VILLAGE NEWS

For the parishes of Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford December 2020

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Welcome to December's newsletter. If you have any local event details, photos or feedback, please email them to me at jo@jltraining.co.uk.

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Even though, at times, we may think we are alone. we are not. We are never alone in this world. Christmas testifies of it every vear. We are reminded again that angels are all around us, helping to fulfil God's jov-filled purposes for us. We are reminded that God has not abandoned the people of the earth to our own devices but has come as 'Emmanuel', God with us. We are reminded through gold, frankincense and myrrh that richly abundant, new spiritual life is available to each of us as the consequence of Jesus' suffering.

In the dark times of our lives, it is easy to forget this. But behind the dark clouds, the sun is still shining. That is the promise to us from our Creator. We have not been sent to this world without purpose or without tools to aid us. The real message of Christmas testifies that the God who comes to us as the simple baby Jesus is later resurrected as the life-giving Jesus Christ, imparting His immense Spirit light to any that want new Spirit life.

We were sent to this world with the love of the Creator. Even though we may not always see the presence of the Light in our lives, it is steadfast and always there. Whatever we face, the promise of the angel to the shepherds stands firm throughout time. The Christ has been given to all people of the world, bringing Light and Life to all that choose to see. "Don't be afraid!" the angel said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people". You are not alone or separate from God. Turn your gaze on Him this Christmas and you'll see His Light within you.

May this Christmas be full of joy and wonder for you and your loved ones.

Rosy

Christmas Services

SSCM = St Stephen Charlton Musgrove; SJCM = St John Charlton Musgrove; SLC = St Lawrence Cucklington; SAST = St Andrew Stoke Trister

Everything below depends on government advice about Covid. Any changes to the schedule will be notified by email and village Facebook pages

December 2020					
6th	10.00	Cafe Church	SSCM		
	18.00	Evensong	SLC		
13th	9.30	Holy Communion	SSCM		
	19.15	Contemporary Evening Worship	SAST		
20th	9.30	Morning Worship	SJCM		
	18.30	Carol Service	SLC		
22nd	19.00	Carol Service	SSCM		
23rd	19.00	Carol Service	SAST		
24th	15.45	Christmas Eve Live Nativity 'A Donkey's Christmas Tail'	Starts at SSCM		
25th	11.00	Christmas Day Holy Communion	SLC		
	11.00	Christmas Day Family Service	SSCM		
27th	9.30	Holy Communion	SAST		
All Christmas Services will be followed by seasonal refreshments					
January 2021					
3rd -	10.00	New Year Cafe Church	SSCM		
	18.00	Evensong	SLC		
10th	9.30	Holy Communion	CMSS		
	19.15	Contemporary Evening Worship	SAST		
17th	9.30	Morning Worship	SJCM		
	18.30	Evensong	SAST		
24th	9.30	Holy Communion	SLC		
	19.15	Contemporary Evening Worship	SAST		
31st	10.00	New Year Village Prayer Walk	meet at SJCM		

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From the Church of England Diocese of Bath and Wells C December 2020

Finding comfort and joy this Christmas

ne of our oldest (16th century) English carols tells us that the story of Jesus' birth as a baby into our world, is good news, bringing "tidings of comfort and joy". And don't we just need comfort and joy at this moment!

We know that Christmas will not be the same this year. The usual gatherings of family and friends will not have the same shape and carol services and Midnight Mass may not be possible either but that doesn't mean Christmas is cancelled!

This year more than ever we need to carol the words, 'comfort and joy' - to find new ways of telling the Christmas story. The Church of England and our diocesan team have shared lots of ideas of how we can bring Christmas to our communities. I'm going to be a tax collector and a donkey in some of our video retellings of the story!

Perhaps more important, is how we



can be messengers of comfort and iov. Who do you know who might need some comfort this Christmas? As for joy ...? Perhaps we all need to rediscover the joy of the Christmas story. What could be more wonderful than knowing that God loves us so much that even though it was costly, He chose to come and join us in a world, dark with fear and suffering, and bring the light of His presence!

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CUCKLINGTON St Lawrence's Church www.cucklington.org.uk Church Warden - Pip Loxton T: 01747 840947

ARMISTICE

A short commemoration of the Armistice was held at St Lawrence's church in Cucklington on the 8th November. Brigadier Martin Speller read out the names of the men from the Benefice who had died in the wars, and laid a wreath on the war memorial.

Arthur Morison Memorial Hall.

The Hall remains closed until further notice.

Plant Sale May 2021

Please get cutting/digging and potting any spare bits from your favourite plants ready for next Spring.

Pip

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Talks in Cucklington Village Hall, early 2021

These are just some of the talks planned for your enjoyment at Cucklington Village Hall as we emerge from Covid in the New Year:

- Mysterious snow leopards
- The travels of a pink Rolls Royce
- Around-the-world clipper racing

They are organised and hosted by St Lawrence Church as part of fund-raising initiative to raise £5,000 to make up for vital lost income during the pandemic. Do come along and ensure that our ancient church remains an active part of village life.

