

THE BENEFICE MAGAZINE

April 2011



Happy Easter!

**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF CHARLTON MUSGROVE, CUCKLINGTON
AND STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD**

DIRECTORY

PRIEST IN CHARGE

The Reverend Canon Joanna Penberthy
The Rectory, Cucklington, BA9 9PY, Tel: 01747 840230
Email cmstbcrectory@btinternet.com

(All administrative queries to Jo from Monday to Wednesday noon only please,
and to your Church Wardens at other times)

CHURCH WARDENS and TREASURERS

CHARLTON MUSGROVE

Church Wardens: Veronica White 01963 32928 Jonathan Hand 01963 828930
Treasurer: Jeremy Sellick, The Bakery, Ch Musgrove BA9 8HW 01963 32174

CUCKLINGTON

Church Wardens: Karen Dunford 01963 34220 Brian Trueman 01747 841014
Treasurer: David Jordan 01963 33316

STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

Church Wardens: Nigel Noble 01963 31071 Alan Lyall Grant 34178
Treasurer: Nigel Noble, Green Pastures, Love Lane, Bayford, BA9 9NW

Benefice Child Protection Officer: Jean Sellick, The Bakery, Ch.Musgrove 32174

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS

Charlton Musgrove

PC Chairman: Robin Bastable 01963 32317
Clerk to the Council: Lynn Vallis 01963 33575

Stoke Trister with Bayford

PC Chairman: Eldryd Parsons 01963 33628.
Clerk to the Council: Rosemary Keep 01963 33656

Cucklington Parish Meeting:

Chairman: Vivien Hutchings 01747 840704.

VILLAGE HALLS/BAYFORD CHAPEL CONTACTS

Charlton Musgrove Village Hall: Committee Chairman: Sue Parroy 33331 or 07802 754 334 or sue@parroy.co.uk or contact Sally Amery 01963 31330

Cucklington & Stoke Trister with Bayford Arthur Morison Memorial Hall C'ton
Committee Chairman: Eldryd Parsons 01963 33628
Bookings: Jenny Rawlings 01963 33320

Bayford Chapel (Mission Hall)

Bookings: Alan Lyall Grant 01963 34178

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Andy Chesterman 33465(B): Tony Watson 32141(ST):
Brian Trueman 01747 841014 (C): Pene Volk 01963 32013 (CM)

MAGAZINE EDITOR

Alison Dixon: Woodbine Villa, Stoke Trister, BA9 9PQ 01963 32447
Email: alison.dixon8@btinternet.com.

FROM THE RECTORY

However wonderful Christmas is, the Easter festival is the heart of the Christian faith when we remember the scary, joyful, paradigm shifting event of the resurrection of Jesus. Nothing could ever be the same again.

From Palm Sunday onwards, we relive the last week of Jesus' earthly life as he and his disciples occupy the Temple in Jerusalem, not by threat of violence but by preaching the coming of the kingdom of God. On Maundy Thursday, we remember the last meal he shared with his companions and friends and his vigil in the Garden of Gethsemane as he prays and waits to be arrested. In exactly the way he warned his friends beforehand, the authorities, both secular and religious, reject his message and sentence him to death. On Good Friday we follow his lonely road to his very public and very agonising death. We watch while two friends have the courage to bury his body and we wait as people all over the world wait.

On the afternoon of holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday, crowds will gather outside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem which is built around the very site of Jesus' death and burial. The Greek Orthodox Patriarch enters the small low chapel, within which Jesus' tomb lies to pray, as each of the Patriarchs of Jerusalem have done for centuries before him. He emerges from the Church holding high the Easter fire, the symbol of the risen Christ and proclaims this year, as every year, Christ is Risen! The cry is taken up by the crowd, candles are lit from the Holy fire and the little lights spread outward across the crowd., Helicopters are on standby to take the flame to Athens and beyond and across the Orthodox Christian world and at midnight, the cry will go up from Church door to Church door as the local priest appears with the Easter light, Christ is risen! The people gathering around the doors will light their candles from the Priest's light, greeting one another with the words, Christ is Risen. Easter has begun and they return home to begin the celebration and to end their fast, each one trying to keep the flame alight until they reach home.

