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UNENDING LIFE

All around, we hear and see an awakening from winter hibernation as snowdrops and daffodils emerge and bird song fills the air. New life and possibilities abound as life replaces death and new creation overturns decay.

And what creation illustrates is true also for us as, through Jesus' resurrection, God turns all our human crucifixions into resurrection. The early church believed that the real message of the raising of Jesus was a corporate message of universal restoration, with all humanity resurrected and restored (Acts 3:21). God's love was so perfect and victorious that it would finally triumph in every single person's life, even in the dying process or after death as the revelation of divine, infinite love was irresistible to all souls.

We might not accept this as we want individual people to "get their due" but this was not the message of the early church. We might also find it difficult to recognise the presence of God in our lives and our world as tragedy fills the headlines and we forget the majesty that is present all around us.

But however we might feel, we are not helpless but ultimately invincible as, in God's love, the principle of resurrection works in us. This declares that all things will be transfigured - nothing, no one and no situation is beyond God's reach.

And so we join Him in extending His kingdom of peace and wholeness, justice, goodness, compassion, laughter, joy and reconciliation. There is no oppression that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned to love and no dream that cannot be fulfilled!

Rosy

Please note that Rosy is no longer contactable on a landline. Her contact details are in the directory but her mobile and email remain the same.

As it is Easter in April (don't forget the eggs!) I would like some art work for the front cover. Towards the back of this issue is a template of an egg which can simply be coloured in or feel free to design your own. There is a small prize for the best and obviously you would have the boasting right of having your design as

the front cover of our Village News (no age limit!)

It's not long until King Charles Ill's coronation and plans are being made all over to celebrate. Keep your eyes open for details.

Deadline as always 18th April - Tristerncottage Thotmail.com

BENEFICE SERVICES AND EVENTS

Churches: SSCM: St Stephen, Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SJCM: St John, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove **SLC**: St Lawrence, Long Hill, Cucklington

SAST: St Andrew, Stoke Trister

RA House: Chestnuts, Rowls Lane, Cucklington BA9 9PY

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Sun 5th	18.30	Evensong	SLC
Wed 8th	18.30	'Unshakeable Hope' Lent Course	Higher Stavordale Farm
Cup 10th	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
Sun 12th	16.00	Sunday Afternoon Church	RA house
Wed 15th	18.30	'Unshakeable Hope' Lent Course	Higher Stavordale Farm
Sun 19th	16.00	Mothering Sunday Tea & Thanksgiving with posies, cakes & chocolates	SJCM
Wed 22nd	18.30	'Unshakeable Hope' Lent Course	Higher Stavordale Farm
Sun 26th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
Sun Zoui	16.00	Sunday Afternoon Church	RA house
Tue 28th	18.30	'Unshakeable Hope' Lent Course	Higher Stavordale Farm
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Sun 2nd	10.00	Palm Sunday Walk followed by soup and bread	SLC
Thurs 6th	18.30	Maundy Thursday Service and Meal	Bayford VH
Fri 7th	15.00	Good Friday Meditation	SJCM
	06.15	Sunrise Service	SAST
Sun 9th	9.00	Easter Day Holy Communion	SLC
	10.15	Easter Day Family Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt	SSCM
Com 40th	15.00	Muddy Church	SSCM
Sun 16th	18.30	Evening Prayer	SAST
Sun 23rd	9.00	Holy Communion Cucklington with Stoke Trister and Bayford APCM	SLC
	16.00	Sunday Afternoon Church	RA House

When we hoe a field'

'When we hoe a field, we all start in this corner and we go this way' is my favourite Zambian proverb. I've been sharing its words with people from our parishes, schools and chaplaincies as a way of inviting us all to think about how our diocesan vision can be refreshed and developed to help us look towards the future with confidence and joy.

Our vision calls us to 'live and tell the story of Jesus'. It speaks of faith in action. It makes clear that all we do is in the name of Jesus. And it's full of aspiration; living out its words is a life-long task.

