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Michael's Message

Switch on the Light, throw me a life-line and give me protection.

The darker days of winter are often linked to feelings of depression. Folk so often find darker days induce doom and gloom – it's even got into the media these days. Have you read any encouraging and *good* news lately? It must be many years since there was such a universal sense of disquiet in our nation, maybe as far back as the days before the Second World War.

We seem to be confronted by a spirit of doom and gloom, of fearfulness and dread, of doubt and bewilderment. We have factions within leadership which are unable to give a positive answer in areas of social, political, national and international concern.

Some would say that we walk in the dark; some would say that we are faced with a choice to sink or swim or jump from the frying pan into the fire.

It is of course important for us to experience situations which make us think about the realities of life.

We have to understand that life is complex and challenging and that a decision may have an adverse impact on ourselves or others.

Yes, we need the support of other people as we journey through life. We need, however, to realize that human resources are finite. The sometimes difficult situations that we encounter need more than human resources to resolve them.

To sum up: to survive the complex challenges of life, even to cope well with daily life, we need a Saviour.

The Christmas story reminded us that God is with us; that Christ is the one to whom we may turn for help at all times.

The book of Psalms is an excellent resource of help to us. Recall and claim Psalm 23, *"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..."* or Psalm 27 v 1, *"The Lord is my light and my Salvation whom shall I fear, the Lord is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid?"*.

This is the encouragement that we should claim as we move into whatever this year may hold, knowing that God is in charge and will give us His aid if we reach out and trust Him.

Our Great British Nation was made great by its reverence of God, its industrious population, its inventive skills and its resolution to show leadership to the world.

Yours in His service,

Michael White
Baptist Minister

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The tower was lit:

On December 15th in memory of Mrs Rose, mother of Peter.

On 16th December in loving memory of Charlie Howell

On 2nd January in loving memory of my mother and mother-in-law. Jo Casey

On 7th January in memory of Mrs Ruth J. Ilic, mother of Peter Rose of Beckington village, who passed away on 15th December 2018

On 15th January for Joshua Vezey, "JJ" – taken before his day dawned – and his granny "Annie" for her birthday. With love to all the family.

On 15th January in memory of Keith. From Sylvia and family.

CHANGE OF DATE

The Coffee morning and PLANT SALE will be on SATURDAY MAY 4th
NOT on MAY 11th!

Entertainment by Geoff Ditcham & friends "The Family Bath forgot"

Light hearted sketches, music, and poetry, with a local flavour by Geoff Ditcham and friends, followed by a delicious afternoon tea:

Tea at the Ritz by Friends of St George's

Saturday 2nd February

Beckington Memorial Hall

3:30 - 5:30pm

Tickets £8 Jo: 830885
or Jenny 830208

Village Christmas Tree

A massive crowd turned up to sing carols round the Village Tree. A huge thank you to the Hillman Family for providing the Village with a spectacular Christmas Tree for all the village to enjoy. (It gets bigger every year). Thank you to Mes Amis, the Foresters and the Woolpack for all the food you provided, not forgetting the Hillman Mulled Wine. Last but not least to Maria Bevan for organising the team of musicians.

On behalf of the whole village a very big thank you.

Peter West



St. Mary's Berkley

ChristingleFa mily Service

In December the Family Service took the form of a Christingle Service. It was a really joyful occasion. The staff and teachers of KS2 at Berkley School planned and led the service, and we thank them for this. It was great to see so many people attending and we were delighted to have such a full church. The highlight was the lovely singing by the children and, of course, the lighting of the Christingles, which symbolise God's love for us all. If you are interested in learning more about

our Family Services because you might like to join us please do feel free to contact me on 01373 461913 or at white2caroline@gmail.com

Caroline White

Saturday 27th April 10.30 – Noon

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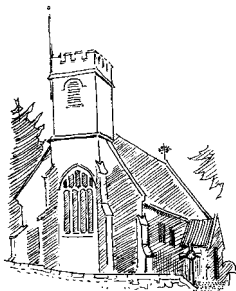
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St Mary's Berkley Family Service February 17th 2019



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welcome.

