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Welcome to January's newsletter. If you have any pet or local landscape photos for the front cover or seasonal recipes for use in the newsletter, please email them to me at jo@jltraining.co.uk.

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Looking Forward

For understandable reasons, not everyone is looking forward to this particular New Year. As the date for Brexit approaches on March 29th 2019, opinion is divided across the nation about whether we should be leaving the EU or not. Times of uncertainty such as we are living through can challenge us to the core - our future is unknown as we go down a path we haven't travelled before.

Or haven't we? Although this is undoubtedly a new chapter for our nation, we have been through major turmoil and change before - and we have not just survived but thrived. Examples from history include the failure of the commonwealth, the glorious revolution, the act of union and abolishing the slave trade to name but a few.

Division does not have to define our way forward. God is neither a Remainer nor a Brexiteer. His question is always 'Are you for Me or not? Are you interested in My plans to bring the highest and best for this great nation?' Times of challenge have always pointed our nation back to our need for God and this is no different.

If we will humble ourselves and pray, He promises that He will heal the divisions within and prosper all people in our land, raising up those who will take us forward into His very best future for us and for Europe. Then together, we can look expectantly forwards to what we are entering - the new possibilities and opportunities that will emerge with God's help. We can fix our hope on God's love for this nation and Europe and trust that He will work all things for our good if we ask for His help.

So let us, in the words of Walter Burghardt, be people of ceaseless hope. "[We] must be [people] of ceaseless hope ... Every human act, every Christian act, is an act of hope. But that means [we] must be [people] of the present, [we] must live this moment - really live it, not just endure it - because this very moment, for all its imperfection and frustration, because of its imperfection and frustration, is pregnant with all sorts of possibilities, is pregnant with the future, is pregnant with love, is pregnant with Christ." **Revd Rosy Ashley**

From the Organ Bench

When a piece of writing is ascribed to two authors, one can never be sure how much each one contributed. *While shepherds watched their flocks by night* used to be credited jointly to Nahum Tate (1652-1715) and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726). These two collaborated on 'A New Version of the Psalms of David', published in 1696 – essentially metrical versions of the Psalms, such as *Through all the changing scenes of life* (Psalm 34) and *As pants the hart for cooling streams* (Psalm 42). However, it now appears that Brady had his feet up during the writing of *While shepherds watched* (perhaps because it's not based on a psalm). Most modern hymn-books show Nahum Tate as the sole author.

It is of course based on the story in St. Luke, chapter 2, of the shepherds being encouraged by the angel to go and visit the new-born Jesus in Bethlehem. Its clarity and simplicity, and the graphic way in which it tells the story, have endeared it to Christians for their childhood onwards. It makes a vivid companion at a carol service to the spellbinding words of the Authorised Version of the Bible, which people, if they are lucky, hear in childhood and remember all their lives:

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them....

Only a few metrical psalms of this period are well-known, largely because the tunes set to them were pedestrian in the extreme. The bestknown tune to *While shepherds watched*, known as *Winchester Old*, is not the most exciting, but it's a strong, simple tune with a good high note to aim for, and it has stood the test of time.

In some parts of the country this hymn has traditionally been sung to an interesting alternative. Hymn-books correctly call it the name given to it by the composer – *Cranbrook*, by the prolific Methodist hymn-tune writer Thomas Clark (1775-1859). He was a man of Kent, and Cranbrook is in Kent – but most people think that the tune is from Yorkshire. This is because in the late 19th century a Yorkshire song, *On Ilkla Moor baht 'at* (On Ilkley Moor without a hat), was sung to this tune. We sing *While shepherds watched* to it at the carol service at Kington Magna, and it goes with a swing.

It should still (just) be Christmas-tide when you read this, so I can get away with the above. A very happy New Year to everyone.

