

A kingfisher bird with vibrant blue and orange plumage is perched on a light brown branch. The bird is facing right, with its long, dark beak pointed forward. The background is a soft-focus green and yellow, with several clusters of small, round, reddish-brown berries hanging from thin branches. The text "VILLAGE NEWS" is overlaid in large, bold, black capital letters in the upper center of the image.

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Welcome to June's newsletter. If you have any local event details, local or pet photos, quizzes, feedback or anything else you would like to feature, please email them to rosyashley@hotmail.com.

Copy date for the July issue is Friday June 18th.

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Caring for God's Creation

The difficulties of the past year have underlined in so many ways the critical importance of our natural environment to so many aspects of life. Certainly, living in such a

beautiful part of the world made lockdown so much more bearable.



World Environment Day on June 5th is one of many opportunities environmentalists take to focus attention on the dangers we face from pollution, climate change, species extinction and other environmental problems. For Christians, the issue goes even deeper: We know that God created

the world, and it belongs to Him, not us. While God has given us dominion over the earth, this is not to exploit or neglect it but to exercise care and responsibility, particularly in the interest of those who are poor and marginalised. After all, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

It's great that the G7 summit is happening this month in Cornwall with its commitment to halting and reversing the loss of biodiversity by 2030. Let's pray that the G7 shows great leadership in tackling climate change and making sure those who are worst affected are better protected.

So what can we do locally? We will be thinking about this at the next Cafe Church on June 6th, at Forest Church on June 20th and Climate Change Sunday around harvest time. It's also worth us considering whether our churchyards could have small areas unmown and planted with native wildflowers. Churchyards are havens for some of our least recorded species – lichen and mosses. A huge variety can grow on gravestones and the sheltered conditions are perfect places for vertical lichen gardens. Seeing gravestones covered in small plants is good – they don't damage the stones and provide a haven for many microscopic insects. The modest costs of leaving wild areas are greatly outweighed by the substantial benefits to our declining flora and fauna.

We can also get into the habit of thanking God for our amazing world because gratitude acknowledges value and ask him to release wisdom to scientists, inventors, governments and ordinary people about how best to steward the planet. After all, he made it so knows how best to care for it!

So roll on some sunshine so we can all play our part in loving creation, enjoying all its blessings and leaving a great legacy for future generations!

Rosy

SUNDAY SERVICES

June and July 2021

| | | | |
|----------|-------|--|---------------------------|
| 30th May | 10.00 | Pet Service | SJCM |
| 6th Jun | 10.00 | Cafe Church Listen, learn, love nature! | SSCM |
| | 18.00 | Evensong | SLC |
| 13th Jun | 9.30 | Holy Communion | SSCM |
| | 19.15 | Contemporary Evening Worship | SAST |
| 20th Jun | 10.00 | Forest Church | Hunters Lodge Car Park |
| | 18.30 | Evensong | SAST |
| 27th Jun | 9.30 | Holy Communion | SLC |
| | TBD | Contemporary Evening Worship | TBD |
| 4th Jul | 10.00 | Cafe Church | SSCM |
| | 18.00 | Evensong | SLC |
| 11th Jul | 9.30 | Holy Communion | SSCM |
| | TBD | Contemporary Evening Worship | TBD |
| 18th Jul | 9.30 | Holy Communion (possibly outdoors) | SJCM |
| | 18.30 | Evensong | SAST |
| 25th Jul | 9.30 | Holy Communion | SLC |
| | TBD | Contemporary Evening Worship | TBD |



**SUNDAY MAY 30TH AT ST JOHN'S, BARROW LANE
AT 10AM ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL**

Cafe Church June 6th

**St Stephen, Charlton
Musgrove**

*Celebrating World
Environment Day*



Join us for good coffee,
bacon rolls (veggie
alternative) & croissants in a
relaxed, informal
atmosphere with plenty of
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opportunity
for questions.

Activities for children

All welcome!



