jean Morrish – 663009 or Chris Hagley – 667470.

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

2017	1st Oct OT Ezekiel 18. 1-4. 25-32 NT Philippians 2. 1-13 Gospel Matthew 21. 23-32	8th Oct OT Isaiah 5. 1-7 NT Philippians 3. 4b-14 Gospel Matthew 21. 33-46	15th Oct OT Isaiah 25. 1-9 NT Philippians 4. 1-9 Gospel Matthew 22. 1-14	22nd Oct OT Isaiah 45. 1-7 NT Thessalonians 1. 1-10 Gospel Matthew 22. 15-22
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	11am Family Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service followed by lunch in the village hall.	9am HC	<i>10am Morning Worship</i>
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Family Harvest Thanks- giving Service.	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC with hymns	9.15am Joint HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	9.15am Joint HC	10am Family Service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	Join others	10.45am HC

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	READERS
1 October	Churchwardens	M ROSE
8 October	Churchwardens	
15 October	C & J HAGLEY	J HAGLEY
22 October	D STAGG & P FORD	C RAYSON
29 October-United Service	D & S FASEY	D FASEY
5 November	Churchwardens	C RAYSON

OTHER SERVICES

5th October. East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

29th October 10am Group Joint HC Service is at Bradford on Tone, followed by refreshments.

Readings OT: Nehemiah 8. 1-4a (5-6). 8-12 NT: Colossians 3. 12-17 Gospel: Matthew 24. 30-35

WELLINGTON CHURCHES TOGETHER

Sunday 15th October : Care in the Community Service 6.30pm at U.R. Church

Speaker: Rev. Ann Fulton, Spiritual Care co-ordinator, St Margaret's

Bible Society events – 'Songs of Praise'

Sunday 22nd October 6.30pm St John Fisher.

STREET PASTORS FOR WELLINGTON

More prayer pastors would be welcome who set aside the Friday evening to pray for issues raised during the patrols.

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

BIG TENT SPACE ACADEMY



The Big Tent was back in Wellington last week (Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August). The 3-day holiday club run by Wellington's churches for Primary School aged children took place take in a large marquee on the sports field of Wellesley Park Primary School.

This year's theme was 'Space Academy' and 95 children joined the Starship Crew each day as they travelled through space to share the "Goodness, kindness, generosity, honesty and mercy of Mission Command". Each day ran from 10am until 3pm with an action-packed programme of games, competitions, songs, videos, craft activities and Bible stories; using the 30 metre Big Tent and the excellent outdoor space at Wellesley Park to the full.

The programme was run by a team of over 20 volunteers from local churches led by Church of England youth worker Andy Levett, who was joined on stage by Court Fields students Isaac Jones, Micaela Sellick and Andrew Power with 'DJ' Dan Thorne in control of the audio/visuals.

New to The Big Tent this year was the 'Tea Tent' open on site each day after drop off and before pick up for parents and younger siblings to enjoy a drink and a cake with space to chat and toys to play with. This popular addition to the event was hosted by Team Missioner Selina Garner and an enthusiastic band of helpers.

Revd Sam Griffiths, Pastor of Wellington Baptist Church and Big Tent Coordinator said, "I'd like to give a massive thanks to our superb team of volunteers who gave one hundred percent and were simply the best. And a special thanks to our upfront team led by Andy Levett. We had the largest number of children we've had in recent years and their enthusiasm and energy just made for a very special year. And a big thanks to the churches of Wellington who supported, gave and prayed, and to the community of Wellington, to Wellesley Park Primary School for hosting us, and to Wellington Town Council for giving us a grant to help make this happen."

Revd Selina added: "Thanks to the first ever Tiny Tea Tent team for putting up the tea tent, making cakes, listening, praying, laughing lots, making great coffee and washing up... Thanks to the Toy library for the toddler toys and to all the new babies, toddlers, parents, grandparents, teenagers and carers who stopped for a cuppa and a chat during this year's Big Tent."

Highlights of this year's event can be found on *The Big Tent Wellington* Youtube channel.

A VISIT TO ZAMBIA - DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS

As part of next year's 40th Anniversary Celebrations of the Diocesan Zambian link, Tony Cook visited to begin talks and planning with our Zambian partners for a Youth Exchange trip in 2018. "We had an amazing time in Zambia. We were welcomed with warmth and treated like honoured guests. We heard heavenly choirs and were inspired by the incredible people and situations we encountered. At times we were deeply moved and stunned in to silence. We thank God for our friends in Zambia and for the forthcoming 40th anniversary celebrations where we will be not only be looking back, but ahead to further strengthening the link." **Tony Cook**

Are you aged 18-24 and interested in taking part in the exchange?

Full information about the trip and application forms will be available soon on the website. You can call Tony 07922 576757 to find out more.

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

LETTER FROM BISHOP REVEREND RUTH WORSLEY, BISHOP OF TAUNTON

I'm a patron of Somerset Sight, one of the perks that comes with the job! My elderly Mum has macular degeneration and so I was very interested to hear more about this valuable work. Jackie (CEO) and Bella (Chair of Trustees) came to tell me more. They have over 250 volunteers who work across the whole of Somerset supporting those with visual impairment. 160 of those visit people in their homes to offer such vital help as reading people's mail aloud

I know how important that is to my mum. Living on her own, her letters are a lifeline, a contact with the outside world. She's blessed with plenty of visitors, partly because she will talk to anyone and is confident enough to go out and about to discover new things even though she occasionally trips over and breaks something! But can you imagine how confining losing your sight can be? How your world could become smaller as you lose your confidence? How lonely you might become?

Loneliness and isolation are the experience of many people, not just those who are the senior of our communities or those with disabilities to overcome. I know that many of you have a real gift for noticing that and doing something about it. Many of our communities rely on people like you to give time and attention to those who are feeling disassociated from the world around them, a little lost.

Visiting, volunteering with organisations such as Somerset Sight, are important gifts of service to our communities, wonderful way of 'living the story' of God's love. If you are doing so, then thank you for that simple but profound act of love. And if not, then why not consider giving an hour a week to someone who might discover God's love through you?

Rt Revd. Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

CHRISTIANITY: OUR JOURNEY

A discussion programme for adults who want to think more deeply about the Christian Faith.
Led by Rev. Dr Maria Hearl *Thursday evenings 7.30 – 9.00 pm at Dunns Farm, Runnington.*

- Oct 12th Introduction. What makes you fully alive? Life and faith as a journey, for ourselves and for the Christian people: experience, making sense of it all, finding purpose, making decisions, taking action.
- Oct 19th God: exploring ideas of who God is; how we relate to God.
- Oct 26th Prayer: what is prayer? How do we pray? What helps? Prayer and worship by ourselves with others. Using the Bible.
- Break*
- Nov 9th Who is Jesus for us? What do we make of him, his life and his teaching?
- Nov 16th Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. What happened and why? What does this mean for us?
- Nov 23rd Holy Spirit: in the Bible, in the Church, in our lives. 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: Email@mariahearl@btinternet.com; Tel. 01884 256380, 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.

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

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