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St Swithin's Day
15th July

St Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain.
St Swithin's Day, if thou be fair,
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair



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FROM THE RECTORY

Oh, the joys of the British summer!! Will it be rain or drought? Will the farming industry or the tourist industry be clobbered? These are real and serious questions for all those whose livelihood is actively affected by the weather and they remind us of what life is like for the majority of people on our planet. Bad weather may drive some of our farmers, some of those who run bed and breakfast places or small hotels out of business but for those of us who are consumers, it simply means we pay more. Brutally, unlike those in the developing nations, we aren't going to starve if food prices rise, although many reports remind us of the stark fact that even in twenty first century Britain, there are families whose incomes do not allow them to purchase the basic ingredients of a healthy diet.

We cannot control the weather but we have been given the ability to learn, to discover, to react and to plan. Climate change may or may not be driven by man, although few scientists would doubt that it is. Economics may be a chancy business but there are those who have some expertise in how to organise our financial and business affairs. But all science, technology, business management and politics needs not only skill and expertise but also direction. What are we trying to achieve, what are the broader aims?

The same is true of religion. What is the point?

Jesus repeatedly came into conflict with the religious leaders of his day because he maintained that religious rules were useful only so far as they led to human flourishing. People weren't there to service religious institutions or obey rules for the sake of it; religious precepts exist to help us live together peacefully, constructively and kindly. The same I think is true of all human activity; our economy, our science, our technology our politics exist to enable the common life and flourishing of the whole human community right across our planet. As history shows, we begin to achieve this as we take notice of the effect of our behaviour on the most vulnerable.

We British quite enjoy grumbling about the weather, so as we indulge our passion this summer once more, spare a thought for those whose businesses in Britain will go under and remember those for whom a bad harvest is literally a matter of life or death, **Jo**

Our services are more interesting if more than one person takes part. We are lucky to have some volunteers who put together prayers so that they, together with others, can lead our prayers for the world and for the church. If you would like to take part in preparing or leading these prayers in church, then come to our Praying in Church evening on **Monday August 1st** at **7.30pm in the Rectory** to get a few "how to" tips and advice on resources to use. **Please let Jo know if you would like to come, or if you would like to help with the prayers but cannot make that evening.** **Jo**

FROM THE BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS

Seeking the hundredth

It's summer and it's raining outside and yet we had the driest spring on record. Whilst we English are teased for our incessant concern with the weather, the rhythm of the seasons matter; upon them our very life depends.

We have just witnessed the season of Pentecost - an occasion to celebrate the first fruits of the harvest. It is a symbolic feast for us here in the UK, but in the Middle East it is critical: no first fruits = hunger and starvation for many.

Christians celebrate Pentecost as the time when the Spirit was given to God's people. It is given at a time when crowds from all over the world gathered in Jerusalem, to worship God. Though of the same family, and of the same faith, their languages were different. For Christians Pentecost marks the beginning of the church.

When God created human beings He offered a blessing upon **all** that he had created. Jesus tells us that God is not satisfied that ninety nine people flourish – he is as concerned for the hundredth who does not.

Pentecost leads to the beginning of a church that was noted for the way in which it enabled people to flourish, whether they were poor, widows, orphans or aliens; all were welcome. Acts 2 speaks of goods shared, possessions sold, in order that each would have enough. By receiving whoever, the early Christians were recognising that in every one there is the 'goodness' or the image of God.

The dry spring has led many farmers to fear that their crops will fail this year. Food shortages or at least very expensive food is prophesied. In this country such realities are unusual. Supermarket shelves always seem full. For many around the world, life is short because food is short.

We who are part of the ninety nine are called to look for the hundredth, whoever they are, and offer spiritual and material companionship. Sometimes this is to help someone to find peace, truth, hope, faith and love. Sometimes it is to acknowledge that 'someone's greed is another's need.' Sometimes it is to act on behalf of people who are suffering from injustice, by advocating their cause. Your letter of protest may not seem much, but as one supermarket slogan has it, 'Every little helps.'

In this way we allow the Spirit of God to transform all his creation into that which flourishes and find a common language of hope and peace for all humanity.

+ Peter Bath and Wells

PARISH CHURCH NEWS

ST STEPHEN'S AND ST JOHN'S CHARLTON MUSGROVE



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ST LAWRENCE CUCKLINGTON



Karen Dunford – Church Wardens – Brian Trueman
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Pip's Plant Sale – Many congratulations to Pip, whose Plant Sale raised £368 for Church funds. BCT

ST ANDREW'S STOKE TRISTER AND BAYFORD CHAPEL



Alan Lyall Grant – Church Wardens – Nigel Noble
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**QUIZ WITH A DIFFERENCE!
BAYFORD CHAPEL
OPEN ON FRIDAY, 8TH JULY, 5 – 7PM
AND SATURDAY 9TH JULY FROM 10AM – 4PM
Guess the book titles from set up tableaux displays**

This is not a “sit down” quiz. Walk around and look at individual displays depicting book titles to guess. Take as little or as much time as you like. Drink a cup of coffee or tea as you think!

