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Welcome to January's newsletter. If you have any local landscape or event photos for use in the newsletter, please email them to me at io@iltraining.co.uk.

Copy date for February's issue is Monday 20th January 2020.

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New Beginnings

The beginning of a new year is an ideal time to stop, look back and get our bearings. What do we want from this new year? What do we want to leave behind in 2019? How might we want to change?

Here are some questions I'm going to consider:

- What's the single most important thing I could do to improve the quality of my family life this year?
- What is the single biggest time-waster in my life and what will I do about it this year?
- What one thing could I do this year to increase my enjoyment of God?
- What's the most humanly impossible thing I will ask God to do this year?

And we all like making plans for the year ahead. We plan our weekends and our holidays, what we might do with our children, how much we'll spend, give and save. We plan our businesses, our churches and our lives. The Bible encourages us to 'Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed' (Proverbs 16:3). God blesses and directs our plans more than we can ever ask or imagine when we commit them to him. And it helps to remember his kindness and faithfulness if we write down our plans for the year ahead. Then we can look back and see how much He has done for us in 2020!

May this be a wonderful year for you and your family!

Revd Rosy Ashley

CHURCH SERVICES JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2020

99:30		Holy Communion	St John's, Charlton Musgrove	
Sun 5 th Jan	18:00	Evening Communion	St Lawrence's, Cucklington	
Sun 12 th Jan	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister	
	09:30	Morning Praise	St John's, Charlton Musgrove	
Sun 19 th Jan	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington	
	18:30	Evensong	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister	
Sun 26th Jan	10:00	Holy Communion	Bayford Village Hall	
Sun 2 nd Feb	10:00	Café Church	CMMH, Charlton Musgrove	
	09:30	Holy Communion	St John's, Charlton Musgrove	
	18:00	Evening Communion	St Lawrence's, Cucklington	
Sun 9 th Feb	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister	
Sun 16 th Feb	09:30	Morning Praise	St John's, Charlton Musgrove	
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Sun 23 rd Feb	10:00	Holy Communion	Bayford Village Hall	

Events January & February 2020

Fri 10 th Jan	19:00	Scrabble evening	Cucklington Village Hall
Sat 25 th Jan	10:00	Cucklington Coffee Morning	Cucklington Village Hall
Sat 25 th Jan	18:00	Family Film Night The Pilgrim's Progress PG	Cucklington Village Hall
Wed 29 th Jan	12:30	Bayford Village Lunch	Bayford Village Hall
Sun 2 nd Feb	10:00	Café Church	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
Thu 6 th Feb	10:00- 12:00	Bayford Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
Fri 7 th Feb 19:30 onwards		Pop up Pub	Cucklington Village Hall
Fri 21 st Feb 10:30- 12:00		Charlton Musgrove Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

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



CHARLTON MUSGROVE

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100 Club winners December Draw No 79 Nigel Case £100 No 94 Jen Kimber £50 No 76 Clive & Diane Coe £25 No 16 Phil & Judy Jeffries £25



Congratulations to you all and thank you for your great support in raising funds to keep our Village Hall looking beautiful.

COFFEE MORNING

No Coffee Morning in January. But we look forward to seeing you on Friday 21st February 2020 in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome. From the Coffee Morning Team.

Short Mat Bowls at **Charlton Musgrove Village Hall**

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Come along for a laugh. We are a friendly non-competitive group. Tea and Coffee will be served. Please bring along smooth soled shoes to wear for the sake of the mats.

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SCRABBLE

The next scrabble evening will be on Friday 10th January 2020 in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, from



7pm as usual. The evening is always relaxed and great fun, with nibbles laid on by our Scrabble Mistress, Gaye and BYO drinks. We're always delighted to welcome new players, so do phone Gaye on 01747 840450 if you're interested in joining us.

POP UP PUB – FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY,



No Pop up Pub in January but please do come along on Fri 7th Feb for a drink and a catch

up. Everyone from the area is welcome.

COFFEE MORNING

From 10 am on Saturday, 25th January - not to be missed! Our first Village Hall coffee morning of the New Year, and the perfect opportunity to compare notes with friends and neighbours after all the excitement of Xmas.

VILLAGE HALL CLEANING

Hall cleaning takes place on the first Saturday morning of the month at two-monthly intervals, all equipment supplied. It's undertaken mainly by members of the Village Hall Management Committee, backed up by a doughty team of village volunteers, without whom we simply could not manage. We try to spread the attendance load to ensure that nobody needs to help out more than once during the year, and welcome all the help we can get!

2020 Cleaning dates will be: 1 February, 4 April, 6 June, 1 August, 3 October, 5 December

If you too would be willing to give us a hand this year, please let Di Hammet know either by phone (01747 840770) or by email to dmhammet99@aol.com

A huge THANK YOU to Jan Sullivan for both organising the flower rota and arranging



flowers in St Lawrence's Church, Cucklington for the past 17 years!! We are so grateful to your contribution to worship there.

