

West Buckland Community News

June 2019

THE FUTURE OF THE PRE-SCHOOL

Some of you will have heard the very sad news that West Buckland Pre-school is to close at the end of this term (July).

A Pre-school has been running in the village hall for more than thirty years, providing a wonderful start to the education to two generations of children. Many of you will have very fond memories of your children's time there.

It is important that we acknowledge and thank all the staff, committee members, volunteers and parents, past and present, for their dedication and care over so many years and for supporting young children to enter school happy, confident and excited about learning. They truly have done a magnificent job.

Following news of the closure, we have all been working hard to find a way to safeguard the future of early years education in West Buckland.

The school are very pleased to announce that from September, they will be opening a nursery unit on the school site in temporary accommodation. They hope to be able to offer thirty hours per week for those that would like it. At the moment there are a great many details to still work out but both parents of school children and prospective nursery parents will be regularly informed of developments.

Please feel free to speak with Helen MacGregor if you have any questions.

West Buckland Pre-school Committee and West Buckland Primary School

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The June meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 25th June at 7.30 pm. 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 13th June.

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2019	2 nd June	9 th June	16 th June	23 rd June
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Acts 16. 16-34 NT Revelation 22. 12-14.16-17. 20-21 Gospel John 17. 20-26	Pentecost OT Genesis 11.1-9 NT Acts 2. 1-21 Gospel John 14. 8-17 (25-27)	First Sunday of Trinity OT Proverbs 8. 1-4. 22-31 NT Romans 5. 1-5 Gospel John 16. 12-15	OT Isaiah 65. 1-9 NT Galatians 3. 23-29 Gospel Luke 8. 26-39
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 BCP HC	9.15am joint HC
Langford Budville	10.30am HC	9.15am joint HC	No service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	No service	10.45am HC

June 6: East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

June 9: 2.15pm St Johns Wellington Service of Commision Lay Chaplains by Bishop Ruth .

June 30: There will be a single Benefice Service in St John's 10.30am . It is intended that this is Julie's first Eucharist at which she presides. We do hope all parishoners in the Benfice will be able to attend.

June 30: 6pm at Runnington,Songs of Praise Patronal service also being East Group's Joint 5th Sunday service. Readings: OT 1 Kings 19. 15-16. 19-21 NT Galatians 5. 1 . 13-25 Gospel Luke 9. 51-62

OPEN THE BOOK: Our two primary schools in the East Group, West Buckland and Langford Budville are enjoying Open the Book once a fortnight. We have also just started Open the Book in the wider Wellington Team Benefice at Rockwell Green & Stawley primary schools . They would all like this to continue! For this to happen we need more people to join our friendly team of volunteers for some Wednesdays between 9am and 12.30pm. Refreshment break included. There is a good explanatory video at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/> Please contact your vicar Alan 01823 669824 rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com

FOOD BANK: There are Food Boxes in our churches 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 clarelucker@yahoo.co.uk

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 RT REV PETER HANCOCK, BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS

We all have something to offer.

There is a story told about Sir Michael Costa who was an Italian-born conductor and composer who became well known and popular in England during the nineteenth century. It is said that one day he was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a great chorus.

About halfway through the rehearsal, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, and violins singing, the piccolo player muttered to himself "what good am I doing? I might just as well not be playing. Nobody can hear me anyway." So he kept the instrument to his mouth, but made no sound.

Within moments, the conductor cried, "Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo?" Michael Costa could tell that the piccolo was not playing. Something was missing and because of that the performance was incomplete.

I am sure there are times when we can all identify with that piccolo player. There are times when we may feel insignificant and useless. Whatever age we are there is the temptation to look at other people who seem to have more talent than we have, who are better at things than we are, who are more confident or skilled than we are - and to think we don't matter or that our contribution doesn't count.

Perhaps we are tempted sometimes just to settle back and let somebody else do the work. We reason that what we have to offer won't make much difference anyway, or that because other people can do it much better than we can, that there is no point in us joining in.

I take heart from the story of the feeding of five thousand. In the middle of that story we read of Andrew, Peter's brother saying: "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fishes, but what are they amongst many? (John 6.9). This is a story of someone giving what he has to the Lord and about Jesus then using what is offered to feed a multitude of hungry people (John 6. 1-14).

What do we learn from that? Surely one thing we learn is that each of us has something important to offer which God can take and bless and use. Whether our talent is great or small, the performance isn't complete until we do our best with what we have and until we offer our lives and our gifts to God and ask him to use us for his glory and to serve others.

With warm greetings,

The Right Revd Peter Hancock Bishop of Bath and Wells

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WEST BUCKLAND WI

I can't believe another year has passed. On Tuesday, May 14 it was our Annual General Meeting. Whilst it can sometimes be a sombre event it was punctuated with our own interesting ten minute speakers after the business of adopting the new Committee. There was no challenge to the Presidential role so Barbara Edgehill was voted in for her third term. The speakers were Val Mister who gave an informative talk on water conservation and Ann Sparkes who gave a very humorous account of her early life at agricultural college and in farming.

Our other main event this month was being involved in the Get Creative initiative. Although the event was for the whole week we tested the water with a day on Wednesday 15th May. The event is happening nationwide and its main aim is to offer people the opportunity to test out their artistic skills or ability and just simply have a go at any arts or crafts on offer. We were very pleased with the turn out and we had several other WI's come and support us. We thank all those who supported us in coming to the event.

We also give special thanks to Carole Smith our Treasurer who organised the event and masterminded the ploughman's lunches on offer! We also thank all the other ladies who participated in demonstrations of the various crafts and those who helped with teas. It was a lovely day and we hope we may see some new recruits to our meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm at West Buckland Village Hall.

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Due to the hall being in use as a polling station on 2nd May, about 50 members of West Buckland Friendship Club enjoyed a trip to Forde Abbey's Tulip Festival instead of the usual monthly meeting. There were plenty of beautiful tulips and other lovely plants to see in the immaculate gardens, and the house also proved to be extremely interesting with some fascinating artefacts on display. Our next outing will be a visit to Brunel's SS Great Britain on 20th June.

Before that the next monthly meeting will be on 6th June when Ray Budd will make a welcome return to entertain us with more of his experiences during "25 year as a Driving Examiner". All are welcome from 9.45am at West Buckland Village Hall

MAKE MUSIC DAY

Make Music Day is being celebrated in Wiveliscombe on the June 21. Local Schools plus High Park music will perform in St Andrews church at 1pm onwards. This is a world wide event and Wivey is going to be part of it. There is an extra event on the Saturday including a Parade and more music.