Adult and children's sections. Book token prize for adults – something else for children (give me time to think!!).

There will be a raffle and we hope some applicable second-hand books for sale.

We will be setting up on Friday morning from 11 am to noon approximately. If you would like to make a display, please do.

Any queries, please contact the fool who is still trying to organise this wonderful opportunity to show your lateral thinking brain power. **Janet Smith 01963 34056**

Please come and support! ALL PARISHES WELCOME TO JOIN IN.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

CUCKLINGTON AND STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD (THE ARTHUR MORISON MEMORIAL HALL)

CUCKLINGTON, STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD FLOWER SHOW is on Saturday 13th August 2011. The schedule is enclosed with this newsletter.

The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington – Management Committee
Committee members include:

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Jenny Rawlings (Booking Secretary)	01963 33320
Pip Loxton (Social Secretary)	01747 840947
Jackie Crisp (Treasurer)	01747 841248

Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings who also holds the keys. **JR**

CHARLTON MUSGROVE VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall 100 Club.

Once again we have a full house, helping raise funds to support our Village Hall. Thanks to all our loyal supporters, welcome to our New Members and good luck to you all.

100 Club Winners for June

no. 87 Annie Sutton £50. No 60 Lorraine Talbot £25, No 28 Mr & Mrs Dave Marsh £25.

NOTICES

Stoke Trister with Bayford

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Geoffrey West on 19th May and send our condolences to Berna and the family. **F/ALG**

Bayford Coffee Morning: The July Coffee Morning will be held at Sunnybank, Bayford on July 7th. Usual time, 10 am – 12 noon. All welcome, indoors or out. **AE**

Congratulations to Alexandra and Charlotte Summerfield from Riding Gate, Diana Roberts from Sycamore farm, and Marcus Giles from Bayford, for achieving lots of first, second and third rosettes, showing their horses at the Bath and West Show. Well done to you all! **MG**

Gillian Dibben from Bayford is in Frenchay hospital after a riding accident. We wish her a speedy recovery, and our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Marc and their children. **MG**

CHEAPER OIL

I have looked into the possibility of saving money by organising a village buy-in group, using a single oil supplier, and have now arranged for us to join Penselwood, who have already set this up. If you would like to find out more about this please contact me (Irena Andrews) on 01963 824 112 or at my email address: irena_jez@hotmail.com.

Neighbourhood Watch We now have a new Community Neighbourhood Police Officer for Bayford and Stoke Trister, Tim Russell. Now the summer is upon us, he recommends that you let your neighbours and the PSO at your local police station know should you be going on holiday and leaving your property empty. Other recommended precautions include care when opening windows in the warmer weather, both at home and in the car and not leaving goods visible to thieves. **A further problem** has been caused by thieves posing as legitimate collectors of charity bags, while eyeing up other potential items such as good scrap metal; the price for this has increased and has led to more thefts of this nature. There has also been an increase in bogus callers with white vans. **AC**

Cucklington

Thank you to everyone who came to the Plant Sale and Cream Teas on the 28th May. Despite the weather a magnificent £373 was made in aid of St Lawrence Church. **PL**

Lost Dog A Border Terrier bitch has been missing from Symphony Farm since June 8th. She is micro chipped. Please telephone 07814 721530 or 07773 314590 if you see her.

Speeding cars along Rowls Lane are causing concern that a fatality or serious injury could soon occur as the lane is used by pedestrians, including small children, as well as motor vehicles. Last month, a cat who was sitting on the verge, not even on the tarmac, was killed by a speeding motorist, causing distress to its young owners. Drivers must be mindful of other road users and drive at a safe speed. **LGF**

Masha estates. This is a boggy field near Marsh, on the road between Buckhorn Weston and Wincanton. Plots on it have been offered for sale, and a number have been bought. Until recently, the only sign of life on the field was a rather dilapidated caravan. However, earlier this month an eagle-eyed resident saw, early one morning, two enormous containers being unloaded onto the field. The Planning Department at SSDC was notified and a Stop Order issued the same day – to make it illegal to carry out any development on the field. The concern is that it is a group of Travellers intending to build on the field. Coincidentally, the Travellers occupying a lay-by on the B3081 between Gillingham and the A303 have been served with notice to move. We need to keep a very close watch on this. **BCT**

Newsletter Fund: Thanks to Mike and Christine Spencer for their generous donation. **BCT**

Charlton Musgrove

Coffee mornings in our new village hall at Charlton Musgrove

Following a really successful plant sale recently, when many people enjoyed sitting on our new patio in the sun enjoying a cup of tea and the view, we thought it would be a great idea to start monthly get together coffee mornings. The first one will be on Friday 15th July at 10.30am. Do come along and enjoy catching up with friends and neighbours - babies and children also very welcome. We thought we would start collecting a small toy box for little ones to keep at the village hall - if you have any unwanted toys do bring them along.