David Duvall

CHURCH SERVICES January & February 2019 Please note new locations and times

09:30	Friends & Heroes	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
09:30	Holy Communion	St Stephen's, Charlton Musgrove
18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
09:30	Friends & Heroes	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
11:00	Holy Communion	St Stephen's, Charlton Musgrove
18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
18:30	Evensong	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
09:30	Benefice Vision Day for all church and PCC members	The Mill on the Brue, Bruton
09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
18:30	Sing Praise	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
09:30	Friends & Heroes	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
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January & February 2019 Events			
Tue 1 st Jan	10:00	Winter Walk	Start at Charlton Musgrove Memorial Halll
Wed 16 th Jan	19:30	Charlton Musgrove Parish Council Meeting	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
Sat 19 th Jan	10:00	Coffee & Crafts Workshop	St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister
Tues 22 nd Jan	09:15-10:45	Alpha course	The Kitchen at Kimbers
Sat 26 th Jan	10:00	Coffee Morning	Cucklington Village Hall
Wed 30 th Jan	12:30	Bayford Village Lunch	Bayford Village Hall
Thu 7 th Feb	10:00-12:00	Bayford Coffee Morning All are very welcome. There will be a Bring & Buy table	Bayford Village Hall
Fri 8 th Feb	19:30-21:00	Winter Lecture Fakes & forgeries Richard Kay	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall <i>Tickets online</i>
Fri 15 th Feb	10:30-12:00	Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
Fri 15 th Feb	19:30-21:00	Winter Lecture Growing cut flowers for pleasure and profit Georgie Newbery	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall <i>Tickets online</i>
Fri 22 nd Feb	19:30-21:00	Winter Lecture History of Stourhead Gardens Alan Power	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall <i>Tickets online</i>
Fri 1 st Mar	19:30-21:00	Winter Lecture A History of Charlton Musgrove Kevin Flint & John Ball	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall <i>Tickets online</i>

Could you help at a pop-up pub, show a film or run a quiz night? Or are there other events you'd like in Cucklington Village Hall? The Social Events Committee is re-forming and looking for volunteers from Stoke Trister and Cucklington! If interested, please email georgie.hopkins@myakka.co.uk.



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SCRABBLE



The next scrabble evening will be on 11th January, in the Village Hall, starting at 7pm.

COFFEE MORNING

The first coffee morning of the year will be on Saturday 26th January, from 10 am. Not to be missed!



CAROLS AT AISLABY

Very many thanks to Chris Holloway for once again hosting a carol service. Carols, minced pies and wine were all most enjoyable.

VILLAGE HALL CLEANING

The next cleaning session will be on Saturday 9th February, starting at 9.30am.



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CHRISTMAS FAIR



The Bayford & Stoke Trister Christmas Fair on 1st December was a great success. It was very well organised by Christine

Perrett, and had the usual stalls with tombola, gifts, cakes, nearly new, chocolate & crafts, books and refreshments. Many thanks go to Christine and all her helpers for all their hard work, and to those who came, bought and contributed to the great atmosphere in the hall on that day. We raised £642.38 for Church Funds.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The tenth Christmas Tree Festival was held at Stoke Trister Church from 14th–16th December. This is always a spectacular occasion when people put their ideas into tree form and all comes together under the expert organisation of Gareth Baker. As well as holding down a full time job, he has the patience of a saint, with refreshment rotas, administration, practical help with lights etc and almost full time attendance at the

Festival for three days! Thank you Gareth for all you have done to get the Tree Festival off the



ground in 2018 and towards collecting the superb total of £350 in donations for the church.

COFFEE & CRAFTS

Our first workshop of the new year will be on the 19th January, 2019 at Stoke Trister Church at 10 am. We are decorating filigree boxes this month, refreshments available.

THE BAYFORD VILLAGE LUNCH

The January lunch will be on Wednesday 30th January, usual time 12:30pm.



Menu will be tasty, though not yet decided!

As Sid will be away, Marilyn and Dorothy will be doing the lunch.

Please let Marilyn (01963

34297) or Dorothy (01963 32176) know a few days beforehand if you will be coming.

BAYFORD COFFEE MORNINGS

Maggie and Marcus Giles very kindly lent their house, beautifully decorated for Christmas, for the Bayford Coffee Morning on 6th December. It was a lovely occasion with sherry, mince pies and wine, as well as coffee, and wonderful raffle prizes contributed by villagers. Thank you Maggie for your generous hospitality.

There is **NO** coffee morning in January.

The next Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 7th February 2019 from 10:00-12:00 in Bayford Village Hall. Everyone very welcome. Bring and Buy table as usual.