But what might our vision mean in terms of what we'd like to focus on specifically? This is where my Zambian proverb comes in. For my sense is that in our common life we would be strengthened if we had a greater focus of what we're all working towards together.

To help us think about this, I'm suggesting four themes that I hope we can all get behind. The aim is not to generate a new initiative, rather it's to identify priorities for our common life upon which we can all focus. Our diverse communities of course mean that anything we do needs to fit local contexts. But I hope the four themes can provide a common framework that will help us all.

Under our overall vision of 'living and telling the story of Jesus', the themes are: (1) Valuing and cherishing the people we already have, (2) Offering worship and sharing our faith together in new and different ways, (3) Developing our own faith and the faith of others. (4) Sharing in ministry and leadership.

I'm inviting everyone to have their say about how these could be developed, adapted or altered. Please do speak with each other and your local church, school and chaplaincy leaders about how this can happen where you are. More information to enable feedback is available at bathandwells.org.uk/vision.

Please be part of the conversation! Your insights, thoughts and experience are invaluable in helping us think together what it means to 'live and tell the story of Jesus'.



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If not available, ring Brian Trueman (07398980487) or Di
Hammet (01747 840770)
Website: www.cucklington.org.uk



A SHORT TALK & CURRY SUPPER

Friday 17 March, 7pm Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

Simon shares our journey, cycling 320km across rural India, and the work of charity FRANK WATER, in building sustainable, community-owned clean water projects in some of the poorest communities in India & Nepal.









Tickets: £7/£10 with supper, children £3/£5, paying bar Proceeds to FRANK WATER & St Lawrence Church, Cucklington To book, contact Georgie: georgie@georgiehopkins.com / 07970 852504



Join us in the Village Hall.

Fri 3rd March from 7pm

Everyone is welcome (children' dogs and relatives!) Do come along and catch up with friends, neighbours and village news!

SCRABBLE

We are playing Scrabble on the second Friday of each month in Cucklington at AMMH starting at 7.00pm 10th March

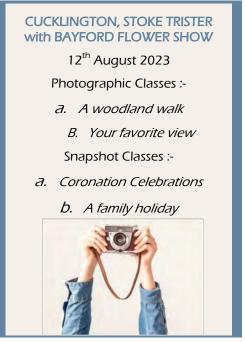
We would be delighted to welcome new members. We play a friendly game, including many levels of ability. All you need to bring is whatever you would like to drink, 'nibbles' are provided!

If you would like more information please contact Gaye on 01747 840450.



ANNUAL PLANT SALE and COFFEE MORNING The Arthur Morrison Memorial Hall 27th May 10am – 12pm Donations of plants and seedlings most welcome (in aid of church funds)







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In the event you need to use the defibrillator in an emergency and cannot leave your 'patient' to collect it, the volunteers named here will collect and deliver it to you.

If anyone else would be generous enough to join this list of volunteers, please contact the clerk on the email address above in the first instance, thank you.



We would be very grateful for any help at St Stephens on April 1st, between 9.30-11.30. We will be doing odd jobs both inside and out. From Brass cleaning to clearing around the church, nothing arduous. Even if you only have half an hour!!

Our beautiful church, needs some TLC.

In preparation for our Easter celebrations. Thank you so much.

Martyn Brown.





Friends and neighbours and all supporters of our Village Coffee Morning, for reasons of health and obligation Dibby and Joan have decided to stand down from running the monthly Village Coffee Morning..

We have been at the helm, so to speak, for 8 years and it has been a joy meeting you all each month, sharing your news and company over a cuppa and cake.

We sincerely hope someone, either as part of a rota system or with friends, would feel they would like to carry the Coffee Morning forward in the months ahead, it doesn't have to be homemade cake!

Our last Coffee Morning "in charge" will be on 17th March at the Village Hall 10.30-12noon. And will be held to raise funds for The Brain Tumour Charity. Everyone welcome from around the Benefice and beyond. We would love to see you all.

We do know the financial difficulties people are coping with at present and perfectly understand we are asking at a difficult time for everyone.