Sally Amery

Toddlers Group Anybody?

There is also some interest in starting a mother and toddlers' group in the Village Hall, maybe one morning – or one afternoon - a week. Would anyone who feels they would like to join in, (bringing other friends perhaps) get in touch? We could set up a meeting to discuss ideas, or if you come to **Sally's Coffee Morning on 15th July** we could make plans then. Please contact **Hannah Williamson**, Tel. 01963 33554.

Plant Sale. Thank you to everyone who brought and bought plants, and supported the plant sale. We shall be doing the same thing next year, so please take lots of cuttings, and nurture those little plants. **Georgie Woods.**

Charlton Musgrove Flower Show - a reminder: Saturday 3rd September is the date to have your plants and produce in fine prize-winning form. Entry forms were delivered with the June newsletters. Ring Bidy Moreton if you need more: tel 33256

The barrow of **sweet peas** is now open for business outside **Common Farm** in Barrow Lane. Generous bunches of sweet peas and other goodies for £2 a bunch. Money in honesty box by the front door please. Special orders taken on 01963 32883.

Thank you all for your wonderful support of Octavia and Tim in their various MAD challenges this year in aid of the SMA Trust. We are overcome with everyone's support and generosity. Best wishes, **Henrietta.**

Congratulations to the Woodward family on achieving Octavia's magnificent drive with her pony, Diddy, from Windsor to Wincanton. They drove 120 miles over five days - talk about a sporting effort! Many people turned out to cheer them home as they cantered down the home straight at the Racecourse in a sharp shower. They raised about £40,000 for the SMA Trust, including £600 donated by the organizers of the Plant Sale at the Village Hall on 21st May. Meanwhile her father Tim is still striding along the S W Coast Path from Minehead to Poole with the dog Osborne as company. He started off on 22nd May, and is due to finish the marathon walk on 3rd July. His effort raised £100,000 for the Spinal Muscular Atrophy Trust. **BWM**

**Their website is: www.hoofpic.com/clubs/octavia,
and the charity's website is: www.justgiving.com/smatrust charity no 1097765**

Charlton Musgrove "safety net" I would very much value volunteers from the village to help set up a "safety net" for any resident with temporary or permanent disability eg. following an operation or long stay in hospital, or housebound, to be able to ask for help in a "one-off" situation. When you need help it is possible that when contacting all your usual friendly neighbours, family and friends, none are available. You may need to collect a prescription, post an important letter, look for a favourite book, find a lost ticket or get essential provisions. This can cause distress, frustration or stress. We can change that!

I propose to have a list of volunteers with their contact numbers and availability, ie. Tuesday afternoons or Monday mornings or on weekdays 12 (noon) till 1pm. I hope to have my contact numbers permanently in the Parish Magazine so that if anyone finds themselves in such a situation, wanting an urgent response, I am able to contact the available person and ask them to respond. I need to stress that this is not a weekly commitment (as in a Home Visiting Scheme I was able to organise in my previous village) and it is not fulfilling any professional role..... merely helping one of our residents in a stressful situation, acknowledging that problems are always magnified when alone, frustrated and vulnerable. I shall be more than happy to co-ordinate this because over the last 20 years, I have experienced it for myself. Next time it could be YOU.

So, please volunteer and make this worthwhile.....the more people, the fewer times you will be needed. Thank you for reading this. **Diane Coe** 01963 31634.

The next meeting of the Kantara Group will be held on **Thursday, 14th July at 2 pm** at Kantara, Rectory Lane. **DC**

VILLAGE WEBSITES

Charlton Musgrove:	www.charltonmusgrove.org
Cucklington	www.cucklington.org.uk
Stoke Trister with Bayford:	www.stoketrister.co.uk

COUNCIL NEWS

Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 14th July Mission Hall, Bayford at 7.30 pm.
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
PUBLIC FORUM AT THE START OF THE MEETING
for members of public to bring local concerns to the Parish Council.

