

West Buckland Community News December 2018 / January 2019

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Father Christmas is coming to West Buckland on Tuesday, December 18, from 6-7pm
There will be mince pies and you can take a photo to treasure. Please come and celebrate and support the collection for local charities including our local church. Thank you, Jean and team

CHILDREN AND FAMILY CHAPLAIN

Sharon Smith is the new Children and Family Chaplain for St Mary's Church, West Buckland. She is very much looking forward to being actively involved in the parish and will be posting regular updates in the village newsletter and eventually on a FB page. Sharon is also the manager of West Buckland Pre-School. She can be contacted on her mobile number: 07956452332

EAST GROUP Advent & Christmas Services 2018

Sunday 9th December: 10am, St Mary the Virgin West Buckland **Family Carol Service.**
Sunday 16th December: 4pm, Ss Peter & Paul Runnington **Family Christingle Service & Crib Blessing.**
Tuesday 18th December: 6pm, St. Peters Langford Budville **Carols by Candlelight Family service.**
Wednesday 19th December: 6pm, St Giles Bradford on Tone **Candlelit Family Carol Service.**
Sunday 23rd December: 3pm, All Saints Nynehead **Family Carol service with Candlelight.**

24th December- Christmas Eve:

3.30pm St Giles Bradford on **Tone Family Christingle Service with Crib Blessing.**
 6pm St. Mary the Virgin West Buckland **Family Christingle & Crib Blessing.**
 11.15pm **Midnight Mass** St Giles Bradford on Tone Holy Communion service.
 11.30pm **Midnight Mass.** St. Peters Langford Budville. (Runnington join).

25th December Christmas Day:

9.30am Ss Peter & Paul Runnington Christmas Morning Holy Communion. Langford join.
 10.am St Mary the Virgin West Buckland Christmas Morning Holy Communion Service.
 10am All Saints Nynehead Christmas Morning family Holy Communion service.

Christmas Day Readings: OT: Isaiah 52. 7-10 NT : Hebrews 1. 1-4, (5-12) Gospel: John 1. 1-14

2018	2 nd Dec	9 th Dec	16 th Dec	23 rd Dec
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Jeremiah 33.14-16 NT 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13 Gospel Luke 21. 25-36	OT Baruch 5. 1-9 or Malachi 3. 1-4 NT Philippians 1. 3-11 Gospel Luke 3. 1-6	OT Zephaniah 3. 14- 20 NT Philippians 4. 4-7 Gospel Luke 3. 7-18	OT Micah 5. 2-5a NT Hebrews 10. 5-10 Gospel Luke 1. 39- 45, (46-55)
West Buckland	9am BCP HC	10am Carol Service	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	4pm Christingle Service	9.15am HC
Langford Budville	10.30am HC	9.15am HC	10am non HC Service	<i>Langford join others</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	3.30pm Carol Service	3pm Carol service

OTHER SERVICES IN DECEMBER

- 2nd - Team Advent Service, 4.30pm, Sampford Arundel, in Holy Cross, followed by refreshments in Parish hall.
 6th - East Group Midweek BCP HC Service, 9.45am, followed by refreshments in v.hall with coffee morning group.
 12th - Carols on the Green at URC with the Silver Band
 21st - Carols around the pubs in Wellington
 25th - Christmas Day Lunch, URC hall
 30th - East Group Joint 10am HC service Nynehead followed by refreshments.

Readings: OT 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26; NT Colossians 3. 12-17; Gospel- Luke 2. 41-52.

MESSAGE FROM THE RIGHT REVEREND RUTH WORSLEY, BISHOP OF TAUNTON

Well, we are into the frantic pressie-buying month of December now. The American 'Black Friday', tradition appears to be firmly a part of our own pattern and has brought the search for the perfect Christmas present yet earlier in our calendar. Parish and school Christmas fares offer us home-made, Fairtrade, recycled and singular alternatives. And increasingly the inequalities within our economy become more apparent as people risk debt to bring a smile to their child's face.

When I was a parish priest we found that many of our single parents felt trapped by the pressure of keeping up with those around them. We tried to introduce a maximum spend for all our congregational and family present buying in order to bring some parity. It wasn't easy!

I'm reminded at this time of the year of the line that we are seeing more frequently accompanying invitations to weddings and Birthdays parties: **no presents required, just your presence!**

It makes me think about what Christmas really means. During this time of preparation and waiting for the big day to arrive, many of us will sing the words of that Advent hymn. 'O come, O come, Emmanuel', a 12th century hymn that invites God to fulfil his prophecy to his people. Will we really take in those words? **Emmanuel' means 'God with us'**, such an important and comforting phrase in these times of uncertainty and anxiety, as we wonder what the new year will bring.

Christmas we know is a time when people can feel lonely, disappointed, stressed. These are reputedly more suicides and marriage breakdowns during the course of this holiday period. One of the best Christmas presents we can offer then must surely be that of hospitality, a listening ear and simply our 'presence' among those who feel forgotten, rejected or overlooked.

