

# **West Buckland Community News**

## **September 2019**

### **WEST BUCKLAND PUB NIGHT**

The opening night will be Friday 4th October at 7.45 pm followed by the first Friday of November and December. All profits will go to the Village Hall Trust for improvements to the hall /community. Please look out for posters around the village or follow us on our Facebook page: "West Buckland Pub Night".

We look forward to welcoming you all.

Richard and Naomi Ball [wbvtrust@gmail.com](mailto:wbvtrust@gmail.com)

### **LET'S GO RACING!**

West Buckland Church Race Night in the village hall on Saturday 28th September at 7.30p.m.

The horses are in tip-top condition and raring to go, the rain has made the going good, so please do come and have a fun night, and support the local Church.

Tickets and information from the Clerk of the Course Mr Bob Payne 663962, or Jean 663009 Betty 664775 or Tracey 666914.

Tickets £5 to include supper!

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The September meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **DOG FOULING**

The Parish Council has been advised that the number of dog owners, who are not prepared to pick up after their dogs, is increasing - particularly in residential areas. This is not acceptable and adhesive notices are available to raise awareness of this issue. If you would like to collect some for your own use, please contact Margaret Blogg – Tel: 01823 663378.

### **POLICE BEAT SURGERY**

There is no Beat Surgery in September but details for contacting the Police appear in the notice boards.

<b>2019</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>
<b>READINGS on pew sheets</b>	OT Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18 NT Hebrews 13. 1-8. 15-16 Gospel Luke 14. 1. 7-14	OT Deuteronomy 30. 15-20 NT Philemon 1-21 Gospel Luke 14. 25-33	OT Exodus 32. 7-14 NT 1 Timothy 1. 12-17 Gospel Luke 15. 1-10	OT Amos 8.4-7 NT 1 Timothy 2. 1-7 Gospel Luke 16. 1-13
<b>West Buckland</b>	9am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
<b>Bradford On Tone</b>	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC	10am Morning Worship
<b>Runnington</b>	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC	9.15am joint HC
<b>Langford Budville</b>	10.30am HC	9.15am joint HC	No service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
<b>Nynehead Court</b>	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	No service	10.45am Harvest Service

## OTHER SERVICES

September 5<sup>th</sup> East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

Joint East Group Service 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am HC Bradford on Tone , a chance to get together after the Summer Holidays!

*Readings- OT Genesis 28. 10-17 NT Hebrews 1. 5-14 Gospel John 1. 47-51*

Confirmation Course Christianity a Journey Sept- October if interested in attending this course and being confirmed starting 9<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm-9pm more details on flyers in church, please contact Revd. Maria Hearl email mariahearl@btinternet.com Tel: 01884 256380

You are warmly invited to Katherine Lyddon Commissioning as new Pioneer Catalyst to a celebration of our deanery ministry with children and families on 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St Andrew's, Wivey, more information on poster in your church.

## 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.

*Contact: Revd. Alan Ellacott Tel: 01823 669824 email rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com*

There is a good explanatory video at

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>.

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 ( Churchwardens).

**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, M:+44 (0)7979 694 931 [clarelucker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clarelucker@yahoo.co.uk)

*Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Contact:*

*Revd. Alan Ellacott Tel: 01823 669824 email [rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com](mailto:rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com)*

Wellington & District Team Ministry website:

[www.Wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk](http://www.Wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk)

## **A TIME FOR GRACE AND PATIENCE.**

September is the month when schools go back, harvest services are being planned, and the College of Bishops takes place. Yippee! Actually, I'm not being sarcastic. Of course there's always a sense of this is a month when many of us feel 'back at work'. It can seem a busy month with lots to challenge us. However we do have some agency in how we approach the task of daily living, don't we?

So, for instance, at the College of Bishops this month, we shall do more work on 'Living in Love and Faith', the theology, social anthropology, biblical scholarship and scientific knowledge being considered as the Church reflects on issues of human identity, sexuality and marriage. I'm looking forward to it. And that's not being sarcastic either. You see it is not that this will be an easy topic, something which we can just all agree to but rather it will be an opportunity to meet together with one another in the presence of God. We will no doubt have some difficult conversations, grapple over imponderables, find ourselves feeling vulnerable but this is the stuff of life, and seeking to find God's way in a world which has little time for religious faith anymore.

The College meets in an Oxford college over a few days and it can sometimes seem rather distant from the everyday world in which we live. However we always celebrate Holy Cross day while we are there. The Collect for that day reminds us that "*the passion of thy blessed Son hast made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace*".

That surely means that life and peace can be found even **through** the experience of pain and death. In fact sometimes it's the only way to find them. Dealing with complex issues, tackling challenging tasks is not about finding the easiest and quickest route to an answer. Sometimes it requires much more from us and we need the grace and patience of the Christ who made Himself a sacrifice for us.

The following is the prayer we use on Holy Cross Day after we receive and bread and wine together, perhaps we need to use it more as we face the challenge of seeking to live as men and woman of God in His world today.

*" O faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he come: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope."*

The right Revd Ruth Worsley  
Bishop of Taunton .

## **WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

After a River Exe cruise and cream tea in July had been much enjoyed by participants, the 68 members at August's club meeting were treated to a hugely entertaining talk from Richard Kay, Director of Pictures at Lawrences Auctioneers, entitled "The Ten Commandments of an Auctioneer". These he had formulated from the many experiences, often highly surprising or comical, encountered in over 32 years working as an auctioneer all over the UK and Ireland. The audience's appreciation was shown by extended applause and Richard was thanked on their behalf by Bernard Durant.

Members were given details of the arrangements for the Dawlish and Swan's Nest carvery outing in September, the October trip to Westonbirt Arboretum and the Christmas Market outing to Salisbury.

The next club meeting will be on 5th September when Lionel Murphy will be speaking about Exmoor Search and Rescue. That will be on 5th September from 9.45am at West Buckland Village Hall. New members are always welcome.

## **WEST BUCKLAND VILLAGE HALL**

The village preschool will reopen in September located at the primary school rather than the village hall. Therefore on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, the hall will be available for extra daytime bookings by individuals or organisations. Many different activities already take place regularly at the hall as shown below, with contact details for further information:

Aikido - Vince Lawrence - 01984 624138

Botanical Art Painting Group - Phil Bound - philbound@btinternet.com

Country and Western - Freda Dewar - 01823 680769

Dog Training - Pat Somerset - 01823 667980 Or - Sarah Hedderly - 07977 914405

Friendship Club - Denis Cottle - 01823 662328

Mahjong - Taunton Mahjong Club - Sandra Featherstone - 01823 680036

U3A - Alan Hawkes - 01823 617806

Patchwork/Quilting/Dressmaking - Joan Herrington - 01823 660879

Pilates - Helene Perry - 01823 660294

Whist Drives - Susan Bellringer - 01823 666432

Women's Institute - Barbara Edgehill - 01823 618311

Yoga - Katie Louise Yoga - Katie McLaughlan - 07703 002003

To hire the Village Hall for your own event, please contact the Booking Secretary: Sue Porcas - 01823 664361 or 07879 695909 or [sueporcas@hotmail.com](mailto:sueporcas@hotmail.com)

**This newsletter is also on the parish website - [www.westbuckland.org/parish-magazine/](http://www.westbuckland.org/parish-magazine/)**

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

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