Charlton Musgrove Parish Council

On May 11th at the village hall the Parish Council held the **Annual Parish Meeting**. The chairman presented his report for the year that highlighted the wind turbine application still to be decided and the completion of our new village hall. There were also presentations from, The Parish Plan Committee, Somerset County Council, The 100 club and the PCC. With no public questions the meeting closed at 7.55pm

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held directly after the Annual Parish Meeting. The old councillors all stood down and the new ones were then accepted. As there were only 7 nominations for 7 places no election was necessary, with two new councillors joining the council Mr R Parker and Mr C Mieville. A proposal for Robin Bastable as Chairman was accepted and Peter Furneaux as Vice Chairman also accepted. Village issues were discussed for the rest of the meeting and the meeting closed at 9.30pm. **RB**

Charlton Musgrove Parish Council have appointed Vera Webber as Clerk to the Council. She may be contacted by telephone at 01747 861576 or by email at charltonmusgroveclerk@gmail.com .

Dog Owners Please Note: Re: the fouling of land by dogs; dogs on lead by direction

South Somerset District Council has made an order from 1st July 2011 in respect of each heading above; briefly they are:

1. all dog faeces must be removed from public places (certain exceptions apply);
2. dogs may be required to be kept on the lead when directed by an authorized officer of the Council.

Full details of both orders are displayed on the Parish Noticeboard outside St. John's Church, or may be obtained from the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil.

CHURCH CALENDAR

J U L Y			
3 rd July 2nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (CW) Evensong (BCP)	ST CMSJ C
10 th July 3rd Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Praise Morning Praise	CMSS C ST
17 th July 4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (CW) Holy Communion (CW) Evensong (BCP)	B CMSS C
24 th July 5th Sunday after Trinity	11.00 am	Joint Morning Praise	CMSS
31 st July 6th Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Growing Faith	C CMSJ
A U G U S T			
7 th August 7th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (CW) Evensong (BCP)	ST CMSJ C

CMSS – **S.Stephen’s, Charlton Musgrove: CMSJ – S.John’s,Charlton Musgrove**

C – St Lawrence, Cucklington:

ST – **St Andrew’s Stoke Trister , B** – Bayford Chapel

Donations towards the cost of printing this newsletter are always welcome and may be given to the Treasurer of your own PCC (see Directory Page 2)

EVENTS AND DIARY DATES

J U L Y

7 th July Thursday	Bayford Coffee Morning at Sunnybank, Bayford 10 am - noon	6
Fri 8 th & Sat 9 th July	Book Quiz at Bayford Chapel: 8 th from 5 - 7pm and 9 th 10am - 4 pm	5
14 th July Thursday	Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council M'ing Mission Hall (Bayford Chapel) 7.30 pm	9
14 th July Thurs	Kantara Group 2 pm at Kantara, Rectory Lane Charlton Musgrove	8
15 th July Friday	Coffee Morning Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall 10.30 am	7
FUTURE EVENTS		
1 st August Monday	'Praying in Church' Evening at the Rectory at 7.30 pm	3
13 th August	Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Flower Show at the Arthur Morison Hall	6
3 rd Sept	Charlton Musgrove Flower Show at the Memorial Hall 2.30 pm	8

Events for St. Margaret's Somerset Hospice: Thursday 14th July at Sherborne Abbey 7.30pm: the 4th Annual International Youth Choral Festival; a wonderful evening of superb singing by 90 talented young singers who will sing classic, folk, show tunes and spirituals.

Time for Tea our fundraising event that you can hold whenever or wherever suits you please call 0845 345 9671 for your free pack.

JULY 2011 IS A SPECIAL MONTH

with five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays.

This won't happen again for 823 years

(unchecked by this newsletter's Editorial Department!)

Also we have three unusual dates;

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**and if you take the last two digits of the year you were born ,
add the age you will be this year,
the result will always be**

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and 11 for those born after 2000

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WHO WAS ST SWITHIN?

The words and lyrics of the rhyme reflect the 'old wives' tale' that if it rains on St Swithin's day on 15th July, then it will continue to rain for a further forty days.

St Swithin was born circa AD800 and died AD862. He was a Saxon Bishop of Winchester and was originally buried, at his request, in a humble outside grave at Winchester **where he would be 'trodden on and rained on'**. Nine years later the monks at Winchester moved his remains to a magnificent shrine inside Winchester cathedral on 15 July, 971. Legend says that during the ceremony it began to rain and continued to do so for forty days. The Shrine, together with the tomb of Alfred the Great in Winchester Cathedral, made the Cathedral a principal place of pilgrimage in England. The shrine was destroyed in 1538 by King Henry VIII's men during the Dissolution of the Monasteries.