All Saints Rodden



The
**1st Thursday at
No 30** will be on
February 7th.
Please join us at
30 Styles Hill
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Come and take a
break and join us

for a hot drink and a chat.

Sheila Walker

Diary Dates

March 1st Coffee morning at
Flintford Farm 10am
April 5th Spring Soup & Puds
May 11th Fun Quiz
June 22nd Cream Tea
Sept 6th Coffee Morning
October 7th Harvest Supper
Nov 15th Festive Lunch

Date	Flowers	Cleaning
3	Mrs Dowling	Mrs Dowling
10	Mrs Bungay	Mrs Bungay
17	Mrs Beck	Mrs Beck
24	Mrs Antell	Mrs Antell
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From the Registers

Beckington

Baptisms

25th November Matilda Beatrice Mumme-
Phippen

2nd December Olivia Rosie Button

Thanksgiving for a child

18th November Alfred Peter John Maggs

Funeral

20 December - Eamonn Francis O'Dyer

8 January - Rosalie Elias

Orchardleigh

Marriages

1st December - Martin Fletcher and
Emily Sames

22nd December - Michael Pudner and
Amanda Saunders

28th December - Michael Coates and
Melanie Cox

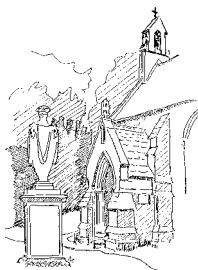
Lullington

Marriages

29th December - Patrick Shaw and
Tanya Pipe

Baptism

6th January - Freya Remi Fleming



Lullington & Orchardleigh

Delights of Lullington 51: The Normans were here

I hadn't seen Brian for fifty years. We were at school together for a brief year and that was it. Now he and his wife were coming over from Nashville, Kentucky, to tour Ireland and Scotland, and revisit old haunts in Somerset. And stay with us. The vast gap of time seemed unbridgeable. What would we talk about? All I could recall was that he was a nice, thoughtful, all-American guy.

There he was, getting out of his enormous hire car. Baseball cap, khaki shirt, wicking trousers hoisted up under his ribcage, lopsided grin, bleary spectacles. We shook hands and that half-century dropped away. All four of us talked and ate and drank and talked all afternoon, as if we'd last met a week ago. They told us about the great things they had seen in Dublin and Edinburgh and Glasgow.

"Well," I said, "I expect you'll want to get to the Roman Baths and the Royal Crescent tomorrow." Of course they would be desperate to cram in as many notable tourist sites as possible before whisking on to the Tower of London and Madame Tussaud's. So next day we drove them into Bath and left them struggling through the hordes in the Abbey Churchyard. An hour later they emerged, blinking in the sunlight. "Royal Crescent next?" I

asked. They shook their heads wearily.

We whizzed back to Lullington. I offered them trips to Stourhead, to Lacock, to Wells and other five star honeypots. But they'd had enough. "Could we see your church?" they asked. I popped next door for the key, and we showed them this modest, undramatic building – with some diffidence, I have to say. Wells Cathedral it is not.

The response was ecstatic. They admired the flowers and monsters on the Norman font. They drew sharp breaths at the green man and the Templar grave cover. And they were quite rightly stunned by the north door, with its chevronned arches, its Tree of Life and its beakheads. They returned in a daze. "That's the most magical place we've been," they said. "Anywhere in Britain."

The Bustard

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South Sudan Update

"They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears to pruning hooks"

Is this just a dream for the people of South Sudan or could it become a reality? South Sudan with a population of 12M is the world's newest country but almost the poorest. It gained independence from Sudan in 2011 after much fighting, but 2 years later itself descended into civil war fuelled by bitter political, tribal and regional enmity. More than 400,000 people have been killed and millions displaced or taken refuge in Uganda. Real income has halved and inflation is now 300%.

Joseph Bilal, after obtaining his PhD in Bristol, returned to his own country after independence, but just as the civil war broke out! The people of the Beckington Group of Churches have supported Joseph and his family for many years, during his theological training and now as he works to

establish a new university based in the capital, Juba. He is also taking a lead in peacemaking initiatives. When Joseph visited Beckington last month he told us that there is amazing progress on both fronts and there is now some hope for the country since a peace agreement was signed between the warring parties in September. The new University in South Sudan is about to launch with 3 faculties in March, Joseph is looking to recruit more lecturers and a peace conference in December brought together 150 community leaders from warring groups to build trust and confidence between them.