Helicopters won't be bringing the Easter fire to us, but at 5.30 am on Easter morning you are welcome to gather outside Cucklington Church as we too light the Holy fire on Resurrection morning and proclaim to the world where death, greed, violence and fear hold sway, the almost 2000 year old cry of triumph and hope, Christ is Risen! Jo

BISHOP'S LETTER

Let us take up God's invitation to live life courageously

When my children were much younger they couldn't work out why it wasn't possible to have Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday all in the same week! I have to say there were moments in my time as a Parish Priest when I wished that could have been the case.

But think what I might have missed. Those forty days of Lent are when we're invited to pay attention to the things of God within us and around us because so often in the rest of the year we don't. We are all familiar with the story of Moses and the burning bush, but reflect on it again just for a moment. The bush wasn't right in front of Moses. It was over to the side somewhere, because when Moses saw it, he said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight'. Because he turned aside and didn't rush on, he saw God. I hope that, during these forty days, we try to find some time to turn aside and pay attention to the God who is at work in us, at work in the people we meet and at work in the communities where we live and work and serve.

If all these days were compressed together, I'd have also missed the experience of Holy Week. I often wonder whether 'holy' is too religious a word for this deeply significant week in our faith story. Perhaps it would be better described as 'courage week', because we all need courage to be steadfast in the face of suffering and death, in the face of disappointment, heartache or lack of hope. Much of the time we struggle to do it, but courage, writes Kierkegaard, 'is not the absence of despair and fear, but the capacity to move ahead in spite of them.' Courage is what the resurrection calls us to; the courage to insist that even in the midst of suffering, or conflict, or despair, not all is lost; the courage to hold to the hope we have in Christ no matter what.

What I don't want to miss is God's invitation to me and to you to live more courageously, standing up for what is life-giving in our world, and standing against all that brings death, destruction and despair. Will the joyous conclusion to Holy Week that is Easter Day encourage us to live more in kindness and compassion, more in hope than in fear, resisting safety and security and embracing the risk of the adventure of life that God is inviting us to make?

+Peter Taunton

FRIENDS OF SOMERSET CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

If you appreciate the building in which you worship and like visiting other churches in the county you would enjoy being a member of FSC and C, a non-denominational charity established to raise awareness of this county's wonderful church heritage and to raise funds for church and chapel restoration. In ten years we have given £400,000 to over 200 church projects in Somerset.

Further info : fscandcinfo@gmail.com
or Membership Sec, 3 Glastonbury Rd,
Wells, Somerset, BA5 1TW

Over 700 churches and chapels are open for worship in Somerset.
230 are Grade 1 or Grade 2* Listed. Further information on www.fscandc.org.uk

PARISH CHURCH NEWS

ALL PARISHES

The **Benefice Summer Fair** will be at the Memorial Hall in Charlton Musgrove this year, on **Saturday 25th June**. There will be a meeting in the Hall on **Wednesday 6th April** at 7.30pm to discuss all aspects of the Fair. This is for the whole Benefice, and it would be very good if people who helped with the Fair last year could come along, but new recruits would be very welcome too.

ST STEPHEN'S AND ST JOHN'S CHARLTON MUSGROVE



Veronica White – Church Wardens – Jonathan Hann
Contact Telephone numbers

Mothering Sunday – 3rd April. This year we are going to make up the posies for everyone in the congregation during the service in St. John's Church, so come along and join in. Flowers will be provided.

Spring Cleaning at St. John's on **Saturday 16th April at 10 am**; any/all help most gratefully welcomed.

ST LAWRENCE CUCKLINGTON



Karen Dunford – Church Wardens – Brian Trueman
01963 34220 Contact Telephone numbers 01747 841014

Flower Rota Meeting: Monday 11th April at 11 am at Orchard House for coffee and to discuss the Rota for the coming year. If you are unable to attend please let me know your preferred dates in advance (01747 840014). Anyone who would like to help us is always welcome. We will be decorating St Lawrence's Church for Easter on **Saturday 23rd April at 10 am**. Any white and yellow flowers and greenery, and help, would be much appreciated.

