

What a wonderful welcome.
My greeting in St Katharine's!



Beckington Benefice Newsletter

16th September 2023



St Katharine's East Woodlands

With the joyous news that St Katharine's, in East Woodlands Frome, will be joining our Benefice, we were all kindly invited to attend their Songs Of Praise service which was held on Sunday 27th August. Everyone was treated to an array of hymns that had been specially chosen by different members of the congregation and held a significant meaning to them. In total, there were 12 heart stirring hymns - all accompanied by the excellent choir. The Collie dog was not part of the singing! but made an appearance at the beginning of the service! It was truly a wonderful welcome to our now extended church family.

Thank you to everyone for such a warm and friendly welcome.

Throughout August, East Woodlands was also the venue to host, what can only be described as, 'the quintessentially perfect English cream tea' in their village hall; jointly raising funds for the village hall, church and other local groups/charities. Each year the 'Woodlanders' provide the most delicious of cream teas, along with a selection of 'forget the diet' cakes, all raising funds for the hall. Now, I've had quite a few cream teas in the past, and none quite like a Woodlanders; the scones were bigger than the tea cups and still warm, all served with huge bowls of clotted cream and pots of sticky sweet strawberry jam. If you wanted something a little stronger, Pimms was also available (served by Andrew who is part of the Woodlanders team). Trudi Whittock (secretary) has kindly written an article explaining more (please see below). When I arrived at 2.30pm folk had already arrived and bagged their seats - the car park had started to fill up – bearing in mind they didn't start serving until 3pm. If you missed this fund raising event this year, next year is your opportunity.



'The Woodlanders' Variety Show Is Here Again

The Woodlanders were established in 1977 and they put on their annual performance of 'The Woodlanders Variety Show' at East Woodlands Village Hall, with all profits of the shows donated to local groups, charities, and clubs. Over the years they have raised well over £120,000, and all profits this year will again be donated to local good causes.

Now that the nights are slowly getting darker, it means that it's that time of year again when 'The Woodlanders' put on their annual Variety Show, at the East Woodlands Village Hall, Frome, (on the outskirts of the Longleat Estate), BA11 5LQ. The show will transport you back to 'the good ole days', so why don't you come along, sit back and relax, you can even grab a drink from the bar if you want, and take in the atmosphere – the lights are dimmed, the stage is set, as you settle back for an exuberant evening of fun, laughter, singing and dancing. You will love the intimate 'cabaret' style seating, which was introduced due to Covid 19 but proved so popular that the style of seating has been kept! You can now sit at a table and enjoy the complimentary nibbles whilst being entertained with famous songs – perhaps sung with a local twist, a plethora of instruments – Harmonicas, Banjo, Drums ..., jokes that will leave you groaning, dancing that must be seen to be believed, and sketches and jokes galore. You could even join us with a singalong – or just let the merriment wash over you and provide you with a feel-good facture, as they say – the choice is yours. The wonderful Kerry Bishop will be on hand with the whole entire orchestra (Piano), to delight you with his magnificent playing.

The finishing touches to the show are being added as we speak, the East meets West (Woodlands) for this year's show, which will be performed with much hilarity between Monday 2nd and Saturday 7th October. Monday is a preview performance and tickets are £10, all other nights are £12.50. Monday to Friday performance showtime is 7.45pm with Saturdays performance being a matinee at 2pm.

Tickets are now on sale - please note the new box office details, from Ann Hart on 01373 764291/ 07510919573 email annhart68@ymail.com. Check them out on Facebook, or www.thewoodlanders.biz Anyone who would like to come along and see what they do and hopefully be tempted to join them next year - either on stage, singing, dancing, acting, etc or off - sewing, props, curtains, writing etc, please come along to one of their rehearsals, at East Woodlands Village Hall, Nr Longleat at 8pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings or call Trudi Whittock (Secretary) on 01373 462745.



Harvest Festival Services



St Mary's, Berkley

Please join us for our Harvest Festival on Sunday October 1st at 10am. This will be a joint service with the children of Berkley School.

