

West Buckland Community Newsletter

March 2020

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW VILLAGE CHAPLAIN



Tracey Richbell is starting as our new Village Chaplain supported by Revd Alan Ellacott and all the members from St Mary's Church West Buckland.

I would like to introduce myself to those who have not yet bumped into me around the village and share a little of my story. My name is Tracey and I moved into the village four years ago now. Since then I have really enjoyed meeting people and being part of our amazing village through the West Buckland WI, the Friendship group and the local church. I am married with two grown up children and one grandson, who all live locally. I like walking, playing Bowls and travelling around the UK and Europe in our motorhome.

In my 20s I started to explore the Christian faith, but in my mid 30s I lost my faith for a few years. Thanks to a work colleague who allowed me to talk to her and ask lots of questions about the church and her faith I had the courage to go back to a church. It started with her listening to my story and giving me encouragement. Then the day came when I decided to walk back through a church door again, and she was there to welcome me and help me to feel comfortable. Over the next few years she encouraged me to grow in my faith.

When I moved to West Buckland and I walked into the village church I discovered the same welcome I had experienced all those years ago. As I have got to know the people in the church, and in our village, I realised that maybe I could give to other people that listening ear that had made such a difference in my life. Not everyone will want to come to church, but I believe that all are loved by God and everyone's story is important.

So, as your new Village Chaplain I have had some training and with the support of Rev Alan and the local church I am offering some time as a volunteer to be available to listen to people. I hope sometimes there will be ways I can help people who are struggling or have questions in the way I was helped all those years ago.

If you would like to hear more of my story or share yours, I am happy to be that a listening ear. I suspect I will often not know the answers to your questions, but sometimes talking something through helps us discover the next step and find the courage to take it. I love drinking tea and hope to be able to meet you in the village or the many other places you may see me at WI, Friendship group, or the many other events that are going on in the village and maybe even the village church! Please call or email me - or if you see me around the village please say hello if you would like to meet up.

Tracey

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WEST BUCKLAND PUB NIGHT

We look forward to welcoming you all to the next pub night in the 'Buckland Arms' in the village hall on Friday 6th March from 7.30pm. We have bought a table football game and we will have the darts board out, so come along and have a game and a drink. We welcome any help with running the evening or ideas of a theme night. [wbvtrust@gmail.com](mailto:w.bucklandchaplain@gmail.com)

WEST BUCKLAND CHURCH RACE NIGHT



The horses are ready and the going is good, so please come to West Buckland village hall on Friday 20th March at 7pm for a fun Race Night. Our caterers are getting the supper ready and The Buckland Arms are looking after the Bar.

Tickets are £5 (to include food) from Bob (Clerk of the Course) 01823 663962 or Tracey 01823 666914 In aid of St Mary's Church West Buckland Fundraising

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 31st March at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next Beat Surgery is between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm at the Village Hall on Monday, 23rd March.

BIKE REGISTER

Get your bike marked and registered FREE. Take it to Bradford-on-Tone Village Hall between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 28th March 2020.

VILLAGE HALL

Our very busy village hall is managed by a committee of volunteers but we are looking for new people with fresh ideas to take us forward. Are you one of those people? Come along to our AGM on Wednesday, 6th May at 7.00 pm. Further information from any committee member or contact Jean on 01823 663009 or Colin on 07753 146191.

2020	1st March 1st Sunday of Lent	8th March	15th March	22nd March Mothering Sunday
READINGS on pew sheets	OT Genesis 2. 15-17 3.1-7 NT Romans 5. 12-19 Gospel Matthew 4. 1-11	OT Genesis 12. 1-4a NT Romans 1-5. 13-17 Gospel John 3. 1-17	OT Exodus 17. 1-7 NT Romans 5. 1-11 Gospel John 2.5-42	OT 1 Samuel 16. 1-13 NT Ephesians 5.8-14 Gospel John 9 1-47
West Buckland	9am BCP HC	10am Parish Praise service	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship	10.30am HC Followed by APCM	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30am Parish Praise	<i>Join Langford</i> <i>Budville</i>	6pm BCP HC	9.15am Mothering Sunday HC
Langford Budville	10.30am HC	9.15am HC	No service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead Court	10.30am Non HC	10.45am HC	No service	10.45am Mothering Sunday HC

OTHER SERVICES

5th March East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

29th March Fifth Sunday East Group service: St Marys Church West Buckland in the East Group Team Joint Communion Service at 10am.

Readings: OT Ezekiel 37. 1-14 NT Romans 8. 6-11 Gospel John 11. 1-45

Tracey Richbell will be commissioned as West Buckland Village Chaplain on Sunday 29th March at St Marys Church West Buckland in the East Group Team Joint Communion Service at 10am. The service will be followed by Refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

LENT COURSES

Wednesday mornings 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April at St John's church hall 10.30– 11.30. Led by Rev Stephen Bowen. Please feel free to come to as many of the sessions as you can. If you have any questions or would like to know more please ask Stephen or Margaret Bowen. 01823 667087

Thursday evenings 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April. Stawley Mill. 'Art and Spirituality'. Led by Rev Martin Beaumont.

