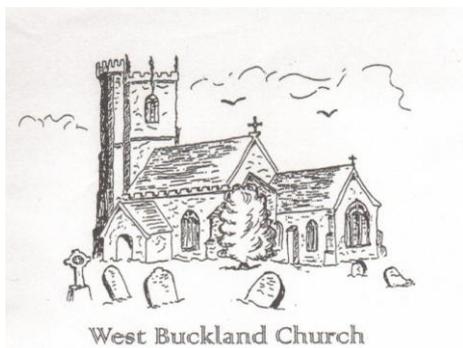


West Buckland Community News

August 2019



CREAM TEAS IN WEST BUCKLAND CHURCH

Saturday afternoons throughout the summer. Between 3pm and 5pm. Donations are welcome for Church fundraising.

Everyone is most welcome.



COMING SOON: WEST BUCKLAND PUB NIGHT

We are planning to open the village hall once a month (to start with) for a community social “Pub Night”, for a get together over a pint or soft drink. In the future we could have theme nights, quizzes etc, the possibilities are endless.

It’s a community project, so it will need the community to help. Any suggestions or willingness to help set it up and on the nights please feel free to email us. If anyone uses Facebook we have set up a group page called West Buckland Pub Night so you can join the group for updates or we will be putting posters in village hall notice board.

Richard & Naomi Ball wbvtrust@gmail.com

WEST BUCKLAND CHURCH RACE NIGHT

Advance notice! The race night is later this year on September 28th. The horses have been resting through the summer, but have now begun some light training, and hope to be fully fit by late September.

The Clerk of the Course is very busy getting everything ready, so look out for details next month.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The August meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 27th August 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 8th August.

2019	4th August	11th August	18th August	25th August
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Ecclesiastes 1. 2, 12-14; 2. 18-23 NT Colossians 3. 1-11 Gospel Luke 12. 13-21	OT Genesis 15. 1-6 NT Hebrews 11. 1-3. 8-16 Gospel Luke 12. 32-40	OT Jeremiah 23. 23-29 NT Hebrews 11. 29-12. 2 Gospel Luke 12. 49-56	OT Isaiah 58. 9-14 NT Hebrews 12. 18-29 Gospel Luke 13. 10-17
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

OTHER SERVICES

August 1st East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

THE BIG TENT 2019

Back in a field near you this summer! The 3-day holiday club for Primary School-aged children run by the Wellington churches will be back in a large marquee at Wellesley Park Primary School on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15 August running from 10am–3pm each day. We're looking for all kinds of people to join the team. Volunteers aged 14 – 104 can apply! All subject to the usual Safer Recruitment process. For more information please contact Karen Mullen at Wellington Baptist Church office on 01823 663713 or email bigtent@wbchurch.biz or do have a chat with Helena Power. And please do join in praying for this year's Big Tent event.

OPEN THE BOOK

Our 2 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.

Please contact your vicar Alan for more information. 01823 669824 email rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com

There is a good explanatory video at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>).

ALWAYS WITH US

On 20th July 1969 the world watched something extraordinary. This was when the Eagle lunar module landed on the Moon's Sea of Tranquility. This was the very first time that anyone has been to the moon. But astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin had to do something hard. After years of preparation and their long hazardous flight they had to wait. They were about to open the door of their lunar lander and step into the unknown surface of a completely different world. But for now, their mission ordered them to take a pause, to wait and prepare for the 'First step'. That hour-long downtime period was designed to let the astronauts recover from their space flight and prepare for their moon walk.

It is now well known that Buzz Aldrin spent his time praying, reading the Bible and taking Holy Communion. Aldrin was an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church, and before he headed into space in 1969, he got special permission to take bread and wine with him into space and to give himself communion. As the men prepared for the next phase of their mission, Aldrin spoke to the ground crew back on Earth, "I would like to request a few moments of silence," he said. " I would like to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever they may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in their own individual way".

He reached for the wine and bread he'd brought to space- the first foods ever poured or eaten on the moon: "I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup," he later wrote.

The words he read were those of Jesus: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in you, will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me'.

After the resurrection, as Jesus ascended back to heaven, he gave a promise to his disciples that he would be with them always, wherever they were and wherever they went. As Buzz Aldrin took communion on the Moon he too was aware of that promise. It is a promise that is also true for us today and so whatever each day may bring let us remember to 'wait' before we step out into the day and ask that Jesus may indeed be with us. As we say in Communion; 'The Lord is here.' 'His Spirit is with us'.

With warm greetings

The Right Revd Peter Hancock Bishop of Bath and Wells.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

We are collecting clothes for Syrian refugees at St Giles Church Bradford on Tone, to be sent through R.A.F.T (Refugee Aid From Taunton). All types of clothing and blankets welcome, but must be in good condition and clean. June Best

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 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

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The 73 members of the West Buckland Friendship Club welcomed John Dando to the July monthly meeting when he came along to share with them his lifelong love of music, especially traditional jazz. His talk, "Trad Jazz - Storeyville to Pensford", charted not only his involvement in the music industry since he first managed a rock and roll group at the tender age of 19, but also the development of musical genres on both sides of the Atlantic.

It was illustrated by many relevant snippets of music from CDs that had attendees' feet tapping, and there were tales of artists including Louis Armstrong and Acker Bilk. John's joyous love of jazz was clear for all to see but he also shared his sadness that so much jazz history was wiped away by the flooding in New Orleans resulting from hurricane Katrina.

Later in July members will be enjoying a river cruise and cream tea on the Exe. The September outing will be to the Swan's Neck at Dawlish for a carvery lunch.

The August meeting's talk will be from Richard Kay, the Director of Pictures at Lawrences Auctioneers, entertaining us with "Ten Commandments of an Auctioneer". That will be on 1st August from 9.45am at West Buckland Village Hall. New members are always welcome.

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

It is also available by e-mail – send an e-mail indicating your wish to westbucklandnews@hotmail.com and you will be added to the mailing list. You may need to add this address to your contacts to ensure receipt.

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

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