Do remember in your prayers South Sudan, Joseph and his family (who have to remain in the UK at present because of the security situation).

Andrew Kellett

Beckington Filling Station

An informal monthly meeting in Beckington Memorial hall (2nd Thursdays) for people from local churches or no church at all.

Next meeting:

Join us for the next meeting on Thursday 14th February at 7.30pm. The speaker is Keith Powell, a farmer from the Levels

Lively worship, coffee, cake and prayer.

Jane Kellett

Beckington Astronomical Society

(www.beckingtonas.org)

Our next meeting is on Friday 15th February at the Beckington Baptist Church Hall starting at 7.30pm. We finish around 9.30pm with tea/coffee. Annual membership £15 or £3.00 for a single meeting.

We will have a beginners item (about 15 mins) and this will be followed by our visiting speaker Chris Starr who will be talking about *Journey to the Edge of the Solar System*. You do not need to know anything about astronomy to join us - just a desire to know more about this fascinating subject. If you have any questions please look at our website or give me a ring on 01373 830419.

John Ball

Beckington Group Mothers' Union

The year began on a positive note with a well-attended AGM. The meeting began as usual with a short service led by Jenny Ladd and Elizabeth Robertson, with Marianne Burke on the keyboard. Branch Leader Jenny Ayrton welcomed all present, followed by the usual reports, review of the year's activities and main events. The treasurer's report revealed a healthy balance, and after outstanding expenditure, some money will go to AFIA, (Away From It All), the holiday scheme for families in need of help.

Jenny Ayrton was re-elected as branch leader, with Rosemary Ball secretary and Jackie Lobley treasurer. Five others were elected on to the committee, including representatives from Frome and Hardington Vale, where the branches have closed and members have joined Beckington group.

Many officers and trustees have come to the end of their terms of office, including Diocesan President Margaret Hendy, and Worldwide President Lynne Tembey, whom many of us were able to meet when she visited our area four years ago. Some members of our branch will be attending meetings in Wells and elsewhere in the diocese, to keep informed of recent decisions and matters of policy.

We are all enthusiastic for the year ahead - our membership is growing, and the programme is well in hand. As well as interesting speakers, we look forward to continued friendships with members from the different churches, and to opportunities to play a part in the life of the church and the local community.

Rosemary Ball

Church for Those Who Don't Do Church

Pioneer Breakfast

It was great to welcome representatives from several congregations and communities on 12th January for a cheerful breakfast and inspiring presentations from Richard, Bryce and Bryony. All three are committed to the principle of "doing church for those who don't do church"! Richard and Bryce are involved in a number of projects and initiatives in Frome, such as chaplaincy in local schools, Hope Frome Van and helping the homeless. Bryony is based at the Centre for Theology and Community in east London: www.theology-centre.org.

Reading from the Great Commission in Matthew 28 v16-20, Richard gave us helpful insights into our role in mission as a church. With reference to "Missio Dei" (God's mission) Richard reminded us that we are sent by God. The church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning! Pioneer work seeks to lead the church to the next step in mission! The role of the church is both to listen, as well as to participate in God's mission. Rather than becoming institutionalised, Richard reminded us that every church is called to take part in mission activity. We need to consider how we can best adapt to mobilise mission, making the most of our God-given opportunities.

Bryce expanded the theme of the "Good Shepherd (John 10)" likening his role to a sheepdog: "watch, wait and listen". "Frome has earned a good reputation and its population is

growing! However there is a destructive and damaging drug problem, and homelessness is increasing." He believes that although we have different missions and roles, we can all make a difference.

Bryony's work also takes her to the heart of things. She is working with some of the most challenging communities in London; but rather than feeling a stranger, she has found a warm welcome amongst vulnerable people. Her projects include helping local communities find solutions to problems, such as lighting in a local park, as well as equipping churches to transform their communities through practical and relevant action.

