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LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

I wonder if you are getting an Advent calendar this year? I remember the excitement as a child of seeing the nativity story unfold, door by door, tiny drawings portraying the ancient and ever present mystery of God taking on physicality and humanity to become one of us.

It was the Franciscan monk, Francis of Assisi (1182–1226) who realised the deep significance of this coming of God. Prior to the 13th century, Easter, celebrating Christ's death and resurrection, was the main feast of the church but Francis popularised Christmas, celebrating the incarnation. He came to realise that God loved us from the very beginning and showed this love by becoming incarnate in Jesus, "saving" us by becoming one of us!. He also saw that, if God has become flesh and taken on physicality and humanity, then it's good to be human, it's good to be on this earth, it's good to be flesh, it's good to have emotions - because God loves matter and physicality.

Francis also realised that God entering the material realm impacted all of creation. With God's incarnate spirit hiding inside everything material, Francis felt that every tree should be decorated with lights, illustrating that light is its true nature, shining from within. And that's what people in Christian countries around the world still do, eight hundred years later.

So in this Advent period, we're not simply waiting for the little baby Jesus to be born. That already happened two thousand years ago. We're forever welcoming the Christ, the God who has come to us, preparing our hearts to be a manger in which Christ can lay. Let's make room in our lives for this great mystery this Christmas.

Rosy



A HUGE THANK YOU to Christine Perrett and her amazing team who organised the Bayford Christmas Fair again this year! With a range of beautiful, home crafted Christmas gifts, good quality bric a brac and wonderful raffle and tombola prizes, it was a very enjoyable way to spend Saturday morning. The event also raised over £750.00 for which the church is really grateful - thank you so much!

Benefice Church Services & Events December 2023 to January 2024

SSCM = St Stephen's church, Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SLC = St Lawrence's church, Cucklington

SJCM = St John's church, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SAST = St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister

DEC	3 rd	10.00	Café Church	SSCM
		18.30	Evensong	SAST
	8 th	19.00	Christmas Tree Festival <i>Live Jazz, Wine and Cheese</i>	SAST
	9 th	10.00 to 16.00	Christmas Tree Festival <i>10.00 to 15.00</i> Singing of Carols with Silver Band <i>15.00 to 16.00</i>	SAST
	10 th	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
		13.00 to 16.00	Christmas Tree Festival <i>13.00-15.00</i> Reflective Christmas service <i>15.00-16.00</i>	SAST
	17 th	19.00	Carols by Candlelight <i>with seasonal refreshments</i>	SLC
	22 nd	19.00	Carols by Candlelight <i>with seasonal refreshments</i>	SSCM
	24 th	16.00	Christmas Eve Christingle Service <i>with seasonal refreshments</i>	SJCM
		23.30	Midnight Communion	SAST
	25 th	9.00	Christmas Day Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Christmas Day Holy Communion	SSCM
	31 st	9.00	New Year's Eve Morning Praise	SJCM
JAN	7 th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SSCM
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
	14 th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
	21 st	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		18.00	Evensong	SLC
	28 th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC

Bishop's letter - A unique story

When I speak to my Mum on my birthday, she often recalls to me the events that surrounded my arrival in the world. These include nearly being born in the hospital lift, my older brother being smuggled in to see me under my dad's overcoat and of various aunts sneaking onto the maternity ward out of visiting hours by wearing their WRVS uniforms.

Each of us has a unique story about our birth. At Christmas we'll be recounting once again the story that we share about another birth - the birth of Jesus. Across the world we'll be re-telling and re-enacting what happened in Bethlehem more than 2000 years ago. We'll recall the journey of Mary and Joseph, the birth in the stable, the arrival of the shepherds, the song of the angels, the visit of the Magi.

Our own birth stories are unique to each of us. Jesus's is common to us all. And not just because we all know about it. For in our recollection of Jesus' birth, we'll also be remembering that that in him, God came to be at one with us. In Jesus God arrived to share fully in our humanity, experiencing complete solidarity with every aspect of our human condition. Jesus is 'God with us' – in trenches in Ukraine, bomb shelters in Israel and Gaza, in hospital wards where loved ones die, in relationships where there is conflict and distress.

Just as much as he is with us in our greatest joys and our deepest woes, Jesus is also for us. One of the earliest teachers of the Church said this: 'He became what we are so that we might become what he is.' The baby born in Bethlehem stands with us not only in all that we experience. This child also comes to offer us the possibility of opening every part of our lives to the transforming power of God's life of love and joy and peace. He comes so that every day we can become a little more like him.

This is the good news of Christmas and may it be yours this year.

A very Merry Christmas to you all.

Bishop Michael





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SCRABBLE

We are playing Scrabble on the second Friday of each month in Cucklington at AMMH join us at 7.00pm 1st DECEMBER.

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.

**There is no
Coffee Morning in December**



**See you
next year!!**

This years Christmas tree festival at St Andrews church is still looking for entries see more details later on in the magazine



Upcoming events.....

December	Fri 1	Scrabble
	Fri 15	100 club Christmas party
		No coffee morning this month



100 club Christmas party.

Friday 15th December at 7.00

Cucklington village hall.

The big Christmas 100 club draw will take place. Paying bar. Raffle.

Free entry to all, members or not, please bring a plate of food for the buffet table.

Email: cvh100club@btconnect.com if you are able to attend.

The land of the snow leopard



Christopher Birtrell gave us a wonderful talk, with superb photographs, on one of his Himalayan adventures. This gave us a real insight into this very beautiful (and quite primitive) part of Nepal, inhabited by hardy people who somehow make a living there. Despite their own circumstances, they show considerable hospitality to strangers who venture there. He didn't actually see one of these elusive and endangered animals on this visit, but

there were nonetheless plenty of photographs of the as well as breathtaking scenery.