Village Contacts:

Chair of Village Meeting: Richard Glover: cucklingtonchairman@gmail.com NHW co-ordinator: Di Hammet, (Dmhammet99@aol.com). Non urgent calls to police – 101, or else call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 www.crimestoppers-uk.org To check on the status of **Planning Applications** online go to: http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/ planningsearch

To report Fly Tipping online go to: http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online

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Telephone nos. for reporting to the council (office hours) are: General, inc. fly tipping: 01935 462462. The contact number for Somerset Highways is now: 0300 123 2224 (Monday-Friday am to p.m., Saturday am to p.m. and Sunday closed (Call 101 if urgent).

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)



CHARLTON MUSGROVE www.charltonmusgrove.org E: cmvillagehall@gmail.com



Christmas wishes to our Coffee Morning Supporters

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

It is such a long time since we were able to get together for our Monthly

Coffee Morning. We have missed seeing you and catching up on how things are and have been with you all through these difficult times.

Sadly, no Mulled Wine and Mince Pies for us to share this year, but we will be back! Happy Birthday Pene, sorry we won't be able to toast you in person!

We send you our very best wishes for the Christmas season and very much look forward to seeing you all when restrictions can be eased. Meanwhile, stay safe and well.

From Dibby, Joan and all the Coffee Morning Team.

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REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 8th November 2020

We had a small act of remembrance on behalf of the benefice this morning at St Lawrence's Church. Martin and I read the names of those who died in both wars, observed 2 minutes of silence and then laid the wreath. We also placed small crosses on the graves of the two soldiers buried in our churchyard.



The 'Udder' Point of View from Church Farm Dairy, Cucklington

Brian Trueman



October - We have been asked to let you know what is happening on the farm. I am known as 128 here on my passport, yes we can be traced by our passport, officially I am UK 344843-402128. You may have seen me during the summer months with the rest of my friends as we were grazing the fields behind the Church and above the

wood. To begin with we were not very good at social distancing, but soon we learnt that anyone walking through the fields with their dogs or trying to climb Everest were not worth getting to close to!

We spent most of the summer in one or other of the fields but as we were all in calf we were moved nearer the farm later on, some of our mothers then spent time in the fields during their dry period before calving.

Once we have calved, we are then useful. After spending several days with our calves, we are then milked in the milking parlour and our milk is sold to Wyke Farms to produce Cheddar cheese and we join the rest of the herd. Our calves, if they are a dairy breed, are reared on a computerized milk feeding machine, I loved it when I was young as you had access to milk 24/7. The beef breeds of calf are sold on to another Farmer who rears them on for beef.

We are now getting to the time of year when the grass stops growing so we will have to be housed, it's a bit like a large social bubble as we have to stay confined until the spring. Its going to be good this year though as we were surprised when we got back to the farm to see that we will be under cover all winter, thanks to the new roof. This should mean that as all the rainwater is being collected and given to us to drink or clean the milking parlour, instead of going into the slurry store; the big red tanker should be travelling less through the village.

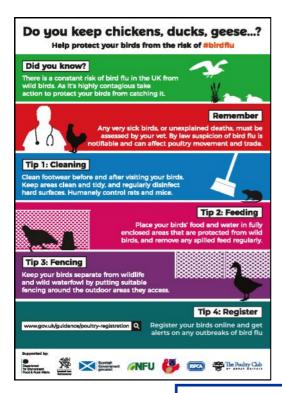
November - to start with we are in total lockdown till March/April, which happens to us each year, but we have a new roof and are staying dry all of the time. The other bonus for us is that we have tasty grass silage put in our troughs everyday so we haven't got to go walking around wet fields. We also have what are called 'cubicles' to sleep and lie in, sort of individual bedrooms. The other big event that is starting this month is people walking around with arm length plastic gloves. This is the start of the breeding season for us, we are all artificially inseminated, no bull here, so that we will start calving next August.

The fathers of our progeny are chosen for us by the Boss's son. They come from all over the world so we are known as cross bred, we prefer to be known as mixed race. The decisions

they make now will affect the herd in years to come, three at the earliest. As you can see when we are out in the fields, they make a pretty good choice, as all of us were bred and raised in the village. Will continue next month if anyone is interested. Yours milkfully,



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Polite Notice

Whilst we are all out enjoying and exercising more in the countryside please be mindful of others, socially distance, and remember the Countryside Code:

1. Keep to the foot paths.

2. Take all your litter home with you.

 Leave gates and property as you find them. (Make sure gates are properly fastened)

 Keep dogs on a lead.
 (By law your dog must be on a lead when on a Public footpath, whether or not livestock are present)

 Pick up your dog mess.
 (Dog faeces can pass infectious diseases to livestock such as Neosporosis and sarcocystis which can can be fatal)

To find out more go to:

https://charltonmusgrovepc.org.uk/countryside-code/

https://www.faifarms.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Dogs-livestock.pdf

Thank you on the behalf of Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Councils.

NEEDED!