If you are unable to come along but would like to donate to this wonderful Charity, who work with sufferers and their families and also funding research

into brain tumours and possible cures for sufferers, I will forward any donations on to the charity.

Please send Cheques made payable to The Brain Tumour Charity to...

Joan England
Paradise Cottage
Barrow Lane
Charlton Musgrove
BA9 8HW.

I would like to thank you all from around the Benefice who have supported my fundraising for The Brain Tumour Charity through all these years. You have been amazing. This will be for the last time of asking!



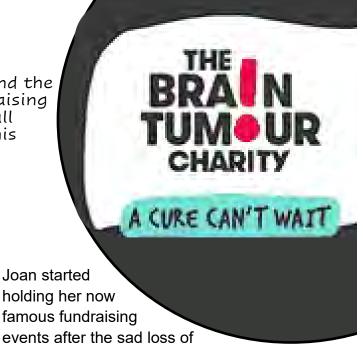
SAVE THE DATE!

The Charlton Musgrove Coronation Parties

will take place at the village hall. 2:30 – 4:30 : Tea Party & afternoon games 7:30 – late : Evening party

Band: "Mischief & The Makers" & hog-roast

Volunteers and donations welcomed
lucinda@shalford.com clareatkinson@gmail.com
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her husband.

In the 8 years that she has been collecting she has managed to raise an outstanding

£4511

A truly remarkable amount by a truly remarkable lady.

Joan, we hope you are as proud of yourself as we are of you, and thank you for all your hard work.

Let's try and push the final figure to over £5000

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CUCKLINGTON, STOKE TRISTER with BAYFORD FLOWER SHOW

12th August 2023



Photographic Classes:-

- a. A woodland walk
 - B. Your favorite view Snapshot Classes:-
- a. Coronation Celebrations
 - b. A family holiday

Quiz Night

7pm - Thurs 23rd March Bayford Village Hall

£10 per team and up to 5 in a team

Whether you fancy yourself as an Egghead or just want a fun evening, join us!

Raffle (as aways!)

Bring a bottle and a brain... all welcome.



Bayford Lunch Club

Join us on 22nd March at 12.15 to eat at 12.30.

£6 per head
Bayford Village Hall.
Please call Mary on
34420 by Sun 19th
to book your lunch.

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COFFEE MORNING

BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 2nd March 10am - 12 noon

Join us for coffee, cake and company, with friends, new and old.

Sat 18th March 10-12 noon Bayford Village Hall

Join us for BOOKS AND BREAKFAST!

As requested we are holding a second second hand book sale and serving up a good tasty breakfast bap at the same time, all in the name of fundraising!

If you have any books or jigsaws you are willing to donate please either drop them off at the village hall at the coffee morning (Thurs 2nd) or on the 18th between 8.30 and 10am.

Or you can call Mary on 34420 or me on 07950371801 or email tristerncottage@hotmail.com to arrange collection.

Whether you want something to entertain the kids, to read whilst on holiday or just something to look good on that coffee table, come and choose some new (ish) books at our Book Sale. Whilst you're with us browsing through the books, treat yourself to breakfast/brunch.

All money raised will go towards 'Movies@Bayford,'



BOOKS & break

Alice, Mary, Janet and I would like to thank everyone who has supported us with our little project! In particular a massive thanks to Tim Couzens, without whom we would never have managed.

Last September we set about fundraising the £3200 we needed for Movies@Bayford. Since then we have, with your help, worked hard and after the amazing French Night on the 18th have just £140 left to find.

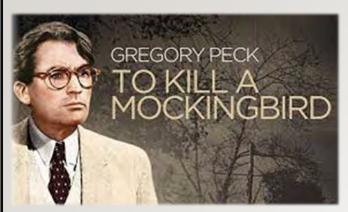
Mary in particular deserves a round of applause for providing the food last night, the evening raised a total of £441.50! Pictures next month.

Please join us for the quiz, books and breakfast and of course "To Kill A Mocking Bird."



