

# West Buckland Community Newsletter

## December 2019 / January 2020

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN EAST GROUP

- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am West Buckland Carol service  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm Bradford on Tone Carol service  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm Langford Budville Community join with School for Christmas Carol service in church  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 3pm December Nynehead Carol service  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 5pm Runnington Christingle service  
23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 6pm West Buckland Christingle service  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec 3pm Langford Budville Crib service 3pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm Bradford on Tone Christingle Service  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec West Buckland 11.15pm Midnight Mass  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec Langford Budville 11.30am Midnight Mass

#### **Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December**

*Readings : OT Isaiah 52. 7-10    NT Hebrews 1. 1-4 (5-12)    Gospel John 1. 1-14*  
10am Bradford on Tone Christmas HC                      10am Nynehead Christmas HC

#### **Other December dates:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Langford Budville Lighting of the Christmas Tree 5.30pm outside church, followed by refreshments etc.  
Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Langford Budville church Christmas lunch 12-2pm  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Wellington 6.30pm Carols at the Old Post office with silver band  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Wellington 7.30pm Carols round the pubs starting at The Dolphin

On behalf of everyone at West Buckland Church we would like to wish you all A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### WEST BUCKLAND PUB NIGHT DATES

- **Friday 6th December** - pub night 7.30pm -12am
- **Tuesday 31st December** - New Years Eve party - 8pm -12.30am  
(please note no food is being sold apart from our usual bar snacks)
- **Friday 17th January** - Village quiz night - the bar will open at 7.30pm and the quiz starts at 8.15pm, teams of max 6 adults plus kids, charge of £1.00 per person and cash prizes for winning teams.
- From February onwards the pub nights will be the first Friday of the month

### WEST BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

The Parish Council has been discussing how it can communicate with its parishioners better and, as a result, it now has a Facebook page. Search for <https://www.facebook.com/groups/848126455608051> in your internet browser. Or search for **West Buckland Parish Council** in Facebook and click 'Join Group'

Initially, at least, it will be a closed group for anyone living in the parish and will be used to post information about the Parish Council. Agendas, minutes for meetings, details of planned road closures etc will all be posted. The decision for it to be a closed group will be reviewed when we see how well it is working.

*Jill Larcombe, Clerk*

<b>2019</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>
<b>READINGS on pew sheets</b>	OT Isaiah 2. 1-5 NT Romans 13. 11-end Gospel Matthew 24. 36-44	OT Isaiah 11. 1-10 NT Romans 15. 4-13 Gospel Matthew 3. 1-12	OT Isaiah 35 1-10 NT James 5. 7-10 Gospel Matthew 11. 2-11	OT: Isaiah 7. 10-16 NT: Roman 1. 1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1. 18-end
<b>West Buckland</b>	9am BCP HC	<b>10am Carol service</b>	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	<b>5pm Christingle Service</b>
<b>Langford Budville</b>	10.30am HC	9.15am HC	No service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
<b>Nynehead Court</b>	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	No service	<b>3pm Carol service</b>

### **OTHER SERVICES**

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

**1st Dec** 3pm St Johns Wellington Team Advent Service ( In Ecclesia) All welcome.

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup>** Joint East Group HC service 10am Langford Budville.

*Readings: OT Isaiah 63. 7-9 NT Hebrews 2. 10-end Gospel Matthew 2. 13-end.*

### **ASSOCIATE PRIEST - WELLINGTON AND DISTRICT TEAM MINISTRY**

I am delighted to announce the appointment of The Reverend Martin Beaumont to the post of Associate Priest in the Wellington and District Team Ministry. Martin is currently living near the benefice and is looking forward to his new role. We hold Martin, Ruth and the benefice in our prayers at this time of transition. More details in your church. *The Revd Tim Treanor*

### **PIONEER CURACY IN THE WELLINGTON TEAM – RICHARD KELLEY**

From July 2020 Richard Kelley will be joining the Wellington Team to complete his title post as Pioneer Curate under the supervision of the Rev. Selina Garner. Richard is currently completing his BA in Theology, Ministry and Mission at St Mellitus South West alongside his placement in the Frome deanery. He is also a member of the Diocesan Vocations Team and chairs the management group of the Diocesan Ministry Experience Scheme. He is married to Charlotte, an English teacher, and they have a cat called Jasmine. More details 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)  
 Please note Christmas Cards for sale in your churches, in aid of churches!

