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Simon's Message

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on 6th March.

Readers of *Network* will know that the season of Lent is the season which commemorates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness before the start of his ministry in which we prepare for Holy Week and its culmination in Easter. My younger daughter, however, an intelligent and well-informed Christian woman was surprised when, in discussing Ramadan, I reminded her that the calendar of the Church of England contains many fasts including Lent. She did not think of Lent as a fast.

In the New Testament, and from as early in the history of the postapostolic Church as we have records, there is evidence of Christian observance of public fasts at fixed times and the Book of Common Prayer provides for 117 fast days and 83 feast days in the year, leaving just 165 other days.

In his Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity, Richard Hooker saw this pattern of feasting and fasting as rooted in our natural joy in God's goodness to us and in our natural sorrow at our own sinfulness.

The Homilies explain that fasting has three purposes.

First, it:-

'... is, to chastise the flesh, that it be not too wanton, but tamed, and brought in subjection to the Spirit.'

It is a tenet of pop psychology that all attempts to repress our desires are harmful. This is not the Christian view. Christians know that our desires must be disciplined. Richard Hooker explains that fasting allows the mind to direct its attention away from the satisfaction of bodily desires and the obtaining of bodily pleasure and towards heavenly things.

The second purpose is that 'the Spirit may be more fervent and earnest in prayer...'

Finally, its third purpose is that our fast should:-

'... be a testimony and witness with us, before God, of our humble submission to his high Majesty, when we confess and acknowl-edge our sins unto him, and are inwardly touched with soulfulness of heart, bewailing the same, in the affliction of our bodies.'

Does all this sound rather rarified and high-falutin'? Can the small deprivations which we impose on ourselves in Lent bear the weight of such heavy sentiments?

The great Christian truths manifest themselves in the mundane details of our daily lives. It is just because we find it difficult to make the connection between those great truths and the apparent insignificance of our daily actions, that our corporate Christian life should impose structure and discipline on our devotions.

Observing the fast of Lent is a means of turning our attention away from our own concerns, pleasures and desires and towards God. Regarded like that, there is nothing mundane about it at all.

Simon McKie, Reader, Rodden



THE ST MARY'S CHURCH BERKLEY CHARITABLE TRUST HAS ESTABLISHED A TRUST FUND, (CHARITY NUMBER 1174747)

The aim of this fund is to encourage people with a connection to BERKLEY CHURCH from school, marriage, christening, attending church, loss of a loved one or just living in the area etc. to make a donation or leave a LEGACY when making a will to help build a secure fund for the maintenance of this unusual church with its domed ceiling for future generations.

For further information if required contact Eric J. Oakes, Tel 01373 474652 or email <u>ericoakes@btconnect.com</u>

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The tower was lit:

On February 14th to celebrate the birth of Alfred Ronald White (Alfie) on February 1st 2019. A blessing from God.

On February 18th in loving memory of Francis on his 70th birthday. Holly & family

Survey

We are very grateful to all those who have completed the questionnaire asking for your views on St. George's Church as part of our preparations to find a new Rector. If you have not yet done so, please contribute by filling in a paper form that you will find at the back of the church or online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ TH7B886 The Friends of St. George's were sorry that the snow forced them to postpone this event in February. It now takes place on:

Saturday 27th April



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

Beckington Memorial Hall

3:30 - 5:30pm

Tickets £8 Jo: 830885 or Jenny 830208

Due to the change of date, there are now a few tickets available.

(those who bought tickets already, are transferrable. If you have a ticket and cannot come, please kindly let us know, for catering and allowing others to come!)



St. Mary's Berkley

Family Service

We are pleased that families from Beckington are able to join us for our monthly Family Service.

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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St Mary's Berkley Family Service 9:15am March 17th



We will be thinking about the Parable of the Talents

We will be welcoming children from Berkley School who will be helping to lead the service. Plus we are delighted that some past pupils of the school will be joining us to share their musical talents.

Please do join us - you will be made very welcome.

