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Michael's Message

"Some men thank God for a day that is done, but I thank Him for a new day begun, for a chance to live as I feel I should, and with His good grace as I know I could"

These words are part of a song written some years ago but with a message that rings true for our lives day by day. The idea is to consider the role of prayer in our life. Yes it is good to end the day with thanksgiving for what the day has held, but even better also to be able to start the day with thanksgiving for the new opportunities that the day will present - to express a desire to live our lives closer to God.

The rush and hurry of our daily lives quickly disturbs what should be a peaceful pattern. It would help if we begin each day with a sense of quietness and peace.

We read in the New Testament of Martha and Mary with Jesus as a visitor to their home. Martha continued to busy herself with household activities. Mary however sat quietly at the feet of the Master. Martha was disturbed at Mary's action, and remonstrated, but Jesus quietly stated that Mary had made the best decision.

We learn in the Bible of some of the servants of God who experienced times of testing. They felt hounded on every side. Some felt forsaken and afraid. Elijah was one such bewildered prophet - he was down in the dumps, tired and afraid. He had to experience the cut and thrust of life. He sought

the presence of God but God did not speak in the earthquake nor in the fire but Elijah discovered the presence of God in the 'still small voice'.

Amid the confusion of change that we are living through, we need to find that place of quiet rest. We need to stop our frantic activity and deliberately seek a quiet time in which we find peace and allow God to revitalize our lives.

When we do this we are indeed thanking God for a new day begun, for the chance to live as we feel we should and with His good grace as we know we could.

Michael White
Baptist Minister

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 Drainage Review Update

June 2018

While I presented high level findings, collated by Beckington's Drainage Review Team, to the Public Inquiry Inspector (as part of the Redrow Phase II Appeal hearing), other residents gave their more detailed account of significant drainage issues and also explained these on the ground in Beckington during the Inspector's site visit.

October 2018

The Beckington Drainage Review Team met with Caroline Murray, Mendip District Council's Flood Risk and Land Drainage Consultant. Caroline had previously met with both Wessex Water and Somerset County Council to discuss Beckington and advised that the primary focus was now clearly on completing the missing elements of the 'Beckington Drainage Survey'. A holistic view of Beckington's existing drainage system would then be clearly established for the first time.

November 2018

Reports of severe surface water flooding in Goose Street during heavy rainfall were photographed.

February 2019

As the snow melted there was a mini-stream flowing from the fields near the A36 down and along the Warminster Road. (Photographed and videoed) N.B. Evidence of what happens on the ground i.e. clearly showing where water is not draining away as it should, is always useful e.g. (i) when

asking large corporate entities to spend huge sums resolving matters, or (ii) fighting future development in, or around, the village.

March 2019

Caroline Murray has recently confirmed that the remaining survey work for the completion of the existing Beckington drainage system has received funding approval and will be carried out in 2 phases beginning on 15th April. This is excellent news. (Those people with properties directly involved in completing this work will have already been directly contacted prior to this communication).

If you have any queries, or helpful information regarding Beckington's drainage, please do get in touch.

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BECKINGTON FILLING STATION

Thursday May 9th 7.30 @ The Memorial Hall

Coffee, cake, lively worship and our speaker this month, Toby Hines.

Toby is a teacher who has lived and worked in Egypt and whose faith in Jesus has been challenged in difficult circumstances.

We expect this to be the final meeting of the Filling Station in Beckington which is part of a national organisation. Our local branch started in a barn near Hinton Charterhouse, moved first to Norton St Philip then to Beckington more than 7 years ago. It has always been a good place for Christians from different churches and surrounding villages to meet together in a lively and informal way. If you feel that this meeting is too valuable to lose and you are willing to help in organising it, please contact us.

Jane and Andrew Kellett

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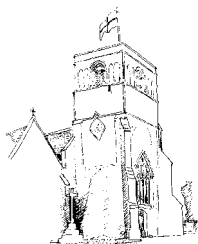
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Suggested donation £10 **payable to PCC Beckington.**

The tower was lit on:

on April 10th to celebrate the birth of Samuel Robert Palmer-White on March 18th. Another blessing from God.

15th April in loving memory of Eileen and Arthur Pond. Always in our thoughts. From all their family.