"E1 church is where community suppers are shared after early Sunday evening services. Monthly messy-church days, music and craftwork sessions and Helping-hands teams (with a remit to be of practical assistance) make the love of God relevant in that community" she said.

Richard Kelley will be hosting a Neighbourhood Chaplains Information evening at Trinity at 7pm on Monday 11th February: all are welcome to attend! A further Training Day is scheduled 9am to 4pm on Saturday 16th March.

Dr.Richard Loveless

Berkley School

We are well into the throes of the new term and indeed the new school year now, with our first church assembly of the year asking pupils to commit to a school New Year's Resolution, such as to read every day, to master the times tables, to work on the accuracy of their writing or to give 100% to every homework.

The weekly head teacher's challenge has asked all pupils to put in writing their reflections of their Christmas holidays. We are delighted that so many pupils of all abilities take up this extra challenge and receive certificates as a result.

The Writing Club has also allowed some budding poets to flourish, such as Lily who made up this acrostic:

Navigators in the night
Omelettes cooking in the kitchen
Vans driving late at night
Electric things crackling because
 snow falls on the wires
Mums laughing with their children
 while playing a game of Scavenger
 Hunt
Bears growling in the forest
Extraordinary sounds in the mist and
 in the night
Rain falling as fast as lightning
 pouring down at every turn

In school, we are now sponsoring a new child, a girl from Ethiopia. The pupils will be writing to her and we will have a Wow! Day dedicated to learning about the differences between life in Ethiopia and life in

Frome and thus to understand more about Kalkidan's experiences.

As a church school, we have just received a church 'health check' from the diocese, which they now offer to schools when they are mid-way between church inspections, which take place every five years. We have completed the new Siams toolkit - a comprehensive self-evaluation tool - and the feedback we received was very positive, encouraging and helpful as we formulate our future action-plans.

The school governors will be actively involved in the life of Berkley over the next few weeks, such as by completing a learning walk and by interviewing a few pupils in each class. This term we have already run a Maths workshop for all our parents, enabling them to learn about how we teach Maths in school and how they can help at home.

The staff really are committed to working as closely as possible with the parents and the governors to provide the best education we can for our children.

Steve Kirby, Head teacher

Beckington School

Consultation on the proposal to federate Beckington Church of England First School and Mells Church of England First School

Beckington Church of England and Mells Church of England First Schools have been working closely together since September 2016 with a shared Headship arrangement. Following joint governor meetings to discuss the future of the Schools, a decision has been made to consult with parents, staff and the two communities about creating a formal federation of the Schools. We would like to hear your views on this and you are encouraged to provide your views by way of this consultation. A six week period of consultation has been agreed for stakeholders to comment on this proposal. The six week period commences on 14th January and **will close on 4th March 2019**.

For further details, please see the consultation document which can be found on either school website: www.beckingtonschool.co.uk or www.mellsschool.co.uk or by enquiring at the school office.

New School Year

- The New Year has brought thoughts of our dreams and hopes at Beckington School. Our children have amazing ideas of what they would like to achieve. So far this term we have enjoyed an African drumming workshop which really raised the spirits of everyone and was a lovely start to our whole school topic on Africa. We also welcomed two visitors

to talk to the children about how to stay safe around dogs. Wendy Keefer and Sarah Hobbs gave an interactive talk using toy dogs to help enhance our understanding of our furry friends, which they linked to ideas in their book, 'Hey dog! Let's talk!'

- The children also enjoyed a fascinating session, looking at and listening to, a visitor's collection of old musical instruments – they were amazed at the sounds and look of the different instruments. Thanks to Mr Floyd, who is a regular volunteer at our school, for introducing us to his musical friend.

- We are looking forward to our STEAM week at the end of January, where we have invited in various parents and members of the community to talk about their careers and the children are taking part in activities to enhance their learning around science, technology, engineering, art and maths. At the end of the week the children will do some joint activities with the children from Mells, which includes the Y3/4 trip to Kidzania in London and a visit from 'Clever Cogs' who will set up an interactive, indoor street for our younger children.

Our next sporting fixture, which we are looking forward to, is a swimming gala in which we will compete with children from other FLP (Frome Learning Partnership) schools. Huge thanks to FoBS (Friends of Beckington School) for their support in funding exciting opportunities for our children.