All Saints Rodden



1st Thursday at No 30 will be on March 7th. Please join us at 30 Styles Hill from 10.30am. Come and take a break and join us for a hot drink and a chat.

Sheila Walker

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| 31 | LENT | Mrs Beck |
| 7 | LENT | Mrs Beck |

Beckington Group Mothers' Union

The meeting in February was the annual *Wave of Prayer* service. This year's theme was "Listening, Observing, Acting - in step with God", and the readings and prayers focused on listening to God speaking in our lives, leading to action where needed, either individually or through a united effort.

Mothers' Union branches throughout the world are linked by a prayer chain, so that during the year each diocese learns about events and projects and the people for whom prayer is requested. The links here are with False Bay in S Africa, Shinyanga in Northern Tanzania, Umuahia and ljebu in Nigeria and Vellore in S India. There were maps and pictures to help us identify with our fellow members, and we feel humbled when we hear of the many difficulties and setbacks they often face on a daily basis.

Recently we have re-established a former link with a Mothers' Union branch in Australia, and look forward to exchanging news and views.

Next month our meeting coincides with **Ash Wednesday**, March 6th, the beginning of Lent, so we have invited Rev Noel Hawkins to come and take a service of Holy Communion. The meeting on April 3rd will be a **Tea Party** for our usual Make a Mother's Day appeal, when we celebrate our mothers by giving a gift in their memory. There will be tea, cakes and a raffle, and all money will go to help families in this country and overseas who are facing hardship.

The programme for the year is on the church notice board, with details every month in *Network*.

Visitors and new members are very welcome.

Rosemary Ball

Athenaeum Singers Warminster

AFTERNOON TEA & BRIDGE

FRIDAY 22nd March 1:30pm for 2pm prompt start of play at Beckington Memorial Hall BA11 6SL

TICKETS £10 each

For details and tickets please apply to: Jo Casey: 01373 830885 jo@mijocasey.plus.com



Lullington & Orchardleigh

The Accession Service, what's that?

This is a question I

was asked recently. It's the special service set out at the back of the Prayer Book for use on the anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, usually a Sunday nearest to the date of the Queen's accession on 6th February 1952.

The Queen has ruled for longer than any other Monarch in British history, becoming a much loved and respected figure across the globe. Known for her sense of duty and her devotion to a life of service, she has been an important figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth during times of enormous social change.

I have never met the Queen but there is one monarch that we can all meet. He was born in a manger in Bethlehem and he died on a cross. It was the ultimate act sacrifice, which He made because He loves us so much. As a result of His love He died that we might come to know God in a personal way. As King, even over death, Jesus rose again, defeating the grave.

Glyn Bridges

For Sale or Wanted

If you would like an entry in this column, please send it to Julie Evemy (see inside front cover). A suggested donation of £1 towards *Network* would be appreciated which can be left in the slot in the wall inside St. George's church.

Private advertisements only please.

For Sale: Books:

- History of the Second World War Volumes 1-8
- Chronicle of the 20th Century
- Stratospheric residual as deduced from satellite data
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 Donations for guide dogs for the blind.



It's Electoral Roll time again!

The separate churches in the Benefice are required by the Church of England to produce new Electoral Rolls. The 6year cycle has come around again! So shortly, if not already, existing Electoral Roll members and others in our churches and communities will be receiving a request to complete and return Application forms.

Being a member of the Electoral Roll is a healthy and visible sign of your support for your local church even if you do not regularly attend services. In addition, it enables you to play your part in the church's decision making, for example, in the election of Parochial Church Council members. In other words, you will be a voting member of the Church of England and, if you so wish, have your say in decisions made far beyond our Benefice. Furthermore, a set of healthy Electoral Rolls in each of our churches will be an encouraging indication to our new Rector of the strong support there is in the local communities. Although addresses and contact details will be held, they will not be disclosed publicly so as to satisfy GDPR requirements.