*Friends of St George are thinking ahead to their **Early Christmas Market on Friday November 8th** and putting out a request for:*

Jigsaw puzzles in good condition

Also anyone interested in selling their own greeting cards, with a donation to the Friends? Cards could be hand painted, printed or photographic. The selling would be done by the Friends, so you would not need to be present on the day.

please contact Jo Casey (830885)



Friends of St George's

PLANT SALE

+ COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 4th MAY

10am -12noon

At Beckington School

Cakes & Produce





***St. Mary's
Berkley***

Berkley Family Service and Gift Day

Sunday 16th June 9:15am – 12:00pm

Please come and join us for our family service with Berkley School at 9:15am, followed by refreshments and delicious home-made cakes.

The church will be open until midday for anyone who would like to make a donation towards the upkeep of St. Mary's Church. Alternatively, donations can be made online.

Sort code: 60-08-31 Account number: 52068986

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 ericoakes@btconnect.com



All Saints Rodden

1st Thursday at No 30 will be on May 2nd. 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

Date	Flowers	Cleaning
5	Melanie / Rachael	Melanie / Rachael
12	Melanie / Rachael	Rachael / Melanie
19	Mrs Jones	Mrs Drew
26	Mrs Jones	Vacant
2	Mrs Bungay	Mrs Bungay

The "Soup and Puds" in April was enjoyed by all but the attendance was a little disappointing.

Our next social event is a **Fun Quiz and Afternoon Tea** at 2.30pm on Saturday 11th May. We look forward to seeing you if you are able to make it.

Flower Money

As the cost of buying flowers for decorating the Church continues to rise, we would very much appreciate any donations to the Church Flower Fund.

Many thanks.

Di Dowling & Pat Antell.

Advanced Notices

Cream Teas on Saturday June 22nd from 3-5pm

Friday, September 6th **Coffee morning and Bring and buy**, Church Hall, 10 am to 12 noon.

Sunday, October 6th. Church celebrates **Harvest Festival** 6.30 pm

Monday, October 7th. **Harvest supper**, Church Hall, 7 pm

Friday, November 15th. **Festive soup and puds**, Church Hall, 12 noon - 2 pm.

From the Registers

Marriages

Orchardleigh

22nd March - Bradley Freeman and Kelly Biggs

28th March - Brendon Jenkins and Hannah O'Donaghue

6th April - Thomas Bartlett and Zoe Rogers

Lullington

23rd March - Graeme Weir and Camille Clark

30th March - Thomas Rawson and Hayley Davies

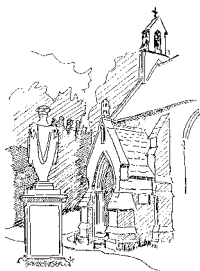
The Athenaeum Singers

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



Lullington & Orchardleigh

Do you remember where you were when President Kennedy was assassinated, or

when Princess Diana was killed in a car crash in Paris? Most people remember exactly where they were and what they were doing at the time of these tragic events. But the world's most significant life and death was twenty centuries ago when a man who was born and raised in obscurity was condemned to be crucified outside the city of Jerusalem.

Well, none of us could have been there when Jesus was crucified but his death still has meaning for us today because He was dying as a substitute - the righteous One for you and me; because of His love for us, Jesus paid the penalty. John, when writing to Christians said, "He Himself is the sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world." The Bible tells us that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day. It was a long time ago, but is just as relevant for us today. Because of what Jesus did by his death and resurrection, God is willing to forgive all our wrong and bring us to know Him. Heaven is not a reward; it is a gift given to all who trust and follow Jesus.

Glyn Bridges, Reader

Coffee and Cake

During the summer drop in to All Saints, Lullington (BA11 2PG) for coffee, cake and a chat on the second Thursday of the month between 10:00am and 12:00noon.

Starting Thursday 9th May – see you then!

The other dates for 2019 are 13th June, 11th July, 8th August and 12th September.

Summer Choral Evensongs

Summer Choral Evensongs return to St Mary the Virgin Orchardleigh.

Sunday 19th May at 6:00pm – sung by the choir of Amesbury Abbey

Sunday 16th June, Trinity Sunday, at 6:00pm – sung by the choir of Christ Church, Frome

Sunday 21st July at 6:00pm – sung by the choir of St John the Baptist, Devizes

Sunday 18th August at 6:00pm – sung by members of the parish followed by a short organ recital to celebrate the Patronal Festival at St Mary's.