Claire Chantler



Children at work at Berkley

Springmead School

The Year 6's Bushcraft session was centred on the importance of water and hydration. They looked at their physiology, water consumption, the effects of dehydration, water procurement and sterilisation. The children learnt about transpiration bags, gypsy wells, a solar still and how to make water safe to drink.

Lots of theory and plenty of 'doing'. The children are beginning to get a very clear understanding of 'priorities' in the wilderness.



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All proceeds will be donated to charity and selected local good causes

Tickets are priced at £10 (advance) and £15 (on the door- numbers limited)
Tickets will be available from The Fleur de Lys and The George Inn, Norton St Philip in May.

Tickets will also be available via the Band in a Barn FaceBook page
www.facebook.com/bandinabarnnsp

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Stefanie Mitchell stefaniemitchell@hotmail.co.uk or via Facebook
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Designed to connect the Band in a Barn team with good causes that would benefit from a donation of up to £500, the Small Grants Scheme aims to support small local projects and grass roots initiatives and welcomes applications on a continuous rolling basis throughout the year.

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Hire the hall for:
Birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, weddings, children's parties quizzes, Board game clubs etc.

The Organising Committee is open to suggestions regarding possible future events. If you are interested in joining the committee we meet on the second Monday of the month at 8:00pm in the Clifford Suite. All are welcome.

Celebration of some recent events from 2018:

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Dates for your diary in 2019

- **Quiz night** Saturday March 2nd
- **Charity cricket match and fun day** – August 25th

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December: £40 Bill Hodder, £20 Donna Kelly.
January: £40 Sue Brown, £20 Peter West

If you would like to be part of this monthly draw please pick up a form from the entrance hall.

Beckington Memorial Hall 200-Club is registered with Mendip District Council's Licensing Department. The registration number is LN/009407396.

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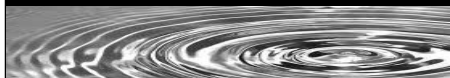
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Beckington Parish Council

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Grants to Local Organisations:

At its January meeting the Parish Council was pleased to once again be able to support the Memorial Hall committee by the giving of a £400 grant to pay for the cutting of the grass in the play park.

The Parish Council still has some money left in its grants pot and welcomes applications from local groups. The deadline to apply to the 2018/19 grants pot is February the 28th - Full details can be found on the Parish Council website.

Grit Bin Monitors Needed:

As already reported, five new grit bins have been purchased by the Parish Council, these have now been installed within the Parish. The Parish Council is looking for residents willing to monitor the grit in their local bin and if its running low, inform the Parish Clerk. One of the volunteer councillors will then get some bags of grit out to you ASAP. The locations of the grit bins requiring a monitor in Beckington are; • The Corner of Sandy Lane and Warminster Road • Church Hill (by St George's gate)

- Frome Road (Above Stubbs Lane)
- Bath Road (Below Mill Lane)
- Goose Street
- Rudge Hill (Near Scotland Lane)
- Full Moon (near to).

If you would be interested in helping, please contact the Parish Clerk

New Dog Bins:

Eight new dog bins have now been installed across the Parish. By the end of January, they should all be being emptied weekly by Mendip District Council - Please report them to MDC if not.

District and Parish Council Elections – May 2019:

Local elections will be held to the District and Parish Council on 2nd May – Please see the Mendip District Council website for more information on what is expected of a District Councillor or the Somerset Association of Local Councils website for information on Parish Councillors. Full details on how to stand for election to either Council will be published on Parish and District websites nearer the time.

Planning

2018/2990/OTA - Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for the erection of 2 semi-detached dwellings.