The joy of a return

The country of Ghana is making 2019 'The Year of Return' to mark 400 years of the slave trade. Akwase Agyeman who is heading up this year of celebration said this:

'We will celebrate the resilience of the African. Like Joseph in the Bible who was sold to slavery and later connected to his brothers, there was a celebration and in 2019 there shall be a celebration for Africans in Diaspora'

I wonder how we might make 2019 'a year of return'. I don't mean as a return to things past because we mourn a past glory. I'm thinking of the story of Joseph. Joseph was separated from family because his family were jealous of him. His brothers sold him into slavery, out of sight, out of mind. It's when they have need of food that they inadvertently come across Joseph again, this time he holds their fate in his hands. It would have been so easy for Joseph to seek to get his own back on his brothers. In fact he does play a trick on them. However when all is revealed we find many

tears shed and reconciliation is achieved.

I wonder how many families in our communities have faced such a fracture in relationships?

Rembrandt's famous painting, 'The Return of the Prodigal' is one of those iconic pictures which draws us into experiencing the depth of feeling the parable speaks of. The embrace of the father to the kneeling son shows us not only the emotion of a family relationship restored but that of God's love for us, his wandering people. Many of us have personal experience of discovering the love of the Father for us, his children. Perhaps this year we could pass on that story to others and help them to find the joy and celebration of a return to the Father who gave everything in order to release them from the slavery of sin.

Let's make this not just 'a year of return' but rather a lifetime!

Rt Rev Ruth Worsley Bishop of Taunton

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How does it work?

Alpha has ten sessions and involves coffee or food, a short talk on DVD and discussion where you can share your point of view.

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9.15-10.45am The Kitchen at Kimbers (next to Kimber Farm Shop)

Evening starts: Sunday February 3rd 5.00-7.00pm

Wincanton Community Church, South St, Wincanton BA9 9DL (+ free meal) For more information please contact Rosy Ashley at rosyashley@hotmail.com

PLASTIC FREE

Wincanton Meeting 7pm on Thursday 17th January 2019 at The Meadows, Cucklington BA9 9QH If you have any questions contact Gordon on 01963 32076

Campaigners from Mendip and South Somerset paid a visit to Stormboard, part of Protomax, an innovative plastic recycling company in Frome. We met the founder, Nick Stillwell, who explained what they do and their approach to making plastic recycling into a sensible business proposition.

The company can recycle any type of plastic, hard or soft, and turn it into a vast range of board based products - construction hoarding, tables, cabinets, chairs, worktops, planters and emergency housing, Their business model is based on a closed loop, which turns waste plastic, supplied by an organisation, into a product that may be used by that organisation. The company have already worked with Frome Town Council to turn its plastic waste into public noticeboards, and have had contracts with several major supermarkets and construction firms. Potentially the company provides, in part at least, a solution to the huge global problem of plastic pollution in the ocean, highlighted by the BBC's Blue Planet 2 and Drowning in Plastic programmes hosted by Sir David Attenborough and Liz Bonnin. Nick had just returned from Italy after demonstrating how to use waste to build refugee housing on site. To do this they barraged the Po River and collected plastic waste which they proceeded to process into the raw material from which they created a refugee shelter. The process provides an alternative to plywood panels for hoarding construction sites and events. Millions of panels a year are made from processed timber, mostly from shipped China or Brazil, which all end up buried in landfill sites. The company is working to replace this with recycled plastic, which is reusable and recyclable and so saves money for their clients.

The whole process was inspiring and provides a glimpse into how we, locally, may do our bit to address the plastics issue. The closed loop model transfers responsibility to those people who use plastic – us.

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SEASONAL RECIPE BRAISED PHEASANTS IN MADEIRA Serves 4-6

This recipe is suitable for freezing

INGREDIENTS

1 brace pheasants, oven-ready, with neck and giblets For the stock: 1 onion. sliced in half 1 carrot, split lengthways 1 thick celery stick, cut into chunks (plus leaves) 1 bay leaf 1 sprig fresh thyme 6 black peppercorns salt For the sauce: 10 fl oz (275 ml) Sercial (dry) Madeira 8 oz (225 g) small open-cap mushrooms $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz (40 g) plain flour salt and freshly milled black pepper 11/2 oz (40 g) butter 1¹/₂ oz (40 g) butter, softened 1¹/₂ tablespoons groundnut or other flavourless oil 16 shallots, peeled 12 oz (350 g) streaky bacon (in one piece if you can get it) 5 sprigs fresh thyme 2 bay leaves 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped 10 fl oz (275 ml) dry white wine

METHOD

Make the stock: wash the necks and giblets then place them in a medium-sized saucepan with 1 pint (570 ml) water and add all the stock ingredients. Bring everything up to the boil, skim off any scum that rises to the surface, then turn the heat down to a gentle simmer. Put a lid half on the pan and simmer for $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 hours. After that, strain the stock to use for the sauce.

