

West Buckland Community Newsletter

April 2020

COVID-19 SUPPORT IN AND AROUND WEST BUCKLAND.

If there are any vulnerable people out there that have had to self isolate and need help, PLEASE do not be afraid to ask for help and support. We are here for you

This can be in the form of:

- Shopping.
- Collections of prescriptions
- A friendly phone call
- Dog walking

This list is not exhaustive we will help where we can.

If you have access to the computer there is a Facebook page Wellington Coronavirus Community Group.

You can contact:

Nichola 0771 7114318 DBS checked and have knowledge of learning disabilities and mental health. I will have some numbers of other people that can help. If you would like to add your name to the helpers' list, please contact me.

Libby 07871 802990

Please leave us a message, if we do not answer the phone we will call you back.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH WEST BUCKLAND

In line with the Church of England recommendations all Church services have been put on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic.

West Buckland Church will endeavour to keep the church open for people to be able to go and spend time either in private prayers or just to sit in the calmness of the church.

If you would like to speak with someone from the church, the Vicar or the Church Chaplain are still available to talk to, either by phone or email. So please do not hesitate in contacting them.

We hope to resume our church service as soon as the Church of England allows us to. We will update the web site and notice board of any changes.

In the meantime, I understand that there are services going to be put on line by some of the churches around so please do check web sites for them.

If you have worries about anything don't forget there is always someone at the end of the phone to help.

Please do look out for others, and take care of yourself and your family.

Blessing

Tracey Richbell, Church Warden / Chaplain T:07824 516615 Email: w.bucklandchaplain@gmail.com

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)

Below is the original planned schedule of services for April. All Church of England services were suspended from March 17. Contact your churchwardens or Revd Alan Ellacott to check if services have resumed.

2020	5 th April OT Isaiah 50 4-9a NT Philippians 2. 5-11 Gospel Matthew 21. 1--11	12 th April Easter Day OT Colossians 3. 1-4 NT Acts 10. 34-43 Gospel Matthew 28. 1-10	19 th April OT Acts 2. 14a. 22-32 NT 1 Peter 1. 3-9 Gospel John 20. 19-31	26 th April OT Acts 2. 14a 36-41 NT 1 Peter 1. 17-23 Gospel Luke 24. 13-35
West Buckland	9am BCP HC	10. 45am refreshments before followed by 11. 30am Easter HC service	9am HC	10am Morning Worship
Bradford On Tone	10am Morning Worship	10am Easter HC followed by refreshments.	10.30 am HC	10am Morning Worship
Runnington	10.30 am Parish Praise	6pm Easter HC followed by refreshments.	6pm BCP HC	9.15am Mothering Sunday HC
Langford Budville	10.30am HC	9.15am Easter HC followed by refreshments.	No service	<i>Join Runnington</i>
Nynehead	10.30am Court Non HC	10.45am Easter HC followed by refreshments.	No service	10.45am HC

OTHER SERVICES

2nd April East Group Midweek BCP HC Service 9.45am, followed by refreshments in village hall with coffee morning group.

<p><u>Holy Week Services in the East Group</u> <u>Monday</u> 6th April Langford Budville Church 10.30 am HC . Nynehead Church HC with Stripping of Altars. <u>Maunday Thursday</u> 9th April 7pm</p> <p><u>Good Friday</u> 10th April 2.15pm 'Way of the Cross' -reflective service Runnington Church.</p> <p><u>Easter Sunday 12TH April</u> 9.15am HC Langford Budville 10am HC Bradford on Tone 10.45am refreshments followed by 11.30am HC West Buckland 10.45am HC Nynehead 6pm HC Runnington</p> <p>Readings: OT Colossians 3. 1-4 NT Acts 10. 34-43 Gospel Matthew 28. 1-10</p>
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10th April Good Friday Walk of Witness Team Service 10am Baptist Church Welling then process to St Johns Wellington. Finishing with hot cross buns and hot drinks. All Welcome.

'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 & Wellington. 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/>.

East Group - 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).

Rev Julie Scott A message from Tim about our curate, Julie. "In conversation with the Diocesan Training Team we have discerned that Julie's development in curacy is best served by experiencing a different ministerial context. Julie will therefore be continuing her curacy at St John's in Bridgwater.

Rev Dr Maria Hearl This month I have informed my PCCs and the Archdeacon (the Team clergy have known for some months) that I shall be retiring from ministry in the Wellington Team at the end of February 2021 i.e. in 12 months' time. [Not my bright idea, but a definite 'word' from God some 12 months ago.]

Church Life in the Wellington Team. Christine Winhall, Team Administrator, has done an amazing job updating the main website for the Wellington Team, which has links to all our individual churches. Have a look on www.wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk or access this via A Church Near You.

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 includes refreshments & light lunch. All bookings through Eventbrite book system.

Living and Telling the Story in Tone Deanery: Rev Selina Garner Tone Deanery has created a short film to help them to Live and Tell the Story of God's Church across the deanery. To see this look at -More info. on poster in your church. www.ruralministries.org.uk/stories-1/tonevalleyweareonechurch Or <https://vimeo.com/369552787>

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 PARISH COUNCIL

Due to COVID 19 Coronavirus all West Buckland Parish Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice.. The Parish Council can still be contacted by emailing the Clerk westbucklandclerk@gmail.com or phoning 01884 252647.

Information will be added to the parish website www.westbuckland.org and the Parish Council Facebook page.

WEST BUCKLAND PUB NIGHT

Due to the current situation with coronavirus, we have cancelled the next pub night on Friday 3rd April. We will hopefully open the first Friday in May, we will keep you posted nearer the time. Thank you for all your support, so far this year.

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.

WEST BUCKLAND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The usual friendly greeting and birthday card distribution were followed by the reading, agreement and signing of the February minutes. The West Buckland Pub Night and West Buckland Church's Race Night on 20th March were publicised.

The Chairman explained that the Royal Mint trip on 19th March would be postponed due to the risks posed by the Covid-19 outbreak. However names were being taken for the Abbotsbury trip in May, hoping that could go ahead as planned.

Having fought her way around flooded roads, Miranda Pender then entertained the 77 members present with a spirited rendition of several of her own songs, accompanied by her guitar. She told of how she came to start writing and performing relatively late in life, encouraged by Richard Digence. Most of her songs were humorous and caused much laughter, but the audience was also visibly moved by her poignant rendition of "See you, say goodbye". Miranda was thanked by Bernard Durant, and then the raffle prizes were distributed.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, the decision has been made to cancel the April club meeting and postpone the May Abbotsbury outing. Hopefully all members will stay healthy and club activities will be able to resume later in the year.

Editor's note: We have received details of the following events – however in the light of the coronavirus outbreak we advise you that they may be subject to change and you should check nearer the event.

POLICE BEAT SURGERY

The next beat surgery is scheduled for April 13, from 2pm – 3pm at West Buckland Village Hall, with PCSO Vicky Henderson 7632. Contact 07889 655302.

EASTER CREAM TEAS IN THE CHURCH

Please come to West Buckland Church on Saturday 11th April and / or Monday 13th April between 3 and 5pm to enjoy a lovely cream tea and to see our Easter Garden. Donations please.

WEST BUCKLAND CHURCH

The UKULELE STRUMMERS will be performing in the Church on Friday 17th April at 7.30pm. There will be light refreshments and a raffle. No tickets, donations 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 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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