We ask for donations of canned and packet goods e.g., tinned vegetables, rice, sauces for rice and pasta, jam, rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit etc. We shall then take these much needed donations to the Fair Frome foodbank.

There will be refreshments following the service. We look forward to seeing you.



Beckington Baptist Church

Community & Users Harvest Sing Along

We would love to see you, make a date **Wednesday 11th October from 6.30pm at Beckington Baptist church with Beckington Bandits. Bread, cheese; pickles, cider and apple juice will be provided. Come and join us.**

Standerwick Market

Harvest Service at Frome Market 7pm on Thursday 5th October 2023 to be followed by Ploughman's Supper and auction of produce. All proceeds to be donated to the Frome Market Health Hub (please see details and poster re Health Hub below)



For details of other Harvest Festival services around our Benefice, please see worship rota

Standerwick Market Health Hub and Podiatry Service

Available for farming and agricultural workers and their families. A free and confidential service for farmers, farm workers and their families who wish to seek guidance on a number of health related issues.

Many people don't know this service is available at the market. Do you know someone who this may help?



Frome Market
HEALTH HUB

REGULAR WEDNESDAY CLINICS
 FREE NHS Health Checks every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
 FREE Podiatry services every 1st and 3rd Wednesday

The Health Hub is available to all farming or agricultural workers and their families, no matter where you live.

Come and see us for:

- Health and wellbeing checks
- Advice on lifestyle and concerns affecting your emotional wellbeing
- Guidance towards any support you may require in the future

No appointments necessary, just call in and speak to one of our volunteers.



Mole Valley



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| HEALTH HUB 9am – 1pm Drop In No appointment needed | FOOT CLINIC 9am – 1pm Please check availability Pre-booking required |
| Wednesday 27 th September | Wednesday 4 th October |
| Wednesday 11 th October | Wednesday 18 th October |
| Wednesday 25 th October | |

Rural Forum

The 2023 Rural Forum returns to Bagley Baptist Church on Monday 2nd October, with keynote speakers Bishop Michael and broadcaster and writer, Brian Draper. There will be a question-and-answer session on 'tapping into shared wisdom', with Bishop Michael and Brian. Workshops in the afternoon will allow delegates to explore shared local ministry, working with your local primary school, and listening to your community.

There will also be an administrators workshop running throughout the afternoon.

The event is free of charge - lunch and refreshments will be provided. The Forum is open to all interested in serving their rural communities, so please do share this email and the attached poster with all who may be interested. Bookings can be made via the [Rural Forum online registration form](#). If you have any questions or queries regarding the Forum, please do get in touch with Rural Life Adviser, [Rob Walrond](#)

Keeping faith in our rural communities

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Rural Forum 2023

We have different gifts...

- Acknowledging and celebrating the special gift that we have in the rural church

With keynote speakers:
broadcaster, Brian Draper and Bishop Michael

- An opportunity to discuss, question and share stories through a choice of afternoon workshops
- Worship and reflection

Lunch and refreshments are provided at this free event.

Monday 2 October
10am - 3.30pm

Bagley Baptist Church
Coldnose Lane
Nr. Wedmore
BS28 4TG

Register now at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/mEA7v0b4f8>
by scanning the QR code with your device, or by contacting:
sophie.moore@bathwells.anglican.org

A group of us from the Beckington Benefice are going to the Rural Forum (near Wedmore) and sharing lifts - Do please get in touch with Judith or Maria if you book a place and would like to travel together.

Accessory Donations Wanted
By Friends of St. George's

Pre-loved handbags, belts, shoes, scarves, hats gloves and jewellery!

Donations Accepted by

Marianne at 07884 185143

Or

Contact Lisa at 07944 152052

Fundraising for St George's Church Beckington

Autumn Fayre on the 14th of October

Beckington Memorial Hall

10:30-2:00

Friends Of St George

Thank you to everyone who supported the FOSG Pop Up produce stall, £300.00 was raised!

