

VILLAGE NEWS

February 2020

For the parishes of
Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and
Stoke Trister with Bayford



The Newt Gardens & Grounds

One of the topics of the Winter Talks being held in February at CMMH
(see back page for details)

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Welcome to February's newsletter.
If you have any local event details or
photos for insertion in the newsletter,
please email them to me at
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Copy date for the March issue is
Friday 21st February 2020.

Season of Singing

The new life and warmth of spring are such beautiful reminders of the love of God in Christ. Dark winter cold and damp make way for new life, fragile warmth and spring sunlight. Our dead-looking trees and gardens now start to reveal their life. Flowers out of sight underground break through, weathering the still variable weather to bloom radiantly.

God loves and sustains us through every season of life and is always working in us. With him at hand, we can sing through trials, like the robins in the storm. We suffer and there is loss. But we never lose the love God has set on us in Christ. It is more real than anything else. It is sure. Christ ended once and for all any and every reason to fear God - He has removed our sin and gives us His righteousness and all the benefits that go with it.

Like the new spring shoots poking trembling stems out into the uncertain elements, our roots need to be secure. They can be, in the unending love of God. Then, despite all we might face, we are secure, held, known and reassured. Trials and suffering then drive us deeper into love and prove His love.

God is the perfect Father, who is able. Christ is the perfect husband, who sacrificed, in humiliation, life itself for us, disinterested and hostile though we sometimes are. But He comes, making us pure and love-filled so that when our blooming comes, after the winter has past, our season of singing resounds with love-filled praise to the One who calls us His own.

I pray that this spring would bring you many new encounters with the wonder of the Lover of your soul.

Revd Rosy Ashley

From the Organ Bench

Who's heard of Philipp Nicolai?

Not many, I suspect. But more will recognise *Sleepers, wake* and *Three kings from Persian lands afar*. If so, they might ascribe the first of these to Johann Sebastian Bach and credit any one of Bach, Michael Praetorius and Peter Cornelius with the second.

Poor old Nicolai (1556-1608). Fame has eluded him, although in fairness he probably didn't seek it. He was a German Lutheran pastor and theologian who added these two hymns (both words and music) as an appendix to a devotional book *Reflections on Eternal Life*. Presumably

he harmonised the tunes; but Bach (1685-1750) either did it better or was more accomplished at selling his version. If it's any comfort, Nicolai's contemporary Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) suffered the same fate with the chorale *O sacred head, sore wounded*, sung at Passiontide and appearing several times in Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*.

Sleepers, wake (*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*) is inspired by the story of the wedding in St. Matthew ch. 25 where only half of the bridesmaids had filled their lamps with oil. The call from Jesus for us to be on our guard means that it has slipped easily into being sung as an Advent hymn. But the harmony in most hymn-books is by Bach.

Nicolai's other chorale, *How brightly beams the morning star* (*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*) also appeared in a work by Bach, and the arrangement of it by Michael Praetorius (1571-1521) is equally well-known. But nowadays it is best-known as the four-part chorale underpinning original words and music by Cornelius (1824-74), *Three kings from Persian lands afar*. The words were originally in German but translated by Herbert Bate, who was Dean of York in the 1930s.

Interestingly (well, I think it's interesting) Cornelius seems to have thought that the 'morning star' was the star that led the three kings (or wise men) to Bethlehem after the birth of Jesus. But it's likely that Nicolai's star was an allegory for the coming of Jesus – the original chorale thus being another hymn for Advent.

Cornelius's original work had the chorale played on the organ or perhaps harpsichord, but the most commonly found arrangement today is for a soloist (singing the Cornelius melody) with the chorale sung in four parts accompanying the tune. This is the work of Sir Ivor Atkins (1869-1953) who was organist of Worcester Cathedral for a splendid 53 years.

The merging of the two tunes together is a work of genius by Peter Cornelius; if you don't have a recording, do listen to it online. He wrote a Mass, a Requiem and three operas but joins the ranks of one-hit wonders by being remembered only for *Three Kings*.

But what a hit.

David Duvall

CHURCH SERVICES

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2020

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
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 23 rd Feb	11:00	Baptism	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 1 st Mar	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 8 th Mar	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 15 th Mar	09:30	Morning Praise	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 22 nd Mar	10:00	Mothering Sunday Celebration	Bayford Village Hall
Sun 29 th Mar	09:30	Morning Praise and Cucklington APCM	St Lawrence's, Cucklington