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End of Lockdown Party!

on

Friday 25th June
6pm

Entry fee £5 (children free)

with simple picnic style food allowing us to be outside, weather permitting with cash bar. So, please get the date in your diary!

It would be hugely helpful to have an idea of numbers, so please let me know if you can attend (I hope so!): briantrueman100@gmail.com

ARTHUR MORISON MEMORIAL HALL,
CUCKLINGTON

Celebration of the Life of **David Duvall**

August 14th at 2pm

St John the Baptist, Buckhorn Weston, Gillingham
SP8 5HH

David's widow, Ann, says all who knew David are welcome. He didn't want a single sad word in the service but a celebration of his life. For those that can't attend that day, there is another service on September 4th at Sonning near Reading. Please contact rosyashley@hotmail.com for details.

FLOWER SHOW

14th August 2021

Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington

Schedules available from June

Photography Class subjects:

A Spring Day
A Portrait of a Pet

Snapshot Class subjects:

Out of Lockdown!
A Favourite View



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Letter from Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

A time to learn

'I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught,' wrote Winston Churchill. I think many of us would echo that thought!

A huge 'thank you' to our teachers and all who support our schools! There has been a tremendous effort across our diocese to ensure our children have been able to continue their education during lockdowns and the need to restrict normal practice. Not only have the children been learning but teaching staff have also been going 'back to school' in order to find new means of communication. Governors, church communities and individual volunteers have gone the extra mile too, to encourage our teachers through gifts and cards and prayer. The whole school team deserves our gratitude.

Learning online is a challenge. Those of us who are spending many hours in Zoom rooms online these days can vouch for that. It's tiring! And it is not just our children who have found it so. At the end of this month we shall be celebrating the ordinations of our new priests. Last year they were ordained as deacons in September following three months as lay curates as a result of the pandemic restrictions.

What a year to be a deacon! They've had a very different learning experience than would normally be expected. Not so much opportunity of the 'hands-on' experience yet perhaps an even more profound learning possibility. I'm looking forward to hearing their stories!

We shall be repeating the new pattern of ordinations with our incoming deacons being licensed as lay curates initially this June. For them, colleges and courses have taken place principally online and they've had experience of digital worship on top of regular lectures and seminars. How might that prepare them for our 'new normal' of blended worship, with live-streaming of services in person?

As the Church emerges into this 'new normal' we have the opportunity together to learn and discover new things, new gifts, new ways of being the people of God. It is the same good God, the same story of His love to share with others, but there's a new landscape. How might you and your community respond to that? What have you learnt in this time? And how might that learning change you and the way you do things? Do share your stories with us!

"One learns from books and example only that certain things can be done. Actual learning requires that you do those things." (Frank Herbert)

Every blessing

Bishop Ruth

The Udder Point Of View

From Church Farm Dairy

Hello its WA 18 EHF here again this month. What a difference a month makes, last month I said we needed some H2O to wash in the fertilizer and make the grass grow, well we have certainly had it and the grass has grown. There is an old saying Make Hay while the Sun shines, today's saying is make silage when you get a few dry days following each other.

This is the time of year that we harvest the grass and make it into silage for the girls to eat in the winter months. It's a great time for us tractors because we get a really good work out after the quiet winter months.

There are three different approaches to silage making on the farms in this area, there are the farms that have contractors in to do the whole job, these are usually the ones with the biggest shiniest tractors and equipment, then there are farms that pool their resources and work together, these normally have less shiny tractors and equipment and then there are other farms that do all the work themselves with their own tractors and equipment, some of which will be new and some older.

We are one of the farms that pool our resources with other farms in the area, its great fun as we all meet up after the dull winter period, there's Class the big green forage harvester that gobbles up the rows of grass in front of him, then there's John Deere, Valtra and sometimes Massey Ferguson or even another New Holland. We cut the grass with wide mowers, to be raked up into large rows for Class to gobble and spit out into the trailers that we are pulling alongside in the field. We then flex our muscles and pull the full trailers to the farm where the silage clamp is, we then disgorge the grass onto the floor of the clamp and then another friend with a big buck rake on the front of him, pushes the grass into a big heap between the walls of the clamp.