As always, questions arise but the application forms will come with explanatory notes and if you have further questions, do please contact one of those listed below. Jim Dowling for Rodden: 01373 462515 or flintford2@gmx.co.uk

Jeanette Hayward for Berkley: 01373 832315 or jeanette@jhayward.plus.com Glyn Bridges for Lullington: 01225 755784 or twobridges@btinternet.com Ann Samler for Beckington: 01373 830904 or ann@samler.plus.com or Mike Rolfe for Beckington: 01225 763040 or mikeandeunice@btinternet.com

Coffee, Cake, Worship and Talk

An informal monthly meeting to encourage all local Christians from any church or none. The next Filling Station is on **Thursday March 14th 7.30pm** at Beckington Memorial Hall. Speaker: Andrew Kellett Subject: Expect great things from God; Attempt great things for God.

From the Registers

Beckington

Funerals

4 February - John Taylor 7 February - Janet Mary Pang

Orchardleigh Baptism 10th February Elle Elizabeth Maple Gillespie

Frome Farmers' Market

Frome Farmers' Market takes place every month in the Cheese & Grain Hall in Frome.

The market takes place every 2nd Saturday of the month all year round from 9am-1pm.

www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk

Beckington Parish Council

The way local government is changing means County and District Councils are losing direct funding from central government and so they are making cuts to the services they provide. For example, the District Council will no longer provide bins, the County Council has stopped giving out road grit/salt.

Parish Councils across the UK have a choice, they can step up and provide the services themselves or see them lost. Beckington Parish Council have resolved like so many Local Councils to provide the services itself.

Over the last 18 months Members of the Parish Council have been working on many different initiatives, guided by the Bettering Beckington survey that went out to every household in the village. The response to the survey was impressive and the Parish Council has started to introduce new facilities and also supplement services that are being withdrawn by the other authorities.

The Parish Council now pays for;

- Extra grass verge cutting within Beckington village
- All the salt/grit in the highway grit bins
- For Sue's walk to be kept short

The Council has undertaken a total overhaul of its website. Five new grit bins have been purchased for the Parish and are now in place and full of grit. Eight new dog mess bins have also been installed across the Parish, all paid for and installed by the Parish Council and not forgetting the two new bus shelters at the top of Bath road, costing over £10,000 in total.

Given all this activity residents won't be surprised that the Parish Council share of the Council tax bill will need to increase this year. A Band D property in Beckington will be charged $\pounds 56.11$ for all the services that the council will be providing. The increases on last year, while significant in percentage terms, in monetary terms is an increase of $\pounds 1.95$ per month per household over the period.

The Parish Council has historically had a very low precept, this is fine for an inactive council that is not being asked to do anything or doesn't want to ensure continuation of services. But given the list of priorities dictated to it by residents through the Bettering Beckington survey and subsequent public meeting and as a consequence of picking up the services as already described, Members of the Parish Council have now brought the precept charge up inline with the other active Local Councils within Mendip.

The extra £1.95 per month that each household will now pay will see the above services protected, continued support for local organisations with the giving of grants and many other projects join the list for future years: -

Continued...

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- New Allotments (While in the long term self-sustaining, in the short term that carry legal and set up costs)
- Footpath improvements within the parish (and better maintenance of)
- Footpath to Rudge & the Farm Shop project (to explore the possibility of)
- Safe cycle routes (support the creation of)
- Flowers on the entrances to the Village (asked for in the survey)
- A Speed Indicator Device (to help combat the growing problem of speeding in the parish)
- Continued support for local

organisations with the giving of grants

• Restoration of the village pump

If you require further information or would like to speak to a member of the Parish Council, please feel free to contact via the Parish Council website – www.beckingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Simon Pritchard Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer Beckington Parish Council Tel: 07792 478960 Email: beckingtonparishcouncil@outlook.com Website: www.beckingtonparishcouncil.org.uk



Our Lent Appeal

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Berkley School

The School Council are in the process of making Berkley more aware of recycling, such as by becoming a plastic-free school and purchasing recycling containers for each classroom. We look forward to the council taking an assembly to share their ideas.

Through the weekly head teacher's challenge, we are currently asking the children to enter a writing competition, open to all our pupils with prizes in each classroom. They have to make up an acrostic poem linked to the seasons or to the weather, such as the snow. This should be accessible to all children and I look forward to sharing their work with you in future network magazines.