To our beloved neighbours
Felicity and Alan, we are all thinking of you and send our love to you both.





"You never really under-stand a person until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it."

TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD

BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 7PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6.30)

Scout and her older brother Jem, live in sleepy Alabama, spending much of their time with their friend Dill and spying on their reclusive and mysterious neighbour, Boo Radley. When Atticus (Gregory Peck), their widowed father and respected lawyer, defends a black man against fabricated rape charges, the trial and tangent events expose the children to evils of racism and stereotyping.

Poppy thinks it's great "playing" with sheep.

The sheep that's now miscarrying her lambs disagrees.

Keep your dog on a lead around sheep.



Lambing continues and we are reminding dog owners of their responsibilities when in the countryside. It is every dog's instinct to chase, even if they are usually obedient and good with other animals. Consequently, all dogs should be kept under proper control by the owners/handlers whether they are in an urban or rural area.

Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to livestock, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of chasing/worrying by dogs can cause animals to die and pregnant stock to miscarry.

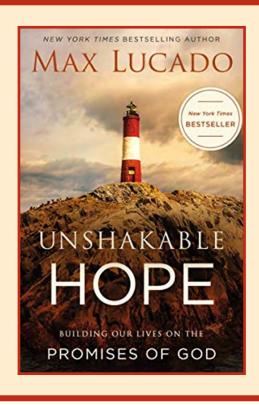
Livestock fleeing from dogs are often killed or seriously injured by their panicked attempts to escape, often causing significant collateral damage to fences and field boundaries in the process.

Dogs chasing ewes and lambs can cause them to separate with lambs dying from starvation or hypothermia if they fail to find the mothering ewe again.

If you do not control your dog properly near livestock you risk prosecution.

If you see a sheep stuck on it's back and you can't contact the farmer, try and gently roll it on to it's front and then stand back and let it sort itself out. If you have a dog with you please leave it away from the sheep so not to risk worrying the sheep. Please avoid picking lambs up, even if they look lonely, cold etc. Contact the farmer, telling them where the problem is. Moving a lamb can often result in the mum rejecting it and it having to hand reared. The shepherds check their sheep constantly and the sheep themselves are normally pretty good at sorting themselves out. Ideally stay out of fields with livestock, particularly sheep, at this time of year but above all else please keep your dogs on a lead whilst around the livestock.

Thank you from all your local farmers!



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BRIAN TRUEMAN WINS 2022 AWARD FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

This year the Chair of Somerset County Council has restored his annual Award for Service to the Community and Cucklington has nominated Brian Trueman, who I am certain needs no introduction to us all.

Brian is the best sort of friend and neighbour anybody could have. He is practical, dependable, thoughtful of others, always ready to lend a hand or a listening ear, and can be relied on for helpful, insightful, invariably diplomatic, advice. His long, diligent stewardship of Cucklington's affairs has been outstanding and he is very much appreciated by all who know him.

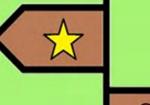
Over the 25 years he has lived here in Cucklington, Brian has become an integral part of the weft & weave of our community and is frankly the epitome of the term 'Community Service'. For more than

two decades, he has been closely involved at both grass-roots and senior level in every aspect of village life ... chief fundraiser for several major village projects; Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator; Church Warden; AMMH Trustee & Treasurer, PCC member & past treasurer and has long been Cucklington Parish Meeting Secretary ... performing every duty with great diligence and commitment.

His personal attention to our village is just as diverse. From daily litter patrols around our local lanes to keeping a watchful eye on the well-being of our elderly or ill residents, Brian can always be relied upon when need arises. His unselfish commitment to the good of our community has produced incredible results for our tiny village and his achievements are exceptional.

Congratulations, Brian, from your friends and neighbours here in Cucklington – this Community Service Award could not be more deserved!

Can you complete <a>the Easter Trail?







Follow the trail of eggs and explore the story of Easter together.

Where?

St Stephen's Churchyard, Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove

When?

Monday April 2nd to Easter Sunday April 9th

(with chocolate Easter egg hunt at 11.00am)

For more information...

