

St Mary the Virgin, West Buckland

East Group of Parishes News and Worship February 2016

Dear Friends,

When you're at the checkout in the shop or supermarket waiting for the person in front of you to pay have you ever wondered, just for a brief moment while you wait, what they carry in their wallet?

As a child I was always curious what my grandfather carried in his wallet. He'd had it for many years.

One day I asked him and he showed me.

He had a faded photograph of his father and mother taken when they were in their late sixties and a photo of himself he'd inherited from his mother which was taken when he was in the Army in 1915.

These treasured items of my grandfather's past stayed in his wallet all his life and perhaps you carry photos of your loved ones too.

Some people also have photos as fridge magnets.

As we get older it's nice to look back (sometimes) just in case we forget.

If God had a wallet would your photo be in it?

If God had a fridge would your photo be on the door?

The most special way that God reminds us he doesn't forget who we are is through his Son and we have his image all over the place.

But sometimes we forget who God is and have an empty space on the door of our hearts just waiting to be filled with his image.

We don't want God to forget us just in case a time will come along when we'll need him and then we hope that our picture is in his wallet just waiting to be looked at from time to time.

The simplest picture will do of that special person in our lives. It doesn't need trees or clouds, rolling hills or flowers to enhance it, all it needs is you.

God gave us Jesus because he wants you to know how special you are. But God asks we love him too and that love means praying for our faults, reminding us in an image we know called the cross.

God can be anywhere in his whole creation but he chooses your heart and soul.

Next time you look in your wallet and remind yourself of who you love, think about our Father in Heaven and the place he has for you in his heart because the person you love, he loves too.

Alan (Vicar of the East Group)

EAST GROUP SERVICE ROTA

February	7th Feb	14th Feb	21st Feb	28th Feb
READINGS on pew sheets provided. <i>The Revised Common Lectionary</i>	OT Exodus 34. 29-35 NT 2 Corinthians 3. 12-4.2 Gospel Luke 9. 28-36, (37-43)	OT Deuteronomy 26. 1-11 NT A Romans 10. 8b-13 Gospel: Luke 4. 1-13	OT Genesis 15. 1-12. 17-18 NT Philippians 3. 17-4.1 Gospel: Luke 13. 31-35	OT Isaiah 55. 1-9 NT 1 Corinthians 10. 1-13 Gospel Luke 13. 1-9
West Buckland	8.30am BCP HC	10am Parish praise	9am HC	9am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30 am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30 am Morning Worship	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC with hymns	9.15am HC
Langford Budville	10am HC	9.15am HC	10am family service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead	10.30am Court Non HC & In Ecclesia Compline 6pm	10.45am HC	<i>Join others.</i>	10.45am HC

OTHER SERVICES

Thursday 4th February Bradford on Tone midweek BCP Service, refreshments afterwards at the village hall with the coffee morning group.

10th February Beginning of Lent

Ash Wednesday East Group Joint Holy Communion Service with Imposition of Ashes 10.30am St. Giles Bradford on Tone.

SMILE is on the 1st Wednesday of each month @ St John's Church in Wellington

3rd February 3.15pm- 4.30pm after-school. For children under 12 accompanied by an adult.

For more details contact: Andy Levett on 07595 311183

Bradford on Tone Prayer Group February 24th Prayer Group meeting, in St Giles' Church, at 2pm, Contact Sandra Lee or June Best- Churchwarden for details.

	Sidespersons	Readers
7 Feb	Churchwardens	M Rose
14 Feb	Churchwardens	-
21 Feb	C & J Hagley	D Fasey
28 Feb	F & C Holway	J Hunt
6 Mar	Churchwardens	C Rayson

CHRISTMAS FAIR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Christmas fair in aid of the Church was a great success. A big thank you to all who helped and supported us. Special thanks to Denis and Penny Cottle, David Lucas and The Worlds End Pub for their generosity.