Our next event on 14th October is the Autumn Fayre which is our major fundraiser for the year. **We are asking for help on the day and other goods to sell.**

Events (local and slightly further afield this month)



Womens Conference Saturday 23rd Sept 10am – 5pm Emmanuel's Yard, Church Street, Trowbridge BA14 8RZ Speakers to include Rachel Ita, Ruth Horsfall & Tess Horwood. Amazing dynamic speakers, who will bring the now word of God to encourage, empower, challenge and galvanise women in this season. Rachel Ita leads New Life Church in Derby, jointly with her husband Henry and is part of the Apostolic Team for the All Nations Movement. Ruth Horsfall jointly leads Life Church, Bath with her husband Jonathan. Triss Horwood jointly leads

West Wilts Arise and Ramah Ministries with her husband Chris. Tickets available at Eventbrite (search Audacious Ladies Conference)



Community Coffee Morning Wednesday 27th September 10.30am-12md

68 Goose Street Beckington

Come along and join our friendly group of people. A chance to make new friends. Absolutely everyone welcome.

Benefice Prayers The next monthly “Praying together” for the benefice with be on Sunday 8th October at 4-5pm at 26 Bath Road, Beckington, followed by afternoon tea.

Friends Of St George's Autumn Fayre 14th October 2023 10.30am – 2pm Beckington Memorial Hall. Please come along and help support us raise funds for the church.

We (Rodden) are holding another Bridge Afternoon including a gorgeous tea on Friday 20th October starting at 2.00pm in Rodden Church Hall.
To book a place, please contact Jim Dowling on 01373 462515 or flintford2@gmx.co.uk

Looking Ahead...

Llangasty (Brecon Beacons) conversational retreat. '4 English Spiritual Writers' Two nights 24th -26th April 2024. Shared transport. Please contact Martin Weymont for further details weymontmartin@gmail.com

Can You Help?

A request for folk to send any photos of church/benefice events to John Beaven (john.beaven@outlook.com) and Mike Wilsher (wardens@lullandorch.org.uk)

Worship

The Connect service at 6pm this Sunday, 17th September will focus on connecting with young people and we will be welcoming the Revd Andrew Alden and his wife Elizabeth who are local Pioneer Ministers to share with us about their work with 16-25 year olds in Frome and the surrounding areas.

A reminder that Bishop Michael of Bath and Wells is conducting our Holy Communion service for all the benefice at 10am on 24th September at St George's. Do come along and join us and you could even feature in a group photograph after the service!

| September/October 23 | Service @ Church |
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| 17 th September | 10am Holy Communion Berkley 11am Matins (*) Orchardleigh 6pm Connect Service Beckington with Andrew and Elizabeth Alden |
| 24 th September | 10am Holy Communion Beckington Led by Bishop Michael 6pm Evensong (*) Rodden |
| 1 st October | 10am Matins (*) Beckington 10am All Age Service Berkley - Harvest 11am Holy Communion (*) Lullington - Harvest 11.15am Harvest Festival East Woodlands |

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| <p>8th October</p> | <p>10am Holy Communion Beckington - Harvest 6pm Evensong (*) Rodden - Harvest</p> |
| <p>15th October</p> | <p>10am Holy Communion Berkley 11am Matins (*) Orchardleigh 6pm Connect Service Beckington</p> |

(*) Traditional language using Book of Common Prayer – BCP

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Postscript From Around our Benefice...



“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8 v22



The changing of the Seasons happening around our Benefice in St George's churchyard, Beckington.

Surprising what one can notice when you stop and really look at the pattern of God's creation. I'm still, to this day, in awe of the colours that arise when autumn wakes from its hibernation.

God speaks, and His creation responds.

Deborah X

To circulate information on this newsletter, please contact Deborah at beckington.network@gmail.com or telephone 07443 750052 **before the 15th of each month** with your articles and/or details of your upcoming events, making sure to include dates, times, and venue. Thank you.