

The Pennant



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Rose and Crown, Bradford Abbas

Having taken on the Rose & Crown and opening on Friday the 13th August, we have been delighted by the response and thankful to all of our customers both old and new to the pub. We aim to provide good value food, beer and service in what is a really lovely village pub. We have a few ideas to improve the place over the coming weeks and months so hopefully you will continue to support us and see with us as these things materialise. It will be good to work with the village including the Parish Council, the Social Club, the Church, Mill Farm, local market and you the community in general.

If you would like to contact us for any requirements, please call us on 01935 474506 or email us at roseandcrownba@yahoo.com

With our best wishes,

Mark, Karen and all the staff here at the R&C

St Mary's Week 2021

Our Church That Rocks event in July was such a success that we tried to stage a similar event in September. Unfortunately, there were too many problems for us to overcome in a short time. Instead, we are now switching our attention to December. Early in the month (date TBC) we intend to hold a musical Christmas event in the Church (similar to the one in 2019). If you would like to perform a song or two that night, please get in touch. On Christmas Eve, we are planning an outdoor carol service in front of the Church, like the hugely successful event in 2020.

If you can help or would like to perform, please contact us.

Jo, Alan, Rob, Ruth, Trevor and Gary

The ST MARY'S WEEK team

email on info@StMarysWeekBA.org.uk.

Social media: [@BradfordAbbasStMarysWeek](https://www.facebook.com/BradfordAbbasStMarysWeek)

Tuesday Afternoon Market Stalls - change of venue

The Tuesday Afternoon Market will be held in the car park of the Rose and Crown from Tuesday 17th August. Many thanks to Mark, the new landlord, who has also offered the use of the skittle alley for the market when the weather becomes more inclement.

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Children's safety in the Playground

A reminder to all to think about what we put in the waste bins in the Playground with a view to guarding the safety of the children using it.

Particularly, please observe the signs and do not discard dog waste or used nappies there and instead use other waste bins outside the Playground.

Thank you from the Playground Working Group volunteers.

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** meets on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month at 14.00 hrs in the Village Hall. There is Bingo, a draw, Tea & Biscuits and a chance to buy Eva's cakes and quiches from our trading table. Also,

there is the opportunity to have a chat and laugh with fellow villagers, Everyone is welcome.

This year's **Friendship Club Coach Outing** is on WEDNESDAY 8th September 2021, picking up at the Rose & Crown 11am. We will have a scenic drive to Whitstone's Fish & Chip shop in Shepton Mallet for 12.30pm and after the bus will take us to Dobbie's Garden Centre. We will be back in the village by 5pm. There are a few seats still available if you would like a trip out for the day. The cost for the coach is £6.00 per seat return. Call Tony White 01935 424441.

Monday Night Bingo

Monday Night Bingo Every Monday at 7.00 pm, with eyes down at 7.30 pm, at Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club. Everyone is welcome to our weekly light-hearted evening which also includes a small draw a chance to win the SNOW BALL, and of course a laugh and chat. We finish at 9.00 pm.

Bradford Abbas Sports and Social Club

Happy hour is Every Hour! Every Sunday, 12.00 noon – 5pm.

All beers, wines and spirits £3. Soft drinks and snacks available. Bring all the family and enjoy the beer garden with extra outdoor seating and, of course, those views!

The club are always looking for enthusiastic people who are able to support the club in various ways. Currently we are looking for people to help support the bar function at the weekends. Full training will be given. This is a paid opportunity, for more details please contact Phil Howe at phowe75@hotmail.com or Garry Newton on 01935 431366

Sherborne Bradford Abbas Camera Club

The new programme for 2021/22 commences in September with meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday in the month, and will be held remotely by Zoom until Christmas, when we will decide whether it is safe to return to the village hall and meet each other in person once more!

- Tuesday 14th September: AGM followed by a discussion on members summer photos on Zoom.
- Tuesday 28th September: Viewing SBACC photos for the Bradford Abbas Shield. Digital images only as the meeting is on Zoom.
- A virtual on-line exhibition of members work is planned for the autumn, more details to follow.

New members are always welcome. If the event is held on zoom you will be able to request the joining URL at sbaclub@yahoo.com. As usual further information can be found on our website sbacameraclub.co.uk

Bradford Abbas WI

We are pleased to announce that the WI is planning to restart regular meetings in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, starting in September 2021. This means that on Tuesday 21st September at 7.30pm. we will meet in the Village Hall for a delayed AGM and Cheese and Wine evening. We look forward to seeing our members there and welcoming everyone else who would like to come along. We have speakers booked for October and November as well as other events – why not come along and find out more. Further details available from Debbie Rylands, Secretary, 01935 473334.