Wednesday evenings in the Lang Room 7.15 – 8.15 (refreshments at 7.00 – note revised time) 'Drawing closer to God in prayer' led by Rev Dr Maria Hearl. Tel 01884 256380 Email mariahearl@btinternet.com

OTHER NOTICES

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

Living and Telling the Story in Tone: Deanery Rev Selina Garner, Tone Deanery has created a short film to help people to live and tell the story of God's church across the deanery: www.ruralministries.org.uk/stories-1/tonevalleyweareonechurch Or <https://vimeo.com/369552787>

Inspire Evening in Taunton Archdeaconry is set for Thursday 12 March, 7-9pm at St James Church Taunton. We'll be picking up the themes of the Growing Faith Adventure and aiming to provide an evening of inspiration and encouragement for all those working with children and young people. Those attending can browse a market place of resources & ideas, chat with the Go Team, network with those from other churches, and listen to six 5 minute talks (this time including speakers from our Diocesan Education team and the Kitchen Table Project). <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-children/youth-children/training-and-equipping/inspire/>

Rural Ministries Exponential Regional Conference South West: St Johns Wellington 6th June 9.30am-4pm

For clergy , leaders, members of church and anyone with a heart for mission in their communities. The cost of attending is just £20 which included refreshments & light lunch. All bookings through Eventbrite book system.

Diocese website.

Information about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals Contact: Revd. Alan Ellacott Tel: 01823 669824 email rev.aellacott1969@btinternet.com

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

After the usual friendly greetings, the February meeting began by the 75 members present remembering two recently-lost club members with a minute's silence. The January minutes were read, agreed and signed, followed by the distribution of birthday cards. Reminders were given for March door volunteers and raffle prize donations.

The Social Secretary outlined the plans for the club's coach trip to the Royal Mint in Llantrisant on 19th March, for which a few seats remained. The Chairman reviewed the anniversary party held in January and pointed out that Waitrose was currently featuring the club for shoppers' charity tokens.

February's speaker, John Hudson, then treated members to a comprehensive presentation on the topical subject of "Global Warming". This included many facts and figures about the effects of higher average air temperatures such as glacier shrinkage, rising sea levels, ocean acidification and an increased incidence of wild fires and droughts, pointing out that food shortages often lead to human conflicts. He also suggested a variety of remedial actions, sadly pointing out that they themselves had flaws in terms of really solving the current and future problems. John was thanked for his thought-provoking talk by Anne Weeks, and then the raffle prizes were distributed.

The next club meeting will on 5th March when Miranda Pender will be explain how she became a “Late Flowering Lyricist”

WEST BUCKLAND WI – JANUARY MEETING

Members had thoroughly enjoyed the recent trip to see the Pantomime, ‘Dick Whittington’ performed at the Wellesley Cinema by Wellington Pantomime Group and bookings were now being taken to see the musical ‘The Sound of Music’ to be performed by members of Wellington Operatic Society in May.

Members were informed of worldwide and County projects, how they could support the wildlife victims of the Australian bushfires by making mittens, joey pouches etc. to help animals recover. Community Health & Care Services in Somerset ‘Fit For my Future’ had provided a questionnaire and were asking for feedback from local people about providing care closer to home.

We heard about various forthcoming Somerset County WI events that members could attend including how to make different kinds of hanging baskets, Creative Arts Festival, an Open Session of Walking netball and courses to be held at Denman College.

We will be attending the Tone Valley Group Spring Group Meeting in March hosted by Taunton Divas WI, the speaker will be comparing village life in England and India and the competition to create a floral arrangement to celebrate Holi (Indian festival of colour).

Our speaker this month was Sarah Guest from Explore Movement Sematics who spoke about, and showed members, how to take a different approach to ‘exercising’ by focusing on releasing and relaxing the muscles. Members thoroughly enjoyed trying out the gentle movement patterns after which they all felt much more relaxed.

We welcome visitors to our monthly meetings which are held every 2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at West Buckland Village Hall. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th March when the meeting will be a social event entitled ‘Springtime Miscellany.’ The Competition for members will be a spring posy. For more details telephone 01823 652863 (or 07736 712273).

A NEW HALF MARATHON AT SHEPPYS CIDER Sunday 10th of 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).

COMPETITION OPPORTUNITY: If you are interested in helping us man one of the ‘Cider Tasting Stops’ along the half marathon route, we are hosting a competition for ‘BEST MOTIVATIONAL SIGN’ to encourage the runners. Every mile there will be a water and cider stop, and if your sign is the best, we will award you with: · 20L of CIDER · 2 X Free Tickets to the following Ciderthon! Contact Information: For more information, please see our website www.ciderthon.com, or send us an email at info@ciderthon.com. You can contact the event directors Nikki and Matt on 07852 719435.

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 to 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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