You may wonder how this turns into something that cows will eat in the winter, as when you put lawn mowings into a heap they just rot down into a slimy mess. The reason is because the walls of the clamp are lined with plastic sheet and the tractor that is pushing the grass in keeps rolling the grass to force the air out, when all the grass is in the clamp, a layer of cling film and then a layer of black plastic sheet is put on the top of the clamp which is weighted down to keep the air out. This with the help of an additive applied by Class, the gobbler, anaerobic fermentation takes place, this stabilises the grass and preserves it to feed in the winter.

I expect by the time you read this we will hopefully have been able to cut, hauled and clamped the grass for next winter. You might also have seen Class, Valtra, John Deere, New Holland and Massey Fergusson go past your doors.

Yours

WA 18 EHF



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on

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along and meet friends again. No
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**We look forward to seeing
everyone once more.**

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Everyone welcome, drop in for a cuppa!

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Dear Benefice Friends and Neighbours,

A huge **Thank You** to all the dear people who sent along donations for our appeal in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity. I have recently sent off Cheques to the Charity totalling £550.00. Your generosity never ceases to amaze me.

We truly hope to welcome you all to join us next year for our Annual Coffee Morning.

Meanwhile, take care and stay safe and well.

With our Best wishes,

Joan England, On behalf of the England Family



Charlton Musgrove Village Coffee Morning

Friday 24th June

10.30-12.00 noon

Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall

Hello everyone! Do come along and join us for real Coffee and Homemade Cake. Everyone is welcome!

We so look forward to seeing all our friends and neighbours.

There is a lot of catching up to do after all this time. If you are new to the Village, come and join us, we'd love to meet you.

Until then, our best wishes to you all.

From the Coffee Morning Team.

You are invited to

Cream Tea

**with Bring & Buy Table
and Draw**

**At Paul & Ruth Kimbers home,
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**Sunday Afternoon
20th June 3pm**

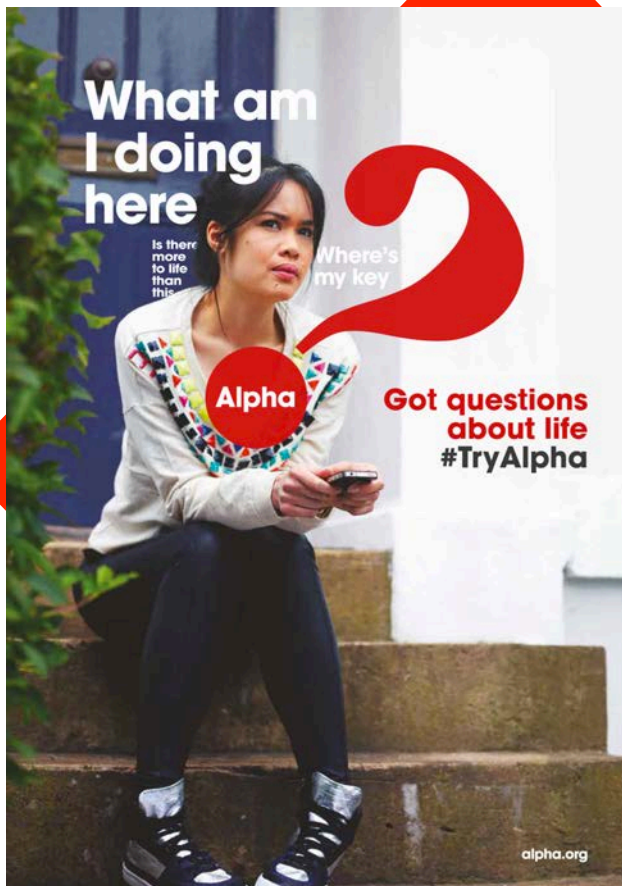
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