Website Administrator

A 'Village News' website is planned to cover Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington, Stoke Trister and Bayford events and happenings!

Could you spare a few hours every month to update with community information? Training will be given.

To enquire further with no commitment, please contact <u>rosvashley@hotmail.com</u>

Newsletter Editor

Village News monthly newsletter is written, edited and delivered by volunteers in our local villages. It has also recently gone online. Due to new work commitments, the Editor needs to find a replacement.

Could you spare a few hours every month to do this? To enquire further with no commitment, please contact <u>io@iltraining.co.uk</u>

GARDEN ANGELS

(see Advent Angels on back page)



LIVE NATIVITY This Christmas Eve

'A Donkey's Christmas Tail'

Be part of the Christmas story and follow Bayleaf the donkey on his journey to Bethlehem!

Thursday 24th December, 3.45pm at St Stephen's Church, Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove

FREE FOR ALL AGES!

Get into the part and make a Christmas lantern and a costume or prop! Roman soldiers, Angels and Shepherds needed in the Live Nativity! Monday 21st December, 10am-12pm at St Stephen's Church

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When Christmas Shopping this year,

oto courtesy ©Getty Image **Dmitry Berkut**

could you buy something for those in prison, the shut in, lonely or homeless? Items needed are below:

Lord's Larder Christmas Parcels, Food Banks serving Yeovil, Frome & Bruton and Promise Works charity:

Last year. Lord's Larder gave out 300 Christmas Parcels to the lonely and shut in, helping 851 local people. Promise Works mentor disadvantaged young people in Somerset.

- Christmas Puddings
- Slabs of Christmas Cake -0-
- Chocolate Yule Log
- Mince Pies
- Tins/Packets of Custard Sweets
- Chocolate Biscuits
- Jars of Coffee
- Jars of Conee
 Drinking Chocolate
 Tins of Ham, Salmon, Ravioli, Chili, Tuna, Hot Dogs, Carrots & Sweetcorn
- Tins of Fruit
- Sugar Free Soft Drinks
- Trifle Mixes

- Meringue Nests Peanuts / Nuts
- Cheese Biscuits
- Cake & Cake Slices
- Bars of Chocolate
- Chocolate Coins
- Christmas Cards
- Shampoo, Shower Gel,

- Nintendo Games (good) quality 2nd hand fine) duality ∠n ☆ Minecraft
- Baby Clothes (4 mos +)
- Cat/Sea Life Theme Toys * Toy Cars
- · Scooter
- Hair Bobbles
- Craft & Things to Make
- Slipper Socks
- There are no women's prisons in Somerset or Dorset so Eastwood Park covers our area.
- Toiletries
- Baby clothes and toys

Prizes for Christmas Quiz Art equipment

Please don't wrap these gifts as all these items will be donated in clear plastic All food items need a 'best before' date beyond Christmas

PLEASE LEAVE ALL FOOD IN THE SOMERSET FOOD COLLECTION BOXES AT:

Charlton Musgrove churches: St Stephen's Rectory Lane and St John's Barrow Lane OR Revd Rosy Ashley's doorstep at Chestnuts, Rowls Lane, Cucklington, BA9 9PY

Somerset Collection would like to thank all those who have contributed so

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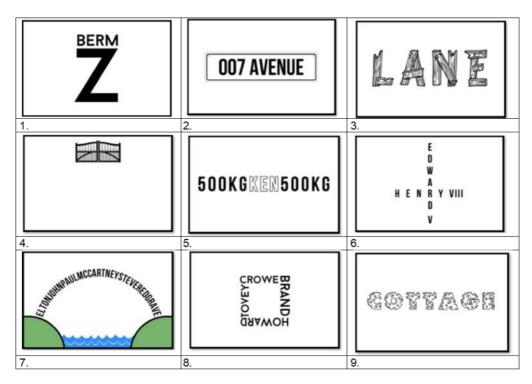
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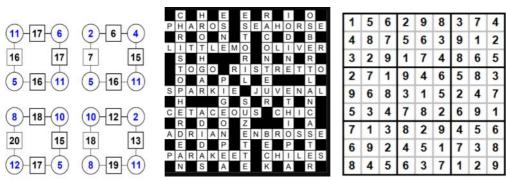
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- HMP Eastwood Park, Gloucester:
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Answers in next month's newsletter



Last month's puzzle answers

Our NHS "angels" have been so amazing this year so to celebrate them and look forward to Christmas, join the



initiative There are two ways to take part:

☆ Be an Advent Angel ☆

to someone in the local community

Make someone's day special in a fun and creative way ... a message, a bunch of flowers, a drawing or card, something homemade, a prayer or phone call Look out for the elderly, alone, sick or shut in and be an angel!

☆ Display an Advent Angel ☆

in the 12 day run up to Christmas

Light up the darkness with an angel displayed in your window, brighten your garden with festive angel lights or hang angels in your trees or bushes.

Christmas angels bring "good news of great joy to everyone!" so join the Angels in spreading hope and joy this Christmas!