Begin cooking the joints of pheasant by seasoning them with salt and pepper and

frying them in butter and oil until they have taken on a good golden brown colour. As they brown, transfer them to the casserole. Then, in the fat remaining in the pan, fry the shallots until golden brown and also remove them with a slotted spoon to a plate. The bacon should be de-rinded, cut into 1/3 inch (7.5 mm) cubes and browned as well. Then remove these to join the shallots and leave aside for later.

Now add the thyme, bay leaves and chopped garlic to the pheasant and pour in 10 fl oz (275 ml) of the stock, the wine and Madeira.

Bring everything to simmering point, then keep the heat low so that the contents just gently, almost imperceptibly bubble. Put on a tight-fitting lid and cook on top of the stove for 45 minutes.

After that add the small whole mushrooms, the bacon and shallots, and spoon some of the juices over them. Then put the lid on, bring everything back to a gentle simmer and simmer for a further 45 minutes or until the pheasant is tender when tested with a small skewer.

To finish the sauce, mix the softened butter and flour to a smooth paste. Then, using a slotted spoon, remove the pheasant, bacon and vegetables from the casserole to a warmed serving dish and keep warm. Bring the liquid up to a fast boil and let it bubble and reduce by about a third.

Next add the butter and flour mixture, using a wire whisk to distribute it. Then, as soon as the sauce comes back to the boil and has thickened, pour it over the pheasant, bacon and vegetables and serve; or cool, refrigerate and re-heat gently the next day.

Serve with creamy mash and steamed greens



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2019 Winter Lectures Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall

Following the success of last year, we are running a series of lectures in early 2019. We have some amazing speakers lined up and the funds raised will support both our hall and the St Stephens Church roof appeal.

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Richard Kay - Fakes & Forgeries Friday 8th February 2019 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Rchard Kay is Lawrences Auctioners picture specialist. Covering 500 years of orgenes in at - some clever, some not so clever - ranging from Botticell to andinsky, this tak looks at the way in which fakers have tried to trick collectors down the centuries and how difficult it can sometimes be to work utjust how they did it.

Tantalisingly, the best fakes ever made have yet to be discovered but this talk might alert you to some of the pitfalls in the picture market.

Light Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm

Tickets £8.50



Alan Power - History of Stourhead Gardens Friday 22nd February 2019 7.30pm - 9.00pm

We are delighted to welcome Alan Power, Garden and Estate Manager of Stourhead With hills, water and classical architecture overlaid by a fabulous collection of trees and shrubs. Stourhead was described as 'a living work of art when first opened in the 1740s.

Meandering paths offer vistas through trees to classical temples and surprises at every turn. Stourhead is breathtaking in any season. Alan will spend time taking about the history and management of the gardens at Stourhead, and a little about his work with the BBC.

Light Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm. Tickets £8,50



about how you can create a flourishing cut flower patch to give you goodles for the house year round and will demonstrate how to make one of her gorgoous hand-le bouquets as she talks. Georgie's talk is to naise finds to help mend the holie in the roof of Chatton Musgionov; sigh century church St. Stephens in Rectory Lane. Her talk was hugely popular last year and sold out early.

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Kevin Flint & John Ball - A History of Charlton Musgrove

Friday 1st March 2019 7.30pm - 9.00pm

We are thrilled that Kevin Flint and John Ball both long-standing local residents will give our final Winter lecture.

Kevin will talk about the history of the village from the time of the Domesday Book up to the present day and also do a virtual tour of the village and the history of viruous buildings. John will be on hand exhibiting some of his artefacts including items from the Bronze Age, Iron Age. Roman and more recent times. all of which have been found within the Parish.

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Entrance is by ticket only. There will be no cash taken at the door. Tickets can be found online:

https://www.charltonmusgrove.org/our-hall/winter-lectures-2019/