Would you be interested in taking over this role? If you'd like to find out what the job entails, do contact Jan Sullivan on randjmsullivan@aol.com.

Church Warden: Pip Loxton Contact Telephone number 01747 840947 The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington – Management Committee Committee members include: Campbell Dunford (Chairman) 01963 34220

Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings (01963 3320) who also holds the keys. If not available, ring Brian Trueman (07398 980487), or Di Hammet (01747 840770)

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

A big "Thank you" to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Fair on the 30th November at Bayford Hall, to everyone who helped on the day and to those who donated goods. We raised £670.45 in aid of St Andrew's Church. There was a good selection of gifts on our Gift and Craft Stall, Lovely Homemade Cakes and Preserves to buy as well as some Super Raffle and Tombola Prizes. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves, chatting over coffee and cakes and getting in the festive spirit. Watch this space for news of next year's Christmas Fair! Many thanks to Christine Perrett for her brilliant organisation and to all her helpers for their hard work in making this a lovely occasion with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Our thanks to Maggie Giles for the lovely Christmas Coffee Morning at her house on Thursday 5th December. Maggie produced mince pies, sherry and wine, and was helped by Mel in the kitchen, and everyone won a raffle prize so all left happy! We all look forward to Maggie's coffee morning every year – it is the start of Christmas for many, so thank you again Maggie.

Another big thank you to Gareth Baker for planning and arranging the very successful Christmas Tree Festival in the Church. The trees all looked magical and were a treat to behold - so many different ideas and beautiful especially when lit up at night. A great deal of work was involved for Gareth in getting people to do trees, refreshments (which were delicious) and in many other ways, and raising money for repairs to St Andrew's (approx £400 so far). Plans are already afoot for next year's Tree Festival so if you missed it this year, mark it down for next December now!

BAYFORD COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday 6th February 2020. Please note there will be NO Bring & Buy this year, and the price of coffee will go up to £1.50, to include biscuits. This helps to pay for outings etc. Thursday 5th March will be the next coffee morning.

BAYFORD VILLAGE LUNCH

The first Bayford Village Lunch of the New Year will be on Wednesday 29th January at 12.30 pm.

Please let Sid Garton (01963 34808 or sbgarton@hotmail.co.uk) know a few days beforehand if you are intending to come.

Worship in Bayford Village Hall

A number of Bayford people used to enjoy meeting in the Village Hall to worship when it was Bayford Mission Hall. It is also easier for some to get to than St Andrew's Church, so we thought we'd open up the Hall on Sunday mornings once a month for worship, starting on

Sunday 26th January 2020

At the moment, we are thinking of doing Holy Communion but let us know what kind of worship you'd like: Hymn Singing | Quiet Space | Bible Study | Holy Communion | Café Church | Creative Worship | Morning Prayer Sunday 26th January will start at 9.30am but we could start later or earlier in future.

All ideas welcome! Please email: rosyashley@hotmail.com

Christmas Tree Festival 2019

A huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone who came and supported this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrews Church, Stoke Trister.

We had so many lovely entries, and that's all down to the dedication of our local community.

It was lovely to see the Cheese & Wine evening, the Singing of Carols and the Advent Service being illuminated by the 24 glittering trees.

We placed collection boxes next to each tree, and asked visitors to make a donation to the tree that they liked. I can reveal that the top three trees, as voted by our visitors, were:



1st Place: Hats off to Santa; The Perrett Family

2nd Place: Santa's Little Helpers; Karen Baber

3rd Place: Arctic Lost; Brian Jackson

The Festival is supported by so many wonderful individuals, without whom, the Festival would not exist, so THANK YOU to each and every one of you who made this Festival such a joyous occasion. Our wonderful community raised £400.74.

Planning is already underway for 2020's Christmas Tree Festival, so please get your thinking caps on, and join us in entering a decorated tree.

Photography by Natalie Chaff

Howlers from Church Noticeboards

(not from our parishes, of course!)

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals

The sermon this morning, 'Jesus walks on water', the sermon tonight 'Searching for Jesus'

The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

Barbara remains in the hospital

and needs blood donors for more

transfusions. She is also having

A bean supper will be held on

trouble sleeping and requests tapes of pastor Jack's sermons.

Charlene Mason sang I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get. Don't let worry kill you off — let the Church help

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: 'Break forth Into Joy'

Tuesday evening in the church hail. Music will follow.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for a pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Weight watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at entrance. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00pm—prayer and medication to follow

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm.
Please use the back door.

The church's new tithing campaign slogan unveiled last Sunday;
I Upped My Pledge—Up Yours'





Join us to explore issues of faith, life and meaning for 6 weeks. Starts Monday January 20th, 7.00pm at The Smithy Pub, B3081, Charlton Musgrove, BA9 8HG.