Jean Brown 01963 32434 or Revd Rosy Ashley 07482 300290

UDDER FARM NEWS

You may have read that the cows listen to the radio when being milked, what follows is a report from the Western Gazette from the 1950's.

Stirring strains of "The Dam Busters" march echo through the cowstalls at milking time down on the farm.

Farmer's wife Mrs Ethel Haskett of Lower Bainly Farm (now Bainly House), says the march is the herd's favourite music and "works real wonders" in bringing big milk yields.

She said yesterday: "When we first installed a milking machine we had a lot of trouble getting the cows to give their milk down. Now we have the piano in the cowstall, and my son and I take turns to play to them."

The story of the musical cows was told at Shaftesbury Court when 52 year old farmer Mr Henry Haskett was summoned for allowing his van to be used when uninsured.

Police said the van was insured for agricultural purposes only, but was being driven by the farmer's son with a piano on board.

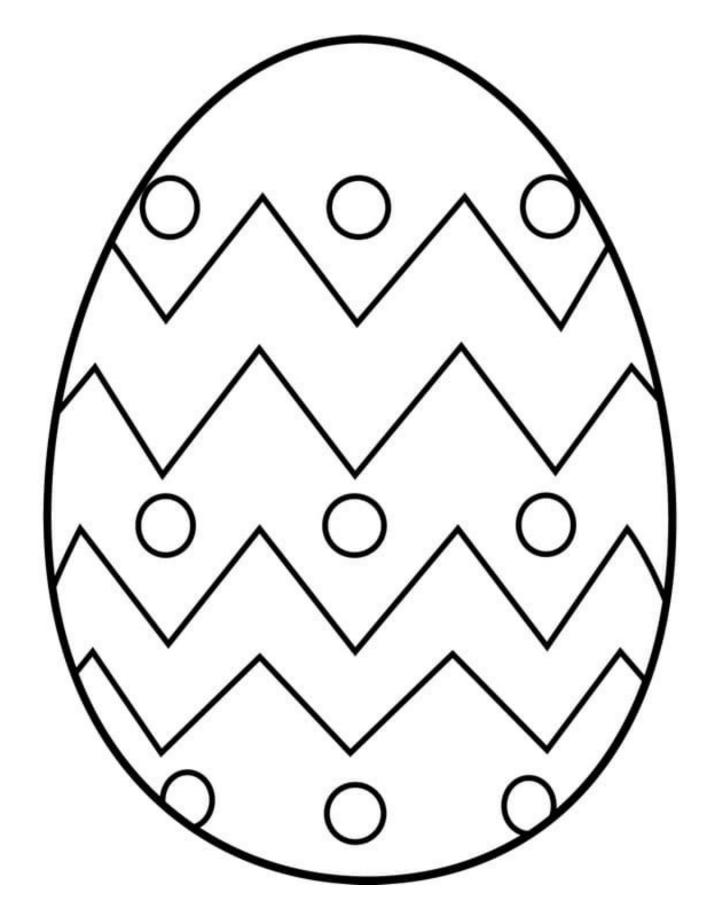
Farmer Haskett said that the piano was being used on the farm." Some cows will not give their milk down if they don't have some amusement" he said "So we put the piano in the cowstalls and now, twice a day my wife and son take turns to play soothing music while they are being milked.

"It is a recognised fact, that, music has a soothing effect, on cows and saves a lot of time"

The magistrates decided that the van was not covered by insurance when it had the piano up, and fined Farmer Haskett £10.00 and his son a further £10.00 for driving when uninsured.

" Owing to the special circumstances" said the chairman Mr Ernest Martin," we will not disqualify either of you."

So now you know why the cows listen to the radio while being milked.



Decorate this egg or one of your own and either scan it and email me (tisterncottage@hotmail.com) or drop it off at Kimbers Farm Shop by March 18th

Please make sure to include your name and age (adults are excused from putting their age and I will just assume that we are all still 21!) and the winner will be used as the front cover of the next Village News. And if that wasn't an amazing enough prize on it's own the winner will also get an Easter Egg.