JS

Church Cleaning Day: The next Church cleaning day will be on **Tuesday, 19th April**, starting at 10.00 am. Do come and lend a hand to get the Church ready for Easter. **KD**

Plant Sale: Pip will once again be holding a Plant Sale in aid of the Church flower fund. It will take place on **Saturday 28th May, at 2.30 pm**. Come along and enjoy a delicious cream tea. **PL**

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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

Village Hall Committee: Anyone wishing to stand as a member of the Village Hall Committee should let the Chairman have his/her name by **15th April**, by writing to Mr E Parsons, Ardgowan, Riding Gate, Wincanton BA9 9NG. **ETP**

Royal Wedding Party/AGM: 29th April. A great evening at the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall to celebrate the Royal wedding: 3 course sit-down supper, complimentary glass of fizz for the toast, photographic exhibition of village weddings, and a cash bar. Come along and make this a memorable ending to a memorable day! Doors open at 7 pm, Village Hall AGM at 7.15, and sit down to supper at 7.30. Tickets only £10, from any member of the Committee. **BCT**

Village Hall Cleaning. On **Saturday 9th April, at 9.30 am**. Come and help – the Hall belongs to us all! **BCT**

The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall Management Committee

Committee members include:	Telephone Number
Eldryd Parsons (Chairman)	01963 33628
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

There will be a fundraising **Bridge Afternoon** at the Memorial Hall in Charlton Musgrove on **Friday, 6th May**. It will be jointly in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice and Charlton Musgrove Churches. Please contact Kate Wilkinson (01963 33356) or Biddy Moreton (01963 33256) for more information.

Supper at the Bull Martin and Ann at The Bull Inn, Hardway very generously sponsored a fundraising supper for the Charlton Musgrove village hall on Thursday 24 February. We had a delicious meal and a great evening with 44 people coming along and raised just under £900 for our hall. Sir Cameron Mackintosh donated prizes for the raffle and Martin donated wine for a free ticket draw. Many thanks to everyone for supporting this and the money raised will help to continue fitting out the hall and paying the final instalment to the builder in October.

Village Hall: 100 Club: Winners for March: no 31 - Sara Riggs; no 35 - Sarah Jarrett.

NOTICES

Stoke Trister with Bayford

Our very best wishes to Pam Gray, Averil Ellard and Berna West for a speedy recovery after their spells in hospital. We hope they are all feeling much better. **F/ALG**

We hope that Grace Watson, Sybil Andrews and Pam Gray have recovered from the car accident they were involved in on the Gllingham road recently. Fortunately none of them was injured though the car was badly damaged, but they all suffered from shock. **F/ALG**

It is good to hear that Ann Parbery is home after her operation, and we wish her well in her continuing recovery. **F/ALG**

Bayford Coffee Mornings

The April coffee morning is at Bayford Chapel on **Thursday, 7th April from 10 am-12 noon.**

The May coffee morning will be held on **Thursday 5th May** at the **Well House, Bayford**, from 10am – 12noon (thank you Maggie & Marcus!), due to District Council Elections at Bayford Chapel.

The Time Team film about Buck Mill, Stoke Trister, 'Search for the Domesday Mill' will be shown on Channel 4 on **10 April**. Check listing for time – possibly 5.30 pm. **AD**

Scarface Sid A small black cat obviously used to domestic bliss before being lost or abandoned, has adopted Stoke Trister and is desperate for a comfy home. A determined fellow but not aggressive; checked as fit by vet and neutered. Ring 01963 32447. **AD**

Cucklington

An excellent evening in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall on the 4th March. Mike Spencer gave an amusing illustrated account of his walk for charity along the Great Wall of China. He certainly succeeded in persuading the many present that there was a great deal more to this than any of us would have expected! In addition to the money raised by Mike on the walk for St Margaret's Hospice, the evening raised £438 to be divided between the Church and the Village Hall, and £150 for St Margaret's Hospice. **BCT**

Litter. Many thanks to those villagers who scour the verges and hedgerows around Cucklington removing litter. Their work shouldn't be necessary, but their efforts keep our parish looking attractive. **LGF**

Poachers have been active around the village in recent weeks as the remains of four deer were found on Crooked Lane. The Police have taken an interest so any suspicious activity should be reported to them in the hope of catching these criminals. **LGF**

Welcome to James and Sarah Andrews, who have moved into Red Gables with their sons, Edward (13) and Charlie (11). We hope they will enjoy life in the village. **LGF**

Charlton Musgrove

The Charlton Musgrove plant sale will be held this year on **Saturday, 21 May**, at the village hall. Please would people think of us when digging over their gardens and splitting plants, or finding spare seedlings, or when they're planting their seeds? **GW**

Thank you to Mrs. Mavis Thomas for her kind donation of £10 to the Newsletter fund.

Welcome to Brian and Stella who have come to live at Blakes Bungalow; and to Tony and Helen Osborne who now live at Barrow Water Cottages. We hope they will be happy in Charlton Musgrove.