Land South East Of 32 Bath Road
Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SH

Parish Council recommendation:
Objection

Dates of Next Meetings

Council Meeting: Tuesday 12th
February 7:00pm

Simon Pritchard
Clerk, Beckington Parish Council
beckingtonparishcouncil@outlook.com

SERVICES February 2019

Benefice	<i>Mondays</i>		12.00pm	Midday Prayer at St. George's
St. George's Beckington		Feb 3	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.00am	Morning Worship & <i>Film Club</i>
		Feb 10	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>with Berkley</i>
		Feb 17	9.15am	Family Service at Berkley
			10.00am	BCP Matins
		Feb 24	10.00am	Morning Worship & <i>Film Club</i>
		Mar 3	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.00am	Morning Worship & <i>Film Club</i>
St. Mary's Berkley		Feb 3	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Feb 10	10.00am	Holy Communion at Beckington
		Feb 17	9.15am	Family Service <i>with Beckington families</i>
		Feb 24	9.15am	Holy Communion
		Mar 3	11.00am	BCP Matins
All Saints Rodden		Feb 3	6.30pm	BCP Evensong
		Feb 10	6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion
		Feb 17	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		Feb 24	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Mar 3	6.30pm	BCP Evensong
All Saints Lullington		Feb 3	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		Feb 17	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Mar 3	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
St. Mary's Orchardleigh		Feb 10	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Feb 24	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		Mar 10	11.00am	BCP Matins
Baptist Church	Services each Sunday at 3pm to which all are welcome			

The calendar of activities in St. George's church is online at:
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Don't forget that the next issue of *Network* is for March.
 Items for inclusion by **midday on February 20th** at the latest please.

To: beckington.network@gmail.com

Diary Dates

This Month

- Feb 2 **Ritz Tea & Entertainment** 3.20-5.30
Beckington Memorial Hall for Friends
of St George's
- Feb 6 **MU** Wave of Prayer service, 2.15, Lahs
Place
- Feb 7 **1st Thursday at No 30** Styles Hill from
10.30am
- Feb 7 **W.I.** Fair Frome Projects
- Feb 12 Beckington **Parish Council** meeting
7pm Clifford Suite
- Feb 15 **B.A.S.** Journey to the Edge of the
Solar System Chris Starr

Later in the Year

- Mar 1 Rodden Church **Coffee morning** at
Flintford Farm 10am
- Mar 2 Beckington Memorial Hall **Quiz Night**
- Mar 4 Closing date for **Beckington School
Consultation**
- Mar 6 **MU** Ash Weds Service, 2.15, Lahs
Place
- Mar 6 ***Journey Through Lent*** course starts.
Clifford Suite 7.15pm
- Mar 7 **W.I.** Travels with a local artist
- Mar 15 **B.A.S.** TBA Mike Witt/Steve Hill
- Mar 30 ***Molecatchers*** at Beckington Memorial
Hall 7pm
- Apr 3 **MU** Tea for "Make a Mother's Day"
- Apr 4 **W.I.** author Julia Samuel
- Apr 5 Rodden Spring **Soup & Puds**
- Apr 7 **Easter Egg Hunt** 11am – 1pm
Beckington Memorial Hall for Pre-
School

- Apr 12 or 26 **B.A.S.** Observing & Sketching the
Deep Sky Mark Radice
- Apr 27 **Plant Sale, Coffee Morning, Classic
Car Display** & more at Hill Corner,
Berkley BA11 5JB
For St. Mary's Church, Berkley.
- May 2 **W.I.** AGM resolutions & quiz
- May 4 **Plant Sale & Coffee Morning** for
Friends of St. George's
- May 11 Rodden Fun Quiz
- May 17 **B.A.S.** "The Herschel 400" Jonathan
Gale.
- Jun 6 **W.I.** The Magic of Somerset Carnivals
- Jun 21 **B.A.S.** AGM + Member Talks
- Jun 22 Rodden Cream Tea
- Jul 5 **W.I.** Inspired by Fashion
- Jul 17 Organ recital St. George's 12.30-1.30
- Aug 1 **W.I.** Social evening – shared supper
- Aug 25 Beckington Memorial Hall **Charity
Cricket Match**
- Sep 5 **W.I.** Belly Dancing Experience
- Sep 6 Rodden **Coffee Morning**
- Oct 3 **W.I.** Musical Moments with car booty
- Oct 7 Rodden **Harvest Supper**
- Nov 7 **W.I.** Cookery demonstration
- Nov 8 **Early Christmas Market**
- Nov 15 Rodden **Festive Lunch**
- Dec 5 **W.I.** George Formby and the ukulele