The previous challenge involved the children responding to the newly worded school vision, which now says: "We are dedicated to being a school of choice where each child enjoys coming to school, each member of staff enjoys attending and all parents are proud of the school's achievements. The expression 'Each child is my child' encapsulates our philosophy: We want each child to feel cherished, supported, listened to, challenged and stimulated, as if they were our own."

This vision is in keeping with Jesus welcoming the children to him: "Allow the little children, and do not forbid them to come to me: for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these." (Matthew 19:14)

Other activities outside the norm that have recently taken place include: A gymnastics competition, visiting three authors at the Cheese and Grain and an e-safety day. This year, the esafety committee planned and delivered four workshops for all classes to attend as well as leading a whole-school assembly. The e-safety committee do an excellent job of showing the pupils how to use the internet safely and they wish to extend their work to the wider community. If anyone would be interested in coming in to school and meeting the committee, to get some advice or helpful hints, then please contact the school.

Finally, the school is currently undergoing the interview process for a new head teacher at Berkley following my decision to retire at the end of this academic year. It has been my absolute pleasure to work with all the staff, pupils, parents and governors who all care passionately about their school and whoever is appointed will have the benefits of a great team to work with.

Steve Kirby, Head teacher

Beckington School



We have been very lucky to have Bessie, a local felt artist, attend Beckington School over the past few months to work on a fantastic community project.

Bessie worked alongside each pupil at school, the children from Beckington Pre-School and residents from Lah's Place to produce a beautiful picture of Beckington Village which is now hanging proudly in the school hall.

The Woodlanders Music Hall Seek Good Causes

The Woodlanders, Somerset's longest running music hall, is famous for their annual music hall shows at East Woodlands Village Hall, near Longleat, always welcomes new members and are inviting any budding thespians, musicians, costume makers, prop makers, painters etc. who would be interested in joining them for this year's show - which runs from Monday 7th October to Saturday 12th October to contact Trudi on 01373 462745. They have a varied mix of music, from Cole Porter to songs from famous shows, sketches some old (think 2 Ronnie's) some new (think Star Trek), musicians - from Ukuleles to accordions and almost anything you can think of in between. It is a two hour Variety show put on especially to make you have a good time

Anyone interested in joining the group is invited to come along to one of our meetings, the next ones are on the following Monday's -11^{th} March, 1^{st} April (AGM) and 13^{th} May at 8pm at the Horse and Groom pub at East Woodlands. If you prefer you can always give them a call on 01373 462745 or visit their website www.thewoodlanders.org.uk for more information.

They are a small friendly group who like to have a laugh and raise lots of money while doing a little bit of work and having fun. If this sounds like you, don't be shy - give them a call. Each year, the Woodlanders donate the proceeds from their show to the local communities. Last year's donations totalled some £3000. To be considered, applicants need to state the group or organisation they are representing, why they would like a donation and what they would do with the money. Requests should be sent to: The Secretary, The Woodlanders, Mrs T Whittock, Windsbatch Lane, Oldford, Frome, BA11 2NN. **All requests must be received by 1st April.**

This year the Woodlanders Music Hall AGM is on 1st April at 8pm at the Horse & Groom Pub (in the conservatory), East Woodlands

If you belong to or know of a local charity or good cause please contact us if you would like to be considered for a donation.

The Athenaeum Singers invite you to Come and Sing Poulenc's *Gloria* from scratch on Saturday 6th April at Warminster Baptist Church, BA12 9AD 9.30-4.30 £10 plus score hire.

Drinks available, please bring your own lunch.

also

Saturday 1st June at 7pm The Athenaeum Singers present Haydn: The Creation The Minster Church of St Denys, BA12 8PQ

Springmead School

Springmead School Environmental Week

The whole school immersed themselves in our enrichment week. We'd like to give our thanks to the visitors who gave their time and energy to share their passions for our planet with our children. From the beekeepers in Frome to the clever engineers at <u>Protomax Plastics Ltd</u> to Gary at <u>Carymoor Environmental</u> <u>Trust</u>. We had a great week and learnt so much.









