

West Buckland Community News

April 2019

WEST BUCKLAND CHILDREN AND FAMILY CHAPLAIN



In February we met at the church and did some fun craft activities about love (most appropriate as it was all about St Valentine and love) and sang simple songs and enjoyed juice, tea, coffee and biscuits. The children enjoyed making their hearts for the prayer tree and we put our handprint heart wreath on the display board.

On March 20th we met again and made Easter Bunny bunting, made chocolate nests with mini eggs and went on an Easter egg hunt in the church – there were lots of eggs to search for! Everyone enjoyed their chance to talk, socialise and be creative. Thank you to those of you who came along to help out too – we couldn't do it without you!

The next event will be 15th May at the usual time – from 9am – 10:30. Please text me (07956 452332) nearer the time if you would like to attend so that I have enough refreshments!

If we haven't yet met through Pre-School, I look forward to getting to know you at one of the monthly sessions.

With blessings Sharon xx



WEST BUCKLAND PRE-SCHOOL



We have been very busy this term learning about recycling. We made Earth mobiles and bird feeders from recycled cardboard cake stands and tubes. It was fun being creative. We played outside on our trikes and scooters, played in the park and walked around the field. We love going to the primary school for our Rising 5s afternoons. Next term we are going to be learning all about bees and how we need them to help us grow our flowers, fruit and vegetables.

We have places available so do please tell family and friends about us. Please like and share our FaceBook page and please help to support us by looking at our fundraising activities. We rely on our families, friends and supporters to keep us going. Thank you so much! Sharon, Sarah and Sheena xxx

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30 pm, followed by the April meeting of the Parish Council. Everyone is welcome to attend.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery is between 5.00 pm and 5.30 pm at the Village Hall on Thursday 18th April.



Cream Teas at
West Buckland Church

Saturday 20th April
From 3pm until 5pm

Open to everyone!



2019	7th April	14th April	21st April	28th April
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Isaiah 43.16-21 NT Philippians 3. 4b-14 Gospel John 12. 1-8	Palm Sunday No Old Testament but Liturgy of the Palms Luke 19.28-40 NT Philippians 2. 5-11 Gospel Luke 23. 1-49	Easter Sunday No Old Testament instead Acts 10. 34- 43 NT 1 Corinthians 15. 19- 26 Gospel John 20. 1-18	OT No Old Testament instead Acts 5. 27-32 NT Revelation 1. 4-8 Gospel John 20. 19-31
West Buckland	9am BCP HC 4 to 5.15pm 'Come and Sing' Choral Music and short act of worship for Lent.	10am Parish Praise with palm Crosses	9am Easter HC	10am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship with palm Crosses	10.30am Easter HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm Easter HC	9.15am joint HC
Langford Budville	10.30am HC followed by A.P.C.M	9.15am joint HC with Palm Crosses	10am Easter HC	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC With palm Crosses	11.15am Easter HC	10.45am HC

OTHER SERVICES

April 4th East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

A prayer for Lent (part 1) – attributed to St Francis of Assisi. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

Lent Course for everyone in the Benefice including for The East Group! Do you encounter mystery in your life and faith? The theme of the 2019 Lent Course is 'The mystery of God'. We shall delve more deeply into the mystery of Good and Evil, Suffering and Hope, Relationships and Reconciliation, Love and Sacrifice, Joy and Salvation. Do join us as we follow Jesus through the Lenten readings, allowing Him to draw us, in love and wonder, into the mystery of God's plan of salvation. The course will be held in St John's church hall Wellington on Wednesday mornings March 13/ 20/ 27, April 3/ 10 starting 10.30am with coffee from 10am.

Also for Lent -Find your voice Come and sing An opportunity during Lent for Families and friends, the young and the young at heart, to meet and informally to sing a mix of sacred choral music, and will end with a short act of worship. At St Mary the Virgin, West Buckland 4-5.-15pm Sunday 31st March, for more information Contact John Young johnnotsoyoung@gamil.com

Our Bishops are planning a Lenten Challenge focussing on taking better care of God's Creation by thinking about how our actions impact on the planet and making everyday changes to alleviate that impact. Details and resources from <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2019/01/lent-2019-living-well-in-gods-world>.

Holy week Service in East Group

Monday 15th April Holy Communion service 10.30am Nynehead.

Thursday 18th April Maunday Thursday HC service Stripping of the Altars Langford Budville 7pm.

Friday 19th April Good Friday Way of the Cross service of reflection West Buckland 2.15pm.

19th April Good Friday Walk of Witness 10am from Baptist Church Wellington to St John's Church Wellington followed by hot-cross buns, Everyone welcome.

The Easter Garden at West Buckland Church Saturday 20th April and also display of Banners. We are doing cream teas in the afternoon from 3pm till 5pm. Open to everyone!

Easter Day Sunday 21st April
West Buckland 9am HC
Langford Budville 10am HC
Bradford on Tone 10.30am HC
Nynehead 11.15am HC
Runnington 6pm HC

Runnington Easter coffee morning in church 27th April. Contact Churchwardens John & Alison for time and details.