Sunday 15th September at 6:00pm – sung by 'Cantores Occasu'

The postcode for St Mary's is BA11 2PH. Do come and join us

Celebrate Ascension

Thursday 30th May is Ascension Day when the church celebrates the ascension of Christ to heaven.

To celebrate this there will be a service of Holy Communion in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Orchardleigh BA11 2PH at 7:30 pm on Thursday 30th May

Beckington Parish Council

Fly Tipping

The dumping of waste (fly tipping) and dropping of litter is illegal and both are punishable by a fine. Mendip District Council is responsible for sweeping the streets and removing litter. The Council does not clear dumped rubbish or litter from private land, this is the responsibility of the landowner/tenant.

Every individual and business has a duty of care over their waste, even after it has left your home or premises, and failure to take reasonable steps to do this risks prosecution and a fine. If you or your business pay someone to take your waste away - whether by man-with-a-van, builder, gardener or other tradesperson - it is important to check if they have a waste carrier's licence. Ask to see the licence, and ensure you check where your waste will go. You can also go online to see if they are registered with the Environment Agency (call the agency on 03708 506 506).

Reporting it

Please use the online form to report dumped waste:
www.mendip.gov.uk/streetclean or call 0300 303 8588 to make a report. **Please note the Council does not clear dumped rubbish or litter from private land, this is the responsibility of the landowner/tenant.**

If you have witnessed the illegal dumping of waste, do not disturb the site, there may be evidence that could help identify the culprits and lead to

their prosecution. Please provide the following additional information:

- vehicle registration
- brief description of any vehicles
- brief description of the people seen fly-tipping
- photographic evidence if possible.

If you find dangerous litter, such as an empty syringe, dog fouling, or a major spillage on a public road, please report it to us.

Planning

2019/0554/VRC - Application to vary condition 2 (drawings) of planning approval 2018/2150/FUL (Proposed change of use of B1 (office) to mixed use of B1 offices and ancillary tourist accommodation for shooting parties and two storey side extension.) to reorientate windows to prevent overlooking.

Office Dairy House Farm Stubbs Lane Beckington Frome, 25 March.

Parish Council recommendation: no objection.

Beckington Choir

Our next concert is on **Tuesday 7th May** in the Memorial Hall. The title of the concert is *From D'oyly Carte to Lionel Bart* as the choir is performing Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe* choruses along with a medley from Bart's *Oliver* and jazzy Songs and Sonnets from Shakespeare by George Shearing.

Beckington Group Mothers' Union

Our *Make a Mother's Day* tea was very well supported, with proceeds from raffle, bring and buy and donations amounting to a total in excess of £200. This money will be shared between several initiatives to help fund members and workers with health care, parenting, literacy, and self-help projects. Very many thanks to all who supported this event. We may need to look for a bigger venue in future!

Since then members from the branch have attended the Diocesan AGM which was a good opportunity to meet the new president and trustees, who will be in their posts for the next 3 years. A commissioning service had been held in Wells. Our branch has recently led cathedral prayers in Wells, with some staying on to enjoy a beautiful sunny day in this historic city.

On May 1st at 2.15 at Lahs Place our speaker will be Glyn Bridges, who will entertain us with a talk about his experiences as mayor of Trowbridge. Do come along if you are interested. We are a friendly group of Christian ladies, from the village and surrounding churches, who meet for fellowship and prayer, and are actively involved with many activities in the church and the local community.

June 5th 2.15 at Lahs Place our speaker will be Rev Clarissa Shawnotice

July 3rd Cream Teas, Lahs Place, 2.30
Rosemary Ball



NURSE PRACTITIONER POLLY MCRAE

Polly was involved in a car accident recently, suffered extremely serious injuries and is still in hospital.

We would like to send our very best wishes to Polly and her family at this difficult time.

There will be a significant impact on the availability of our appointments in the short term.

As you may know, Polly dealt with on-the-day priority care and these sessions are now covered by other doctors. Where we have been able to obtain them these have been covered by locums, but we have had to cancel some appointments that patients had already booked in order to maintain a safe primary care service.

We trust that you will understand and bear with us.

Beckington Family Practice

Berkley School

The last two weeks of the Easter term involved many extra-curricular activities, including our Years 3 and 4 pupils visiting Whatley quarry as part of our new STEM project that involves six local schools.