Very best wishes to Tim Carroll who is embarking on treatment for recently diagnosed cancer. All our supportive thoughts and prayers are with him, Annie and the family.

Kantara Group The next Kantara meeting will be on **Thursday, the 14th of April** at 12:00 noon and will include a short Communion Service followed by a shared meal. Any prayer requests to Diane on 01963 31634. **DC**

The Pancake Party, held on Shrove Tuesday in the Hall, was a little warmer than last year's (much enjoyed in Ruth and Paul Kimber's barn), but in other ways was its usual happy self. Catherine Jarrett and her friends won the paint-an-egg competition, and the pancake-tossing was won by brother Alexander. Will Sellick's egg was the champion of the egg-shackling, though he wasn't there to cheer it on. Many thanks to the people who produced such delicious filled pancakes and made it such a good evening.

COUNCIL NEWS

Charlton Musgrove

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR CHARLTON MUSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL AT THE ELECTIONS ON 5th MAY 2011?

Nomination papers are available from South Somerset District Council on 01935 462111 and the Clerk on 01963 33575 has a small number available. Nominations close on 4th April.

**VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK FOR CHARLTON MUSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL
PLEASE SEE PARISH COUNCIL WEBPAGE AT WWW.CHARLTONMUSGROVE.ORG FOR FURTHER
DETAILS AND HOW TO APPLY. CLOSING DATE BY 5PM ON 31ST MARCH 2011.**

Charlton Musgrove Parish Council met on 9th March 2011 and amongst agenda items considered were four new planning applications, Parish plan, Highways and footpath matters, Elections on 05.05.11 and advice on how to stand as a Councillor and where to collect a nomination paper, Red phone box, the resignation of the Parish Clerk and various financial matters.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 13th April** 2011 mainly for any new planning applications to be considered plus any urgent matters arising and then the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 11th May 2011. All these are to be held in the Meeting Room of Charlton Musgrove Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The Parish Council for the cost of £1.00 have adopted the Red Phone Box in Barrow Lane from British Telecom. The equipment has now been removed and the Parish Council are looking for ideas for uses of the phone box. Please forward any ideas to the Clerk (details on webpage) in time to be included at the meeting on 11th May when this matter will be discussed and a decision made. The Parish Council are also looking for a volunteer who will take responsibility for keeping an eye on the phone box and reporting any issues to the Clerk or Parish Council and perhaps undertaking minor repairs and redecoration to the box.

CHARLTON MUSGROVE PARISH PLAN

Completed questionnaires have now been returned and these were opened by the Steering Group at a meeting on Thursday 17th March at The Smithy. All questionnaires were separated from the numbered envelopes and the Parish Council Chairman Robin Bastable officiated and drew the winning number. The lucky winners were Diana and David Howell who won £100. Many thanks to all who took part and returned them - we had a response rate of 71% which is well above the average. The results will now be analysed and in due course, following further consultation, a Parish Plan will be produced. If anyone didn't quite get round to sending their questionnaire in – you still can as the analysing will take some time.

Cucklington Parish Meeting

Parish Meeting: The next Parish Meeting will be on **Monday 18th April** at 7 pm in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall. The agenda is:

- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of meetings held on 25th October 2010 and 18th March 2011
- Chairman's Report
- Winter Road Gritting
- Correspondence
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Footpaths
- Financial Report
- Election of Chairman
- Date of next meeting

VH

Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on 10th MARCH

Councillors present: E Parsons, M Dixon, B Jackson, R Patch, R Perry, A Watson. C/Cllr A Groskop (SCC), Cllr M Beech (SSDC) PCSO T Russell and 5 members of the public

Matters of interest:

Planning: New planning matters considered:

11/00391/FUL St Raphaels Stoke Trister No objections

Highways and Footpaths: potholes in Beech Lane. Flytipping – request for litter bin next to new seat at Physicwell. Stile repaired by this seat.

Other items discussed included: new seat at Physicwell installed and officially unveiled by Mr Pady Yateman; Leigh Common grasskeep let for 2011; street lights in Bayford now replaced; old documents sorted and prepared for deposit with County Archives (list available from Clerk); BT phonebox in Bayford

As it was the last meeting of this Parish Council, the Chairman thanked members for their hard work and wished them well. **Parish and District Council Elections:**

Thursday, 5th May Full minutes on Parish Council noticeboards.

Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: Thursday, 12th May 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.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - Thursday, 5th May

There is a vacancy on Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council

Are you interested in helping your local community? If so put your name forward to stand for the Parish Council Elections **Nominations close on 4th April**. Nomination papers and more details from Rosemary Keep, Clerk to the Parish Council Tel: 01963 33656 or SSDC at Churchfield, Wincanton

CHURCH CALENDAR

A P R I L

3rd April 4 th Sunday of Lent MOTHERING SUNDAY	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (CW) Evensong (BCP)	ST CMSJ C
6th April Wednesday	6.30 pm	<i>Compline with short address</i>	<i>CMSJ</i>
10th April 5 th Sunday of Lent	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Praise Morning Praise	CMSS C ST
13th April Wednesday	6.30 pm	<i>Compline with short address</i>	<i>B</i>
17th April PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION beginning with blessing of palms, reading and prayers at St Lawrence's at 10 am, passing through Stoke Trister and Bayford and arriving at St Stephen's at noon for Holy Communion followed by a soup lunch at Shalford Farm			
18th April Monday of Holy Week	6.30 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	ST
19th April Tuesday of Holy Week	6.30 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	C
20th April Weds of Holy Week	6.30 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>CMSJ</i>
21st April Maundy Thursday	6.30 pm	<i>Holy Communion (CW)</i>	<i>B</i>
22nd April GOOD FRIDAY	2 - 3 PM	<i>Prayers before the Cross: The Last Hour</i>	C
24th APRIL EASTER DAY	5.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	EASTER FIRE and FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER HOLY COMMUNION HOLY COMMUNION	C ST CMSS

M A Y

1st May 2 nd Sunday of Easter	9.30 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (CW) Evensong	ST CMSJ C
8th May 3 rd Sunday of Easter	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Praise Morning Praise	CMSS C ST

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

SEE LEAFLET FOR FULL DETAILS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

EVENTS AND DIARY DATES

A P R I L		Further details on page:
4th April Monday	Last day for Parish Council nominations	8
6th April Wednesday	BENEFICE FAIR PLANNING MEETING in Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall 7.30 pm	5
7th April Thursday	Bayford Coffee Morning 10 am - 12 noon	7
9th April Saturday	Arthur Morison Hall Cleaning 9.30 am	6
11th April Monday	Flower Rota Meeting for St Lawrence at Orchard House 11 am	5
13th April Wednesday	Charlton Musgrove Parish Council Meeting 7.30	8
14th April Thurs	Kantara Group Meeting	8
15th April Friday	Last day for nominations to join Arthur Morison Hall Committee	6
16th April Saturday	Spring Cleaning St John's 10.00 am	5
18th April Monday	Cucklington Parish Meeting 7 pm Arthur Morison Hall	9
19th April Tuesday	Church Cleaning at St Lawrence's Cucklington 10.00 am	6
23rd April Saturday	Easter Decorating at St Lawrence's Cucklington 10.00 am	5
29th April Friday	Arthur Morison Hall AGM at 7.15 pm followed by Royal Wedding Party supper at 7.30pm	6
M A Y		
5th May Thursday	Parish and District Council Elections	9
5th May Thursday	Bayford Coffee Morning at The Well House, Bayford 10 am - 12 noon.	7
6th May Friday	Bridge afternoon at Memorial Hall, Charlton Musgrove	6
11th May Wednesday	Annual Parish Meeting Charlton Musgrove 7.30 pm	8
12th May Thursday	Annual Parish Meeting Stoke Trister with Bayford 7.30 pm	9
21st May Saturday	Charlton Musgrove Plant Sale	7
28th May Saturday	Plant Sale at Pip Loxton's, Cucklington 2.30pm	5

I N D E X

- 2 Directory
- 3 From the Rectory
- 4 Bishop of Taunton's Letter
- 5- 6 Parish Church News
- 6 Village Hall News
- 7- 8 Notices
- 8- 9 Council News
- 10 Church Calendar
- 11 Events & Diary Dates

The May Issue Copy Date
Tuesday, 12th April

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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)

Please send your copy to:

**Brian Trueman
(CUCKLINGTON)**

Hillside Cottage
Cucklington
BA9 9PT
01747 841014

brian@cucklington.plus.net

**Biddy Moreton
(CHARLTON MUSGROVE)**

Roundhill Farm
Charlton Musgrove
BA9 8HH
01963 33256

brigid.moreton@virgin.net

**Alison Dixon
(STOKE TRIS/BAYFORD)**

Woodbine Villa
Stoke Trister
BA9 9PQ
01963 32447

alison.dixon8@btinternet