FOOD BANK There are Food Boxes in our churches- 'East Group' to put your donations : all donations to Wellington are very welcome and should preferably be received at the URC in Wellington (Mondays and Thursdays 3-4pm) Clare Lucker, 07979 694 931

Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Contact:

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

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

APRIL LETTER FROM THE RIGHT REVD PETER HANCOCK BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS

He is not here. He is Risen!

I heard a wonderful story recently about a church Sunday school which was putting on a drama telling the story of Holy Week and Easter. All had gone well and the wonderful moment arrived when the angel appeared to the woman at the tomb to declare those glorious words: 'He is not here, he is risen', (Luke 24.6) Unfortunately, five year old Brian could not remember what to say, and so the Youth Leader had to quietly remind him of his line. He then confidently grabbed the microphone and triumphantly shouted, 'He's not here; He's in prison!'

As we move this month from Lent into Holy Week and onto Good Friday I am sure we are all looking forward to Easter Day when we shall once again hear those words ring out 'He is not here, he is risen!' And we shall rejoice and celebrate again the glorious truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Death could not hold him. When Jesus began his ministry in Galilee he declared that: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And those words from Isaiah help us understand why Jesus came. He came to proclaim freedom for the prisoner and to release the oppressed. He came that we might 'have life and have it to the full'. He came to release us from our sins and set us free from our fears. 'I am the resurrection and the life' he said. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.'

The good news of the Easter message is that although Jesus died upon the cross he rose again and through his resurrection he overcame the power of sin and the sting of death. That is why Paul could write: 'Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.' (1 Corinthians 15. 57). This Easter let us give thanks that Jesus is not dead. He is not in prison. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WEST BUCKLAND CHURCH

West Buckland Church are holding their Easter Cream Tea on Saturday 20th April from 3pm till 5pm, everyone is welcome.

Also, do come and see our famous Easter Garden which will be on display. Plus, this year we have a selection of banners that have been loaned from St John's Church in Wellington.

Our Easter Garden and the Banners will only be on display for a couple of weeks so please do drop into the church and have a look.

WEST BUCKLAND WI – MARCH MEETING

This month was quite eventful. On 5th March which was Pancake Day several members joined forces with West Buckland school to enable the children to take part in the exciting Pancake races. The event was managed and arranged by Madge Smith a very long serving member. It was a joy and a privilege to be part of the event. Although very excited there was a mix of fear and sheer determination as each child had to stop to flip their pancake. Whilst there was one or two that jumped off the pan and gambolled along the ground, most were flipped expediently and to a good height, to the relief and delight of the children. Our WI members acted as bollards and guides, apron distributors and there was very good instruction and guidance on how to accomplish the task. The afternoon concluded with a presentation of the prestigious pan and then the children eating more edible pancakes to round off the afternoon.

The other event was our members meeting held on 12th March 2019 at 7pm. Although we usually have a guest speaker each month this was a social evening but with one or two art and crafts that members could participate in if they wished. From card making in both painterly and hand crafted designs to broach making, gift box making and beautiful large decorated envelopes, there was plenty to do. Sadly there wasn't time to participate in all the crafts but maybe there will be another opportunity! The evening was a huge success and we had three new visitors.

On 8th March eight members celebrated International Womens Day with a lunch at Ask in Taunton. Each attendee came prepared to give a very short talk on a woman who had inspired them. From Mae West with some light hearted fun, others included Rosa Parks and Mother Teresa of India. A great event and we all enjoyed the food! This coming month includes a member's friendly skittles game to be held on 20th March 2019 and this will take place at the Victoria pub in Wellington.

Our monthly meetings take place on the second Tuesday in the month and we welcome new visitors or members. Our ongoing activities are extensive so come along to find out more. The meetings are held at West Buckland Village Hall from 7.30pm. You are never without a friend!

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB – MARCH MEETING

After the usual Chairman's welcome and distribution of cards, the February meeting minutes and Treasurer's report, the Social Secretary gave details of arrangements for the March Plymouth Gin factory trip. May's Forde Abbey trip was full but he was taking names for June's SS Great Britain outing. Doreen Stagg was thanked for writing the club's birthday cards for over 20 years.

The title of Philip Hoyland's talk "Benefits, Brass and the Girtest, Grandest Day" had sounded intriguing and the 71 members present learnt that it referred to the interesting history of Friendly Societies and their brass emblems, many examples of which he displayed. Their number increased dramatically to 6 million in the 19th century in order to help out their working class members in times of adversity. A fee was paid on joining and a rule book, a brass symbol and pole purchased. Philip gave humorous examples of both rules and claims, and described the annual parades made in May, showing historic photographs of Somerset societies. The brasses, made locally in Bristol, Keynsham or Bridgwater, often reflected the name of the pub in which society meetings were held. Jean Morrish thanked Philip for a "girt, grand morning".

All are welcome on 4th April when Ken Atherton will be presenting "Phantom Islands in the Atlantic" at West Buckland Village Hall following coffee at 9.45 am.

This newsletter is also on the parish website - www.westbuckland.org/parish-magazine/

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

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