Berkley Years 3 and 4 children and Selwood Year 8 pupils have also been working together on a Drama improvisation, in which they explored what it must have been like to be an evacuee during World War II.

Just before the Easter break we held our Easter service, the content of which was planned by our Year 4 pupils and involved all the children in terms of singing, playing the recorders, making up prayers and acrostic poems, readings and art work.

We organised a special *Wow* day linked to the theme of Easter, whereby the children were vertically grouped and experienced six different activities including the washing of feet, the Last Supper, the garden of Gethsemane, Palm Sunday and general reflections.

Parents were invited to a Celebratory assembly where certificates were awarded to 100% attendees and to 'Good eggs' from each class.

Many children attended our Sunday family service; the school disco, which was run by the FBS (Friends of Berkley School), raised over £300 and on the final day, the school participated in a sponsored run to raise funds for cancer. This was part

of the WHY? Charity (We hear you) and involved the children each running around the school field as many times as they could manage.

Finally, here is a poem written by Owls class with Pete the Poet on Comic Relief day:

*Feeling compassion, having fun,
Dance in the rain and sing in the sun.*

*Reaching out across the sea
Feeling friendship – you and me
We'll make sure you're not alone
We will help you get a home.
Caring, kindness, sympathy,
We feel lots of empathy.
Let's make the world a better place
To put a smile upon your face*

Steve Kirby, Head teacher

Beckington School

Hopefully you had a wonderful Easter and made the most of the fantastic weather. We were honouring successes at School before the holidays in our termly celebration assembly. The Effort cup went to Peter, Kindness cup to Jake, Reading cup to Freyja, Spelling cup to Ella, Sports cup to Maya, Courage cup to Summer and the Maths cup to William. Well done to all these children.

The first half of this assembly was the culmination of three days of the 'Easter Journey', where members of our church community organised practical activities for the children to understand more about what happened to Jesus during the Easter week. This began with a visit from Bert the donkey, who kindly let the children process behind him around the churchyard, to re-enact Palm Sunday. On Tuesday the children learned about the Passover meal, with some tasting activities in the church and on Wednesday they learned about what happened in the Garden of Gethsemane, initiated by a short play acted out by some of the Y4 children. Thank-you to Caroline White and Maria Beaven for organising these activities, all the volunteers who accompanied them, John Beaven for leading our service and also to Bert the donkey (and his owner!).

The whole school enjoyed a trip to *We are the Curious* in Bristol during the last week. This was part of their STEAM learning (science, technology, engineering, arts and maths) and they

returned full of enthusiasm for the hands on learning they had experienced.

We have also had recent sporting success in gymnastics and cross country. Our gymnastics team once again did themselves proud when they won the North Devon Schools competition for floor and vault.

The school was transformed into an imaginative world of books when everyone dressed up for Book Character day. We also held our annual bedtime story evening – the children enjoyed stories in their pyjamas, consumed hot chocolate (thanks to FoBS) and the parents spent time socialising and buying books from the book fair.

We are looking forward to the start of the summer term. The school has had work done on the garden playground to incorporate a terraced area and there is new fencing around the front of the school which really smartens us up.

The Summer Fete, joint with the Pre-School, is on Sunday 30th June, starting at 11:00 at the Memorial Hall.

Claire Chantler

Standerwick, Berkley and Beckington W.I.

At our meeting in April members were given a report about our trip to Winsor Castle which was very much enjoyed in spite of the wet and cold weather. Several members are going to the Spring Road Show in Draycott where the speakers will be talking about Plastic Pollution and Marie Antoinette's Guide to Farming! Names are being taken for the trip to Camerton Gardens near Bath in June. This includes a tour of the gardens with tea, coffee and cake after. Under discussion is a Craft Morning to be held in October.