Yeovil Railway Centre

- **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September:** Model Railway Weekend and Steam Train Days with our Andrew Barclay 0-4-0 steam engine *Lord Fisher*, and the Miniature Railway (unlimited rides on both today). Admission is £8 adults, £2 children, under 5 free for the **Train** day and Model Railway Exhibition. Admission for the Model Railway Exhibition only is £4 adults, £1 children and under 5 free.
- **Sunday 12th September:** Model Railway Collectors Swapmeet (note that this is not a Model Railway Exhibition). 10.30am to 2.30pm. Admission £3, children under 14 free when accompanied by an adult. Pectin's Pantry and the Shop will be open.
- **Sunday 19th September:** Steam Train Day, plus the miniature railway will be operating and the model railway will be open. By popular demand "Marshall" from Paw Patrol makes a repeat visit. For more information visit www.yeovilrailway.freesevers.com and see our Facebook page

The Shop is open every Sunday morning 10am to noon, and new for this season, Pectin's Pantry will be open on Sundays 10am to 2pm until the end of September for light refreshments, open longer during planned events.

Please follow the latest government Covid guidelines.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Due to a change in circumstances, we will no longer be the Poppy Appeal Organisers/Collectors for Bradford Abbas, Clifton Maybank, Wyke and the Peel Centre, but will continue to support this worthy cause in other ways. We would like to thank all the house-to-house collectors, village organisations and all those who donated or helped in anyway, it was much appreciated.

Please contact Mr Andrew Norton, Sherborne and District Poppy Appeal Organiser, on 07769 40130, if you can help in any way with the Poppy Appeal this year.

Peter and Valerie Webb

Bradford Abbas Gardeners' Club

We will be holding an extraordinary general meeting on Wednesday 8th September at 2.30pm in the village hall. This is because the committee has come to the conclusion that the club is no longer viable with so few members. It is hoped all current members will be able to attend this meeting.

St.Mary's Church, Bradford Abbas

Café in the church

The café area in your church has been open every day since the beginning of the school summer holidays. Why not arrange to meet a friend for a chat or use it as a rest stop in your walk. Help yourself to tea or coffee.

Saturday mornings have proved very popular. We have young people from the village who are volunteering to do waiter/waitress service – and they often bring cake!

Services in September

We have the following services in Bradford Abbas this month:

SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 10am – Holy Communion

SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 10am – Morning Service (BCP)

On weekends when we are without a service in Bradford Abbas, we are encouraging villagers to join a service at one of our neighbouring churches. Nearby services in on the 3rd and 4th Sundays in September are:

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 10am at Thornford

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EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

A Message from our Rector.....

Water

I well remember at school in September looking out at the glorious sunshine we never had in August and wishing I was still on holiday. In Dorset we are rarely short of water, we take it for granted and during the summer often have too much of it!

Water is of course vital to life and we very quickly feel ill if we can't get it and know we won't live long without it. It is absolutely essential to our lives. The ancient Jewish people were also acutely aware of this and they also knew all about the torment caused by being deprived of it in the desert. To die of thirst in the blazing sun of an arid desert is one of the most unpleasant deaths imaginable.

It is not surprising then that this very unpleasant imagery began to colour the Jewish ideas of Hell. In fact, the Old Testament imagery of Hell is often more of thirst without relief in a hot arid environment rather than the later mediaeval description of a fiery furnace. Even the parables of Jesus in the New Testament sometimes build on the idea of unquenchable thirst.

I find the idea of a raging thirst without relief a much better description of Hell than the one we have today because, far from Hell being a place where bad people are put, it becomes a state of being where the unquenchable thirst is the need for God which is forever unsatisfied because our own desires and wants get in the way. Indeed, as a counterpoint to the unquenchable thirst, the descriptions in the Bible of God's interaction with us is often characterised by terms like 'living streams' of water. You can almost feel the relief this represents.

It seems to me that all too many people today recognise that they have a thirst and need for God but for some reason they continually forbid themselves the opportunity to quench it and far too many of them suffer a tormented thirst as a consequence.

Tony Gilbert, Team Rector