2020	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>READINGS on pew sheets</b>	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
<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>	<b>6pm Epiphany Carol Service</b>	<i>Join Langford Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC with hymns	9.15am joint HC
<b>Langford Budville</b>	10.30am HC	9.15am joint HC	Join others	<i>Join others</i>
<b>Nynehead Court</b>	10.30am Non HC	10 45am HC	Join others	10.45am HC

2nd January East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, at Bradford on Tone followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

### WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Nearly 90 members, including three ‘first-timers’, attended the club’s November meeting, which incorporated the Annual General Meeting. After the usual greetings and birthday card distribution, details were given for the forthcoming outings to the Christmas Market, the venue for which had had to be changed to Cardiff, and to Oake Manor for our Christmas meal. Members were asked to be considerate of village hall users by not filling the car park when going on outings.

The AGM then commenced with the reading and acceptance of the 2018 AGM minutes. Reports were given by the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer, and the year’s accounts were presented and accepted. The only committee change resulted from Henry Richbell’s resignation as Treasurer. Terry Hodson had offered to take on the role and was duly elected by members, along with those individuals already in post, namely Chairman: Denis Cottle, Vice Chairman: Patricia Vernon, Secretary: Sue Porcas, and Social Secretary: Bernard Durant.

There being no other AGM business matters proposed, the AGM was closed and followed by the eagerly-awaited, illustrated presentation by Bernard of the 2020 programme of speakers, celebrations and outings. It seemed very well-received by the audience. The morning ended with a buffet including cheese and wine, and also bubbly and cake to celebrate the 90th birthdays in 2019 of four club members.

After the Christmas meal in December, the next meeting at West Buckland Village Hall will be in 2020 on 2nd January when Andy Lucker will be telling members about “Airport Police”. New members are always welcome. Coffee is served from 9.45.

## **HALF MARATHON THROUGH WEST BUCKLAND, SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**

The Ciderthon is a cider and running festival including a half marathon, which will be starting and finishing at Sheppys Cider orchards. The event is supporting St. Margarets Hospice and will be working with local food and drink businesses. There will be temporary road closures to ensure the safety of the runners during the half marathon. The team of stewards and highway staff will be managing these closures, prepared to assist any residents who need to access or exit their properties during the run.

Please feel free to get in contact if you have any questions so that the team can liaise with you as best possible and inform our team in advance should you need assistance on the day. The closures will be prior to the run start which is at 11am, till the last runner goes by (no later than 4pm).

Further information is available at website [www.ciderthon.com](http://www.ciderthon.com), or by sending an email to [info@ciderthon.com](mailto:info@ciderthon.com). You can contact the event directors Nikki and Matt on +447852719435.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The January meetings of the Parish Council take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 7th January and Tuesday, 28th January at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be no meeting of the Parish Council in December.

## **POLICE BEAT SURGERY**

The next Beat Surgeries are between 5.00pm and 6.00pm at the Village Hall on Monday, 2nd December and Monday, 30th December. There are no Beat Surgeries in January.

## **WEST BUCKLAND CHURCH AUTUMN FAYRE**

The Autumn Fayre was a great success! It was very enjoyable and made £620 towards Church fundraising, a very big thank you to everyone who worked so hard, and to all who came to support us. Thank you all again.

**The next newsletter will be the February 2020 edition. Please ensure any material is received by 20<sup>th</sup> January. A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our readers.**

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

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