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The Country Market is run as a co-operative and besides welcoming new customers we are always keen for new producers, especially bakers, to join. So if you enjoy creating please pop in for a chat. Or if you know of a relative or friend that likes to bake, create or grow please give us a mention

BECKINGTON TENNIS CLUB

If you live within the Ward of Beckington and Rode (which includes the communities of Berkley, Shawford, Rudge, Oldford, Tellisford, Woolverton and Standerwick) and the communities of Lullington, Laverton and Norton St Philip, you may register with the BTA, enabling you to book and pay for courts. You will also be entitled to book coaching, enter tournaments (some restrictions may apply) and enjoy other BTA events.

The charge for non-associates is £3 per person per hour. Payment can either be made online via PayPal or into the security box at the courts.

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Band in a Barn is an annual live music event held on a working farm in Norton St Philip. It is organised entirely by volunteers and raised over £11,000 in 2018 for charities and local good causes This year's event will take place on **Saturday 22nd June** at Norton Farm, Norton St Philip, Bath BA2 7NF – timings to be advised

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 <u>stefaniemitchell@hotmail.co.uk</u> or via Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/bandinabarnnsp</u>

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Our next meeting is on Friday 15th March 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 Stephen Tonkin. Steve will be talking about "How Old Is It?". 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

Standerwick, Berkley and Beckington W.I.

At our February meeting our speaker was Wendy Miller-Williams who spoke about the *Fair Frome* Project. This started in 2014 and is based in the town hall. At the back of the building is the food bank, one of the first projects to be started. *Fair Frome* aims to help people struggling to cope for various reasons. It may from sudden redundancy, illness, family problems or late benefit payments. Health professionals can refer anyone to the food bank. *Fair Frome* are looking to set up lunches in the school holidays for struggling families. Also there is a

furniture bank to help people who have accommodation, but not much furniture or fittings. Domesticare helps to vet electrical items that have been donated. Next to the fridges in the car park with the donated fresh food for people to take, there is a coat rack with donated coats also free to take. Many things are donated by the general public, business and supermarkets. All go to very good use to help people in difficulty or need. They are looking to set up community dining events several times a year. Also they can direct people to other organisations that can help them. Rough sleepers are also helped by assessing them at a drop in session and finding them somewhere to stav overnight if it is very cold.

The final numbers for the trip to Windsor Castle Tuesday 12th March were taken. Members were asked for interest in an outing to Camerton Gardens in Bath in June. The raffle was won by Anne Oakes. The competition for "Ideas for Recycling in the Home" was won by Janet Cooke.

At our next meeting on 7th March there will be a talk by local artist John Nankivell who will also be bringing some of his pictures to show everyone. The competition is "The Oldest Theatre Programme" Visitors are very welcome to join us at Beckington Village Hall. We would be very pleased to welcome you, the meeting starts at 7.30 pm.

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Rode and District Gardening Club

James Crebbin-Bailey gave us a fascinating talk on topiary for our February meeting.

James has won many RHS medals at Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower shows for his innovative displays and works in many public and private gardens, returning year after year to keep his creations growing and looking good. Box is cut once a year but fine shapes may need more frequent trimming. James encouraged us to get a small box bush and have a go.

James has a web site:

www.topiaryarts.com where he has large items for sale (if you are feeling very flush) and lots of advice for those who want a more modest introduction to topiary.

Next month we have our AGM at 7pm followed by a talk by Dawn Collins " The path to paradise- the Stourhead landscape." Monday 11th March in Rode Village Hall.

Averil Morrow

Graham Grant

Graham C. Grant of Winchester died on 13th January after a short illness. He was 92 and originally from Frome. Those who lived in Beckington in the 1950's and associated with St George's Church would have known him well as he was organist, choirmaster and bellringer (it was this activity by which I knew Graham). He took part in the celebrations in 1991 to mark the centenary of the excellent organ at St George's. Graham played a very lively organ piece at that celebration which certainly put the organ through its paces and showed Graham's mastery of the keyboard. Graham enjoyed ringing and rang a quarter peal on his last day as organist here (1961) and when he played at the organ centenary event(1991).