Events February & March 2020

Sun 2 nd Feb	10:00	Café Church	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
Thu 6 th Feb	10:00-12:00	Bayford Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
Fri 7 th Feb	19:30 on-wards	Pop up Pub	Cucklington Village Hall
Fri 7 th Feb	19:00-21:00	Winter Talk The Gardens and Grounds of the Newt in Somerset: Past, Present and Future, Arthur Cole	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
Fri 14 th Feb	19:00	Scrabble evening	Cucklington Village Hall
Fri 21 st Feb	10:30-12:00	Charlton Musgrove Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
Fri 21 st Feb	19:00-21:00	Winter Talk Corpse or no corpse? A practical guide, Mike Parroy QC	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
Wed 26 th Feb	12:30	Bayford Village Lunch	Bayford Village Hall
Fri 28 th Feb	19:00-21:00	Winter Talk A Ramble Through Cricket and a Canter Through the Church, Mike Vockins	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
Sat 29 th Feb	10:00	Cucklington Coffee Morning	Cucklington Village Hall
Thu 5 th Mar	10:00-12:00	Bayford Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
Sat 14 th Mar	TBC	Illustrated Talk Peking to Paris in a Pink Rolls-Royce, Sir John Stuttard	Cucklington Village Hall
Sat 21 st Mar	10:30-12:30	The Brain Tumour Charity Coffee Morning	Paradise Cottage, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove
Sat 21 st Mar	10:00	Jumble Sale	Bayford Village Hall



CHARLTON MUSGROVE

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100 Club winners January Draw

No 73 - Janet and Tony Cole £15

No 97 - Pauline Cook £15



COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be on Friday 21st February 2020 in the Village Hall. Do come and join us for a cup of real Coffee and Homemade Cake and a chance to catch up on everyone's post Christmas news. Everyone welcome, we look forward to seeing you.



A Date for your Diary...

The England Family are planning to hold their Annual Coffee morning on Saturday 21st March 10.30-12.30 at Paradise Cottage, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity. You have all been the most amazing support over the years and we hope you will be able to come along and join in the fun.

We look forward to seeing you.

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.

Brian and Stella Wheeler - 07530 297964



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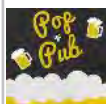
SCRABBLE

The next scrabble evening will be on Friday 14th February 2020 in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, from 7pm as usual. If there is anyone interested in finding out about joining the scrabble group, please ring Gaye on 01747 840450.



CUCKLINGTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm – 10:00pm.
We now have vacancies for new members.
If you are interested, please tel: 01963 32069



POP UP PUB – FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY, 19:30 ONWARDS

Please do come along on Fri 7th
Feb for a drink and a catch up.

Everyone from the area is welcome. March date TBC.

COFFEE MORNING

From 10 am on Saturday 29th February - not to be missed!

VILLAGE HALL CLEANING

SAT 1ST FEB AT 09:30

Hall cleaning takes place on the first Saturday morning of the month at two-monthly intervals, all equipment supplied.



Future 2020 dates: 4 April, 6 June, 1 August, 3 October, 5 December

If you 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

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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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A very Happy New Year to everyone in the parish! Many thanks to Jo for all her hard work as editor of Village News.



We are sorry to hear that Ann Parbery and Beryl Griffin have recently been in hospital, but hope they are now feeling much better and send them both our very best wishes.



WHIST DRIVE

We are planning to hold a Whist Drive in the Village Hall some time before the end of April. More details in the next Village News.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAYS IN THE VILLAGE

HALL We have recently put up new photographic displays in the Village Hall. This time they are on Bradford on Avon, the village of Ashmore, and a trip that takes in Corfe Castle, Worth Matravers and Chapman's Pool cliff walk. The aim of these displays is always to suggest possible places of interest within easy

driving distance of Bayford. Rosalyn Hilborne and Sid Garton

BAYFORD COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee Mornings at Bayford Village Hall



will resume on Thursday 6th February and Thursday 5th March from 10 am – 12 noon. No Bring

& Buy this year. Coffee and biscuits will now be £1.50 and everyone is very welcome to come along.

BAYFORD VILLAGE LUNCH

The 27th Bayford Village Lunch will be on Wednesday 26th February at 12.30 pm.

Many thanks to Dorothy Goldsack, who, with Marilyn Miland, will be hosting this lunch. Please let



Dorothy (01963 32176) know a few days beforehand if you are coming.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Annual Parish Meeting for Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish will be held on Thurs 14th May 2020 at 7.00 pm at Bayford Village Hall. This is your opportunity to contribute to the Parish proceedings and suggest how services/life can be enhanced for all residents. Please come and contribute.

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



Sunday February 2nd

Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall

10.00am

This month, our theme is

Love is in the Air

It's all you need!

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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!

Mothering Sunday



Celebration

with Breakfast

Activities for children

Quiz 'How well do you know your mother?'

Flowers and more!

Bayford Village Hall

March 22nd

9.30-10.45am

Free - All Welcome!



Letter from the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells For Parish Newsletters – February 2020

Pick up your Bible with a new joy

Martin Niemöller was a Lutheran Pastor, best known for his opposition to the Nazi party during the 1930's. As a consequence he was imprisoned between 1938 and 1945, first in the Sachsenhausen and secondly in the Dachau concentration camps. He was fortunate to survive these experiences and, on his release, became a pacifist and a committed campaigner for nuclear disarmament.

A former U Boat Commander, in his book, 'From U Boat to Pulpit', he wrote about what the Bible meant to him during his imprisonment which included years of solitary confinement. He wrote: 'The word of God was simply everything to me, comfort and strength, guidance and hope, master of my days and companion of my nights. The bread that kept me from starvation and the water of life which refreshed my soul. And even more, solitary confinement ceased to be solitary.' These extraordinary words remind me of the hymn 'Lord thy word abideth.'