USEFUL COUNCIL INFO

Details for reporting to the council.

Telephone numbers for reporting to the council (office hours)

General: 01935 462462 (fly tipping and all general enquiries)

Highways: 0300 123 2224 (also responsible for overgrown verges)

http://www.somerset.gov.uk/online to report fly tipping online. (For

Dorset—http://dorsetforyou.com/flytipping/report-flytipping-online).

Also:

http://www.somerset.gov.uk/planningsearch to (check on the status of Planning Applications online.)

VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP

By the time you read this we hope to have walked in Brewham Woods/Witham Park in late February – a walk planned originally for last December but postponed due to icy conditions underfoot.

Our March walk, to be led by Steve and Sara Jarrett, will be on **Saturday 25th March**, and we shall certainly hope to be well past any chance of ice and snow then! Details of the walk are being planned and we will contact all on our mailing list nearer the time with these, as well as circulating details more widely. If you would like to walk with us on Saturday 25th March and are not yet on our VWG mailing list, do get in touch and we'll make sure you have the walk details. Do join us if you can, you will be warmly welcome.

And we're planning to have a "bluebell walk" again in April, possibly at Duncliffe Hill again or in another bluebell wood (we're researching that).

Another walk which may also appeal is the one our villages' three churches are planning - a Palm Sunday Walk, on Sunday 2nd April, starting at St. Lawrence's Church, Cucklington and making our way, via St. Andrew's Church at Stoke Trister, to St. Stephen's in Charlton Musgrove, where soup and bread lunch will await us. It will be good to see you if you'd like to join us for this.



Mike and Eileen Vockins Tel 01963 34837:

E-mail: mdvockins@btinternet.com

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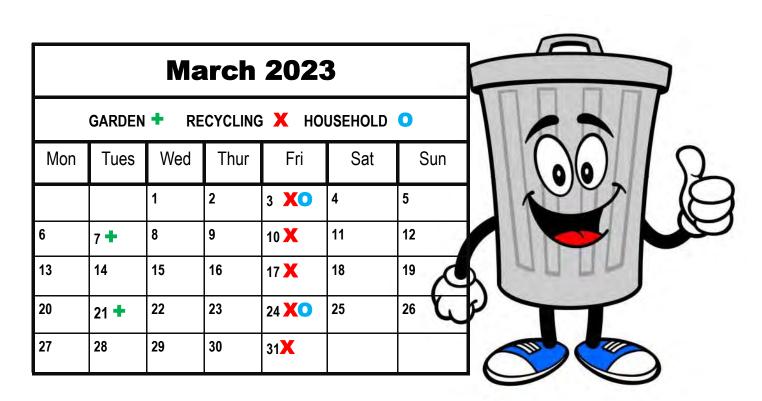
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March 2023			
Wed 1st	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Bayford. 10am		
Thurs 2nd	Pop Up Pub, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm		
Mon 6th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am		
Fri 10th	Scrabble, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm		
Sat 11th	"To Kill A Mocking Bird" Village Hall, Bayford. 6.30pm		
Mon 13th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am		
Fri 17th	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10.30am		
Fri 17th	"Cycle For Clean Water"- talk/curry, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm		
Sat 18th	Books and Breakfast, Village Hall, Bayford. 10am		
Mon 20th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am		
Wed 22nd	Lunch Club, Village Hall, Bayford. 12.15		
Sat 25th	Walking Group, TBC		
Sat 25th	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Cucklington 10am		
Mon 27th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am		



This collection calendar is correct (according to SSDC) for all of Charlton Musgrove, Bayford, most of Stoke Trister (BA9 9PJ, BA9 9PQ) and part of Cucklington (BA9 9QH, BA9 9QJ, BA9 9QY, BA9 9PW, BA9 9PU, BA9 9QN)

For other postcodes in Stoke Trister and Cucklington the recycling and garden waste is the same but refuse is just on the 17th.