Alpha is six sessions and a Saturday in the middle.

Each session includes food, a short film and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts.

At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge.

For more information, please email rosyashley@hotmail.com

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Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council

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5 December 2019

Dear Parishioners.

Your Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator Andy Chesterman has very kindly brought to my attention a very good book called "The Little Book of Big Scams". It is from The Metropolitan Police Department and can be found at: https://www.met.police.uk/media/downloads/central/advice/fraud

As there are so many different scams around at the moment it is well worth a look if you can access the internet.

The Golden Rules:

- 1. NEVER GIVE OUT YOUR PIN NUMBER TO ANYONE
- 2. DON'T ANSWER THE DOOR TO STRANGERS, IT'S YOUR HOME!!
- 3. DON'T BE BULLIED BY TELEPHONE CALLS, HANG UP
- 4. ONLY PUT WASTE OUT ON COLLECTION DAY
- 5. LEAVE A LIGHT ON IF YOU ARE GOING OUT

I hope these points will help you all.

Kind regards.

Patricia Gillman

Clerk to Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council

Do something amazing this year...

For many, the start of a new year brings an opportunity for reflection, fresh starts and change - but could you change a child's story this year?

For over 500 children in Somerset, spending time at home isn't possible right now, which is why we urgently need more foster carers to offer safe, loving homes to our children in care. Foster carers can make a real difference to children's lives. They help them through tough times and give them the support they need to achieve their full potential.

Fostering is not a one size fits all. There are a variety of different avenues within fostering to match the vast and sometimes complex needs of the children in our care, <u>and</u> the lifestyles of our carers; from the dedication of long term fostering over a period of years, to the flexibility of respite providing care just one weekend a month. In return our carers receive ongoing support and training, a dedicated social worker and a weekly fee and allowance (amounts vary – please speak to our team or visit the website for details).

If you're aged 21 or over and have a spare room, along with the time and patience to support a Somerset child in care, visit fosteringinsomerset.org.uk or call our team on 0800 587 9900 to find out how you could help change a child's story. There is no upper age limit, and things like your gender, sexual preference or marital status are not important – you just need the right qualities and mindset. Alternatively, come along to our next information evening and find out more about fostering over a coffee and cake:

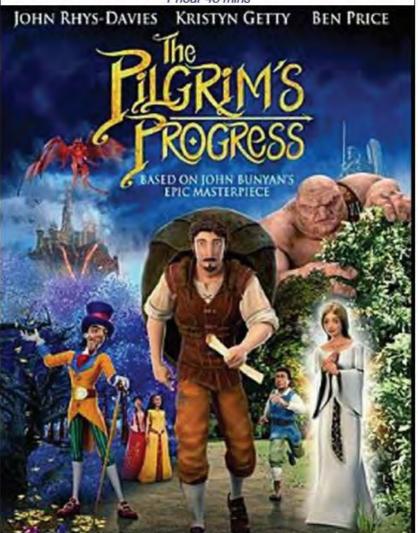
Costa Coffee, 8 Townsend Shopping Park, Shepton Mallet on Tuesday 14th January 2020 from 7-9pm.

Family Film Night

January 25th, 6.00pm in Cucklington Village Hall

The Pilgrim's Progress (PG)

based on John Bunyan's epic masterpiece and one of the bestselling books of all time. This is an incredible story that gives courage to stay on the straight path even when the journey gets difficult! 1 hour 48 mins



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If you're above the age of 18, have a clean full driver licence and own a four-door car, why not volunteer for Somerset County Council to help others get to vital medical appointments? By committing as little as one day per week, you could greatly help a person who otherwise wouldn't be able to make appointments. Alternatively commit to more if that is what you choose!

Volunteer drivers provide a crucial transport service for non-emergency NHS patients and social care users enabling them to get to various locations across the county and further afield. You could also help transport children to college or to school, providing a crucial service to a young person's academic career. Each journey connects people with services they would otherwise miss out on. As a volunteer driver, you would be providing a vital lifeline to people in your community.

This is a rewarding opportunity to provide a valuable, practical support for people within your community and your mileage expenses will be reimbursed at up to 50p per mile. You will also be supported by a Transporting Officer from Somerset County Council's Transporting Somerset team.

Not only will you be helping the community, it's an excellent way of meeting new people.

To find out more visit https://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk/opportunities/volunteer-driver/ or call 0300 123 2224



This month, our theme is

10.00am

Love is in the Air

it's all you need!

For All Ages!

Come along for good coffee, bacon rolls (veggie alternative) & croissants in a relaxed, informal atmosphere with plenty of conversation and opportunity for questions. Activities for children, music, film, Sunday papers.

All Welcome!