Our speaker, the psychotherapist Julia Samuel, then spoke about her work and book "Grief Works" dealing with people of all ages coming to terms with bereavement. Her book takes 15 people all coping with bereavement in different ways. In Victorian times people copied the Queen who wore black in memory of her husband. Black clothes were even rented out for the occasion. This all changed with the World Wars. Many people lost loved ones and there was no time to grieve properly. It was a case of having to survive, so little time to grieve. Julia's own mother lost many family members early in their lives. Only many years later when talking to her daughter, did she manage to properly grieve. Now it is realised that people need love and support from family and friends to grieve properly. People often say they feel that they have a hole in themselves when they lose someone. Often they cannot believe the loved one has gone and

still expect to see them. Pain and grief needs to be felt to come to terms with death not fight it and hide it. It is necessary to talk about people that have died, not shy away. You don't forget people that have died, you need to be able to remember them. Friends and family want to help, but don't know how. If you don't know what to say, listen instead of talking. Be honest, say you don't know what to say. A bereaved person needs help in the future, such as a friend to go and have coffee with, or to go out with. Children should be allowed to go to funerals and told the truth. They make up much more frightening things if they don't know. They are not frightened if they are told what is happening. People are often reluctant to see a counsellor, but they should not feel this way. A lot of physiological problems are caused by deaths. This gives much food for thought. It is always difficult to know what to say to a grieving friend or relation.

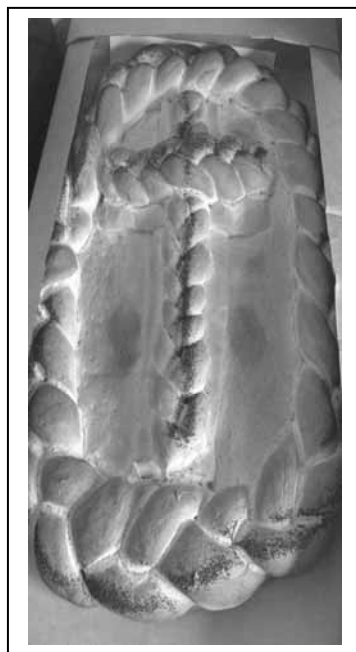
The competition for "4 tulips grown in my garden" was won by Janet Cooke, and the raffle won by Angela Hill.

The next meeting on 2nd May is our AGM when resolutions will be discussed and we will have a quiz. PLEASE NOTE : - Our next meeting is in the CLIFFORD SUITE at the side of the VILLAGE HALL.

Visitors are very welcome to come and join us at 7.30 pm.

Marion Oxlade

Berkley School



One of the stations from our Easter Wow day and
our Easter Bread for the Easter service

Springmead School

During our charity week, all our classes from Nursery to Year 6 all took part in their own sponsored events, from cake sales, wake and shakes, a sponsored bikeathon and sponsored water carrying.

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Beckington Cricket Club

[Chairman's Pre-season Report]

I am delighted to announce I will be acting as Chair for BCC. Over the past three years I have been extensively involved in developments across the club including forming the first ladies team in Beckington, managing a well-supported bar with Iestyn and Chris and helping to deliver three successful U19 T20 home games. Emma Russell, Sophie Lester and I, led the program for All Stars which introduced cricket to 3-8 year olds. This complimented our thriving junior section which is driven by Mark Finch. We have run many fundraising events and new initiatives to ensure that the club has continued to flourish.

A huge highlight of course, the success of our 1st XI emphatically winning Wiltshire Division 2 and gaining promotion to Wiltshire Division 1. This was a great achievement, well done Rory Kelly for delivering exceptional captaincy.

Moving forward into the 2019 season we will be introducing softball cricket for our ladies section, participating in several tournaments, hosting our first 'bats and bubbles' festival and we will be launching our first junior girls' section which is going to be led by Emma Russell. Thank you Rory Kelly and Alex Keevil retaining the captaincy for another season and congratulations Sophie Lester for gaining captaincy for the ladies hardball side. I would also like to mention the election of Ben Keevil as Club Captain; Ben has been part of

BCC for over 40 years and I am certain he will prove to be an asset in his new role.

My main focus this year is continued development throughout the club, ensuring all players enjoy the best cricketing experience imaginable. We must provide the right level of coaching, sufficient equipment and resources to enable us to progress as a club, attract new families/players and retain current members.

I wish Rory, Alex, Sophie and Emma all the best in the forthcoming season and I look forward to an enjoyable summer both on and off the field.

Training nights are as follows:

- Senior Men and U19s - Tuesdays 6.30pm
- Ladies - Wednesdays 6pm
- Juniors - Thursdays 6pm
- All Stars - Thursdays 6pm (from 16th May)

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The Organising Committee is always 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.

Dates for your diary

Charity cricket match and fun day – Sunday August 25th

Beckington Family Fireworks evening – Saturday November 2nd This will be a family village event with locally reared and sourced farm food.

Summer and Autumn events: more information in the next issues.