I have been told that Graham or possibly his Father would lead the opening of Frome Carnival riding a Penny Farthing. Graham was tower captain of Winchester Cathedral bellringers for many years. His death was announced in the 'Ringing World' the bellringers journal. Local ringers rang a 1/4 peal as a tribute to Graham.

Sunday, 20 January 2019 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1. Liz Attenborough
- 2. John Harrold (Č)
- 3. John Ball
- 4. Patrick Bridges
- 5. Mike Attenborough
- 6. Jake Bishop

Rung remembering Graham Grant for many years organist, chorister and bellringer at this church. Also rung to mark the achievement of her PhD by Kathryn Harrold, the

Conductor's grand daughter.

John Ball

| Benefice | Mondays | | 12.00pm | Midday Prayer at St. George's |
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| At Beckington | March 31 | | 10.30am | Benefice Holy Communion |
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| St. George's Beckington | | Mar 3 | | BCP Holy Communion |
| Beckington | | | | Morning Worship & Film Club |
| | | Mar 10 | | Holy Communion with Berkley |
| | | Mar 17 | | Family Service <i>at Berkley</i> |
| | | | | BCP Matins |
| | | Mar 24 | | Morning Worship & Film Club |
| | | Mar 31 | | Holy Communion |
| | | Apr 7 | | BCP Holy Communion |
| | | | 10.00am | Morning Worship & Film Club |
| St. Mary's | | Mar 3 | 11.00am | BCP Matins |
| Berkley | | Mar 10 | 10.00am | Holy Communion at Beckington |
| | | Mar 17 | 9.15am | Family Service with Beckington families |
| | | Mar 24 | 9.15am | Holy Communion |
| | | Mar 31 | 10.30am | Holy Communion at Beckington |
| | | Apr 7 | 11.00am | BCP Matins |
| All Saints Rodden | | Mar 3 | | BCP Evensong |
| Rodden | Ash Wednesday | | | BCP Holy Communion |
| | | Mar 10 | | BCP Holy Communion |
| | | Mar 17 | | BCP Holy Communion |
| | | Mar 24 | | BCP Matins |
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| | | Mar 31 | 10.30am | Holy Communion at Beckington |
| | | | 4.00pm | Evensong |
| | | May 7 | 11.00am | BCP Holy Communion |
| St. Mary's | | Mar 10 | 11.00am | BCP Matins |
| Orchardleigh | | Mar 24 | 11.00am | BCP Holy Communion |
| | | Mar 31 | | Holy Communion at Beckington |
| | | Apr 14 | 11.00am | BCP Matins |
| Baptist Church | Services each S | unday a | t 3pm to whi | ch all are welcome |

SERVICES March 2019

The calendar of activities in St. George's church is online at: www.beckington.org.uk/stgeorgescalendar

Don't forget that the next issue of *Network* is for April. Items for inclusion by **midday on March 20**th at the latest please. To: beckington.network@gmail.com

This Month

| 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. Steven Tonkin How Old Is It?
- Mar 30 *Molecatchers* at Beckington Memorial Hall 7pm

Later in the Year

- Apr 1 Woodlanders Music Hall AGM 8pm Horse & Groom Pub East Woodlands
- Apr 3 MU Tea for "Make a Mother's Day" 2.30pm Lahs Place
- 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 18 MU Cathedral Prayers, Wells, 11.30am
- Apr 27 Plant Sale, Coffee Morning, Classic Car Display & more at Hill Corner, Berkley BA11 5JB For St. Mary's Church, Berkley.
- Apr 27 Entertainment & Ritz Tea 3.30pm Beckington Memorial Hall for Friends of St George's

May 2 W.I. AGM resolutions & guiz 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's12.30-1.30 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 Friends of St. George's Nov 15 Rodden Festive Lunch Dec 5 W.I. George Formby and the ukulele