In so doing we will find God's own present to us this Christmas, as in any and all other Christmases, His presence. The God to whom "every animal of the forest and the cattle on a thousand hills, belongs" (Psalm 50) has given us the best present of all- **He is with us.**

2019 READINGS on pew sheets	6 th Jan	13 th Jan	20 th Jan	27 th Jan
	look at pew sheets week before	Baptism of Christ look at pew sheets week before	look at pew sheets week before	look at pew sheets week before
West Buckland	9am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm Epiphany Carol Service	9.15am joint HC
Langford Budville	10.30am HC	9.15am joint HC	10am non HC	<i>Join others</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	<i>Join others</i>	10.45am HC

3rd January East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, at Bradford on Tone followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

DATE	SIDESPERSIONS	READERS
2 DECEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE
9 DECEMBER	CHURCHWARDENS	-
16 DECEMBER	N HAYES & P MEEK	B DUMMETT
23 DECEMBER	D STAGG & S SMITH	S SMITH
25 DECEMBER	T B A	T B A
30 DECEMBER	UNITED SERVICE	
6 JANUARY	CHURCHWARDENS	C RAYSON
13 JANUARY	CHURCHWARDENS	-
20 JANUARY	N HAYES & P MEEK	J MORRISH
27 JANUARY	M SMITH	S SMITH
3 FEBRUARY	CHURCHWARDENS	M ROSE

Christmas Foodboxes all donations to Wellington are very welcome and should preferably be received at the URC in Wellington throughout December (Mondays and Thursdays 3-4pm) with a last date of Thursday 20th December. Re-open Thursday 27th December.

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 Tel: 01823 669824 email rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com

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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The club's November meeting, chaired by the Treasurer, incorporated the club's Annual General Meeting. It began with the usual greetings and birthday card distribution, and details were then given about transport arrangements for the forthcoming outings to Bath Christmas Market and to Oake Manor for our Christmas meal.

The AGM then commenced with the reading and acceptance of the 2017 AGM minutes. Verbal reports from the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer were given to the 71 members present, and the year's accounts were presented and accepted. There had been no nominations received for committee positions other than for those individuals already in post, namely Chairman: Denis Cottle, Secretary: Sue Porcas, Treasurer: Henry Richbell and Social Secretary Bernard Durant. They were then re-elected by the members present. When the Treasurer outlined the role of the Vice Chairman, Patricia Vernon agreed to stand and was duly elected.

The Secretary then gave a presentation of the rationalised Club Constitution that the Committee was proposing should be adopted following several minor changes that had been made in the way the club was run. The motion was seconded and carried by more than the required 2/3 of the members. Lively discussions followed concerning the possible wearing of name badges and the order of the locations from which coaches picked up passengers for outings.

Next came the eagerly-awaited, illustrated presentation by Bernard of the 2019 programme of events, which seemed very well-received by the audience. The morning ended with welcome refreshments including cheese and wine. After the Christmas meal in December, the next meeting at West Buckland Village Hall will be at 10.30am on 3rd January when Ian Williamson will be recounting his experiences of Trekking in Mongolia. New members are always welcome.

YOGA CLASSES

Every Wednesday 5.45 - 6.45pm, run by our experienced Yoga teacher Rachael Salter. Open to anyone of any level from beginners to experienced. Mats and equipment supplied. Cost: £35 for 5 sessions (£7 per class) payable in advance. For more information or to book your place, please contact: Rachael Salter - mobile: 07969912080 or email: rachaelsalter1234@gmail.com; Helene Perry - mobile: 07896026492 or email: Andrew.perry99@btinternet.com

WEST BUCKLAND PRESCHOOL

This term we are having fun with toys and technology and all manner of things leading up to that very special time of year...Christmas!!

On Friday 9th December we are having an open morning from 09:30 – 11:30 and look forward to welcoming you! Come along and see what we do.

On Saturday 16th December from 2pm until 5pm we are looking forward to afternoon tea with Santa! Tickets are available £5 per child...Please note this is a different date to the one we shared last month. There will be a raffle, refreshments, craft, a table top sale, story time and songs and of course time to talk to Santa and receive a gift. To book tickets please text Sarah on 07800 501 953

If you have any unwanted rolls of wallpaper please think of us – we get through a lot of paper for our Squiggle Wiggle activities.

We have spaces available so please tell your family and friends about us. We constantly have to fundraise to remain open, so if you would like to help us you could always buy a Somerset West Lottery ticket. Go to www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk and search for our name; we receive 50p from every £1 ticket purchased. Thank you to those who are already supporting in this way and also please like, comment and share on our Facebook page or look for us on Easyfundraising when online shopping. Our Facebook page also gives details of upcoming events. Thank you for supporting us.

Have a fabulous Christmas! Sharon, Sarah and Sheena xxx

WOMENS INSTITUTE

It was nice to see so many people at the November meeting. There was a lot of talk about all the things that are going on over the festive period. Our Guest speaker was John Harmsworth. We had a pleasant evening with John showing us photos of his travels, which including some local places and him and his family going to Norway. Everyone enjoyed looking at the many photos that he had taken of the landscape in Norway and many other places. The evening finished with tea, sandwiches and cakes.

Our next meeting will be on the 11th December at 6pm which is our Christmas party. Our next meeting after that will be on 8th January at 7.30pm at West Buckland Village Hall Everyone is welcome.

The Committee and its members would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next beat surgery is between 5pm and 5.30pm outside the Village Hall on Thursday 27th December. Surgeries are also planned for Jan 24th and Feb 21st from 5pm–5.30pm

MOBILE FOOTCARE

Professional foot treatments in your own home. Treatments include removal of calluses and corns, ingrowing toenails, rough dry skin treatment. For more information or to book an appointment contact Rachael Salter on email rachaelsalter1234@gmail.com or phone 07969912080.

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

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