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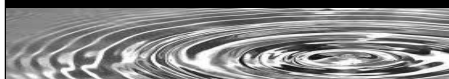
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John Ball

Thanks from the Molecatchers

We would like to thank all who helped and supported our evening in the Village Hall in March. We all had a very enjoyable evening.

Our special thanks to our wives and helpers in the kitchen who put on a very special meal for our guests.

We certainly had fun on stage and many thanks to Richard Lamming on the keyboard and the other supporting acts who added to the programme.

We did not set out to make money, but thanks to everyone's generosity a considerable sum of money was raised to help a family in need within the village.

Many Thanks to all

The Molecatchers

Rode and District Gardening Club

Before welcoming our Speaker Marion Dale, a renowned garden designer, the Chairman addressed members with the possibility of the Club having to close due to the lack of new members volunteering to join the Committee, specifically to take over the role of Treasurer, as the Club will not be able to function without one. The present Treasurer has been in post for nine years and before that served as Secretary and, as announced at the AGM, will be stepping down at the end of the year. Some interest was expressed by the end of the evening, but no firm commitment has yet been made. The Club membership has been decreasing over the years which makes the search for new Committee members more challenging so any readers wishing to join would be most welcome. You will not immediately be pressed into service on the committee!

It is difficult to convey the interest of Marion's talk as the slides provided the best demonstrations of her designs ideas. She does, however, have a website at www.summerdaledesigns.co.uk if you are interested.

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St. George's Beckington		May 5	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.00am	Morning Worship
		May 12	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>with Berkley</i>
		May 19	10.00am	BCP Matins
		May 26	10.00am	Morning Worship
		Jun 2	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
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St. Mary's Berkley		May 5	11.00am	NO SERVICE
		May 12	10.00am	Holy Communion at Beckington
		May 19	9.15am	Family Service
		May 26	9.15am	Holy Communion
		Jun 2	11.00am	BCP Matins
All Saints Rodden		May 5	6.30pm	BCP Evensong
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 Items for inclusion by **midday on May 20th** at the latest please.
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This Month

- May 1 **MU** meeting, Lahs Place, 2.15pm
- May 2 **1st Thursday** at No 30 Styles Hill from 10.30am
- May 2 **W.I.** AGM resolutions & quiz
- May 4 **Plant Sale & Coffee Morning** for Friends of St. George's 10am-noon at Beckington First School
- May 7 **Beckington Choir Concert**
Beckington Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- May 9 **Coffee & Cake at Lullington Church** 10-12
- May 9 *Filling Station*, Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- May 11 **Rodden** Afternoon Tea & Fun Quiz
- May 12-18 **Christian Aid Week**
- May 17 **B.A.S.** "Dark Nebulae" Owen Brazell.

Later in the Year

- Jun 6 **W.I.** The Magic of Somerset Carnivals
- Jun 13 **Coffee & Cake at Lullington Church** 10-12
- Jun 16 **Berkley Church Gift Day** 9.15 - 12
- Jun 21 **B.A.S.** AGM + Member Talks
- Jun 22 **Rodden Cream Tea** 3-5pm
- Jun 30 **Beckington School & Pre-School Summer Fete.** Memorial Hall 11am
- Jul 5 **W.I.** Inspired by Fashion
- Jul 11 **Coffee & Cake at Lullington Church** 10-12
- Jul 17 **Organ recital St. George's** 12.30-1.30
- Aug 1 **W.I.** Social evening – shared supper

- Aug 8 **Coffee & Cake at Lullington Church** 10-12
- Aug 25 Beckington Memorial Hall **Charity Cricket Match**
- Sep 5 **W.I.** Belly Dancing Experience
- Sep 6 **Rodden Coffee Morning** 10am-12
- Sep 12 **Coffee & Cake at Lullington Church** 10-12
- Oct 3 **W.I.** Musical Moments with car booty
- Oct 6 **Rodden Harvest Festival** 6.30pm
- Oct 7 **Rodden Harvest Supper** 7pm
- Nov 2 Beckington **Family Fireworks evening**
- Nov 7 **W.I.** Cookery demonstration
- Nov 8 **Early Christmas Market** Friends of St. George's
- Nov 15 **Rodden Festive Soup & Puds** noon-2pm
- Dec 5 **W.I.** George Formby and the ukulele

Christian Aid Week **12th – 18th May**

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