WEST BUCKLAND RACE NIGHT

Tickets now available for our ever popular Church fundraising Race Night. Saturday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets £5 (to include supper) from Bob Payne 663962 or Chris Hagley 667470. The horses are already in training and are in tip-top condition so please come and have a fun night and support your local Church.

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB

After wishing everyone in attendance a Happy New Year the Chairman welcomed 70 members to the January meeting of the West Buckland Friendship Club.

The talk for the morning should have been about the Woodland Trust but unfortunately the speaker remained elusive, therefore in his absence members were able to enjoy a chat together with further cups of tea and coffee. Also there was ample time to peruse the activities table and sign up for any of the outings on offer for 2016.

This year's lists of activities are now available with a trip to Oakham Treasures in March being the first venue of the year. Planned future outings include Slimbridge and the Exeter Canal.

For the 4th anniversary tea party on Thursday 28th January commencing at 2.30pm in the Village Hall members were requested to co-ordinate with Penny regarding the supply of homemade cakes etc.

The next meeting after the party will be 4th February when guest speaker Kay Wych will enlighten us on 'How I became a 16th century kitchen maid'.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FETE & FLOWER SHOW

The West Buckland Fete & Flower Show will be held on Saturday 2nd July 2016 at 2pm. The flower show schedule will be out this month and if you haven't thought about entering before please do consider having a go this time. Schedule will be available from the shop, village hall, church, school office and the WI.

If you would like to get involved in the run-up to the show the monthly meetings are an open invitation even if you can't commit to attending every month. The February meeting is on Wednesday 24th at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

If you can't come to evening meetings but you'd be prepared to help run a stall on the day such as books, skittles, wet stocks, the crockery smash or another attraction you may like to suggest, please let me know as all help is very much appreciated.

We are also looking to re-stock our book supplies this year for the book stall. So please hold on to your read material and donate to us nearer the time. Paper/hard backs, children's books, recipe books, fact, fiction, basically... books! Thank you. If you absolutely have to part with them soon, let me know as Helene Perry has kindly offered to take some in ahead of the fete date.

Kind regards, Rachel Lane. Contact 07867 877811 or 07854 168507 or e-mail to rach_lane@live.co.uk

WEST BUCKLAND WI

The hall bustled with over fifty members, four visitors, and Jerusalem (now 100 years old) as usual was sung heartily. The Christmas party had been a great success and emphasis was to be placed on ideas for the December 2016 meeting which will be the 80th anniversary of our first WI meeting in 1936.

The evening speaker was unable to come so arrangements had to be changed at minimum notice. First to business from National as we had to all individually vote on the proposed Resolutions for the AGM, only one of eight would be accepted and of course put forward to each WI for consideration. County News was packed with matters - four road show details for the Spring meetings across the County throughout April with varied speakers. County Scrabble to be started and open to all WI members.

Our green sheet of extra activities for January/February was packed full and open to all.

Time flies and help was requested with the annual pancake races at the village school. Volunteer stewards for 9th February were requested to help with the provision of pans and pancakes for the races then some 90 pancakes for the children's consumption afterwards!

Requests were received from the Craft Group for spare double wool, used postage stamps and bottle tops etc.

Business finished and everyone relaxed and prepared to play Beetle Drive. Hilarious! Some members were very serious and others were jumping up to declare "Beetle!" which rather bewildered some who had not met Beetle before and were finding it difficult to remember the rules that you can't start without a body for tail and legs, then a head to take eyes and feelers.

The competition had been based on the expected speaker's talk on exercise and Zumba. A limerick on exercise. 1st place Carole Smith, 2nd place Marion Upton, 3rd place Patricia Vernon.

NOTE FROM THE NEW EDITOR

Much heartfelt thanks from the PCC to David Lacey for editing this newsletter for 10 years. It will now be edited by Thomas and Karen Paige and please note that there is a new e-mail address to send your articles to as David has advised a change was in order due to a severe spam over-load. Please keep your articles coming! The deadline, as usual, remains as the 20th of the month preceding.

The new address is westbucklandnews@hotmail.com

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