The Bible is still the most published and the most read book in the world. What makes it unique however, is that the books of the Bible were inspired by the Spirit of God and is the place where Christ is found and proclaimed and where God speaks. And St Paul, writing about the scriptures (The Old Testament) said, 'For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.' (Romans 15:4)

As we come to Lent might I suggest that we pick up our Bibles with a new joy, with fresh eyes and with a renewed determination to spend time each day reading the Bible. If we do we will find, as Niemöller and countless other people before us have done, that the Bible is indeed the Word of Life, the pathway to Jesus and the doorway to salvation. If we are looking for comfort and strength, guidance and hope we can find all those things within its pages.

The Right Revd Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath and Wells

Advance Notice

Pancake Party

Shrove Tuesday

February 25th

Kitchen at Kimbers

Details to follow in next month's Village News



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At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's
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For more information, please email rosyashley@hotmail.com



Spring Cleaning? Looking for Bargains?

GRAND JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 21st March at 10:00

BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL

Entry: 50p per person, children free.

Donations on Friday 20th March 13:30 – 17:30
and from 08:30am on Saturday please.

Proceeds towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

Sorry, but we cannot take electrical items.

WANTED

Do you have any attractive and interesting old photographs (pre 1950) of Stoke Trister, Bayford or Cucklington villages and rural life that we could copy and display in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall?

If so, please get in touch with Christina McKechnie at Hale House, Cucklington, t: 01963 32788 or e: xinamckechnie@gmail.com

Stoke Trister With Bayford PCC need to appoint a new Independent Examiner for the annual accounts. Accounting qualifications are not required, independence from the PCC is key and some practical experience of accounts would be helpful. More information is available at:

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/accounting-and-reporting/independent-examination/>

If you are interested in assisting, it is not an onerous role, please contact Geoff Syme on 07949 239864 for further info.

**South Somerset Community Accessible Transport
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Appealing to any business or individual who may be able to offer some financial support either a one-off donation or on-going sponsorship to get in touch on the number below, alternatively we now have a donate button on our website address below.

We are a registered charity delivering a local minibus service that fills a void in transport to Wincanton and the surrounding villages. We help people of all ages who are unable to access service transport, some because they live in isolated rural areas so it doesn't run through their village or others because they have disabilities which make it impossible for them to use. We offer these people a life-line, enabling them to continue to live independently for longer whilst also helping them to overcome the loneliness and isolation of being stuck indoors with no means of escape. It's difficult for us to imagine how that must feel while we have our cars on the drive ready for any event, or the ability to walk or run to the service buses should the need arise.

It is easy to overlook the need for this service when we ourselves or our loved ones don't need it. But one day we or our friends/relations may need it, but if we don't support it now there is a good chance it will not be here for them/us.

We are constantly applying for funding. Unfortunately, many of the big funds are based in cities, so the people making the decision of whether or not to support us don't understand the rural issues regarding transport. They are able to step out of their front doors straight onto some form of transport, so totally missing the essential need for accessible transport in rural areas. Hence, I am appealing to local businesses in the hope that being local you are able to understand the desperate need for accessible transport in and around this beautiful, but often hard to reach area.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this article. I hope that you may feel able to offer some form of support.

Jayne McDougall
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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

2020 Winter Talks



Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall

Following the continued success of the last few years, we are running a series of talks in early 2020. We have some amazing speakers lined up!

Book online using our booking system <https://charltonmusgrove.eventbrite.co.uk> or alternatively, scan the QR code to go straight to our booking page.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.



Arthur Cole - The Gardens and Grounds of the Newt in Somerset: Past, Present and Future **Friday 7th February 2020 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

We are delighted to welcome Arthur Cole, Head of Programmes for the Visitor Attraction at the Newt. Arthur will talk about The Newt in Somerset's gardens offering an insight into the design and features. The presentation will explore the history of the estate and gardens and their setting, as well as the scope and scale of the horticultural endeavour.

Light refreshments will be available from 7.00pm with Arthur starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets £8.50



Mike Parroy QC - Corpse or no corpse? A practical guide **Friday 21st February 2020 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

Mike Parroy is our very own resident retired QC who has appeared in over 50 murder cases during his career at the Bar.

He is going to talk about murder, bodies, forensic science and how to do it if you get really desperate!

Light refreshments will be available from 7.00pm with Mike starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets £8.50



Mike Vockins - A Ramble Through Cricket and a Canter Through the Church **Friday 28th February 2020 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

Mike Vockins was a long-serving and much-respected Secretary/Chief Executive of Worcestershire County Cricket Club, working alongside cricketing "greats" like Basil D'Oliveira, Norman Gifford, Glenn Turner, Graeme Hick, Graham Dille, Glenn McGrath and Ian Botham.

He managed many international tours. Mike also served on numerous Test and County Cricket Board/England and Wales Cricket Board committees. He was awarded an OBE for services to cricket in 1996.

Mike was also an Hon. Curate of three rural Herefordshire parishes, Rural Dean of Ledbury, and Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral, following his ordination as a self-supporting minister in 1988.

Light refreshments will be available from 7.00pm with Mike starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets £8.50