The talk was followed by an immensely enjoyable curry supper. So, we owe a great debt of thanks to Christopher for his talk and for the funds raised for the church, and to the many ladies who produced a really excellent curry.

Altogether, a memorable evening, raising a fantastic **£705** for the church.



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Wreath Making Workshop
Bayford Village Hall
Saturday 2nd December
1pm-5pm
£20/person

Materials supplied
Light refreshments included
Welcome to bring own decorations

Contact Mary on 01963 34420 to reserve your place
All proceeds to Movies@Bayford

Thank You!

We would all like to thank Mary and her fantastic team of helpers for the wonderful and delicious lunches and coffee mornings and all the other events they organise for the village. Their hard work is much appreciated by everyone and long may it continue!

Christmas Fair Saturday 18th November



An Amazing £753.81 was raised for Church Funds at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us, gave Raffle prizes, donated goods and especially thank you to everyone who helped on the day, manning stalls and clearing up.



Christine

COFFEE MORNING At "maggies" house (red brick house)



10am-12noon
Thurs 7th Dec

All welcome

Coffee, cake with friends, new and old.



HAND CRAFTED ALL THINGS CHRISTMASSEY SALE
The Cottage front garden, Bayford (opposite The Unicorn Inn)
Saturday 9th December 10am-Noon

Fresh real Christmas wreaths
Crafted gifts and decorations
Christmas raffle

All proceeds towards running costs of Movies@Bayford



The Greatest Showman is about the life and trials of P.T. Barnum. After trying his hands at various jobs, P.T. turns to show business to indulge his limitless imagination, rising from nothing to create the Barnum & Bailey circus. Featuring catchy musical numbers, exotic performers and daring acrobatic feats, Barnum's mesmerizing spectacle soon takes the world by storm to become the greatest show on Earth.



Bayford Village Hall
Film Night
Saturday 9th December
7.00pm
(doors open at 6.30pm)

I would like to extend my thanks for the kind invitation to attend the recent parish council

meeting, held at Bayford Village Hall, to present my Chair's Award to Derek Parnell.

I very much enjoyed meeting yourself, Derek and the other meeting attendees and thank

you for your hospitality.

Kind regards , Mike Best (Chair Somerset Council)



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023

It's time to get your thinking caps on for this year's Christmas tree festival at St Andrews Church, Stoke Trister,

We'd like lots of trees entering this year!

There is no set theme, so be as extravagant or as simple with your ideas as you like.

You can enter a small tree or a large tree, but it's best to keep the height below 6 foot as it becomes a challenge keeping it stood up in the church.

Please supply your own tree to decorate. Entries can use artificial or real trees (either is fine), albeit an artificial tree won't wilt.

Please also supply battery operated lights for your tree.

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will be held on:

Friday 8th December to Sunday 10th December.

Ho-ho-ho-pe to receive your tree entry very soon, as you don't want to end up on Santa's naughty list.

Please let me know if you would like to enter a tree by emailing gbaker@pm.me or by calling/texting Gary on 07795411212

Please join us in making this years Christmas Tree Festival, a festival to remember.



Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council have just heard that we have been successful in our The National Lottery Community Fund bid for help with purchasing a second defibrillator for the parish, this one to be sited at the junction in the centre of Stoke Trister. We are also extremely grateful to the local residents who have pledged further financial contributions to make this happen.



Local Rights of Way

The recent parish plan survey identified that several residents would like to use the footpaths more but were unsure of where they were. In response to this the parish council have compiled a collection of the local rights of way from the County's official maps in a small booklet, copies of which will be placed in the Bayford Village Hall from the beginning of December for the residents' use.



CHARLTON MUSGROVE
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Charlton Musgrove Community Defibrillator

is stored inside the old Phone Box
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Further information is available on the Parish Council website at
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If you notice any issues with the defibrillator or the 'phone box
that houses it, please email the clerk on
clerk@charltonmusgrovepc.org.uk

Charlton Musgrove Short Mat Bowls

The Bowls Club is held in the Village Hall on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month. We start at 2 pm until 5 p.m. Tea and coffee are provided half way through the meeting. Fees are £3 per session.

If you are at all interested, please come along and join us. We are a very friendly group and have room for new members.

Janet and Tony Cole (01963 31739)



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All welcome

Do join us, even for a short time, you will always find a warm welcome! Tractor drivers, shepherds or home office workers, take a well earned break.



I would like to thank, rather belatedly I am afraid, all my friends and neighbours who gave me so much help and support when Peter became ill in March. We had just sold the house and were packing up to move. Everybody was so fantastic helping me to move items to my sister etc and then packing up the house for everything to go into storage all by the 24th March.

Also I would like to thank everybody who attended Peters funeral and anybody I missed to say thank you for being there.

Thank you all.
Wendy Furneaux



Memorial Hall Coffee Morning



The Christmas coffee morning will held on Friday 15th, 10.30-12. there will be mulled wine, tea, coffee, minced pies and cake with the opportunity to catch up with neighbours and friends before Christmas. All this for a £3 donation.

A regular once a month coffee morning is held on the 3rd Friday of each month during the year.

UDDER FARM

Hi 429 here, I'm one of the older girls here and I am going to tell you, what a week we have had.

It all started Monday morning when both of them came out at the same time, grumpy normally is later. They turned us out of the cubicle house (our individual bedrooms) into the collecting yard ready to be milked, then we herd the sound of a car which normally comes on Friday, the relief milker. Something was up. Then we herd another car pull up and could hear a lady's voice talking to them. Because I've been around so long, I knew what was about to happen.

It was the week of our 6 monthly TB test. Which means our whole week is turned upside down, because they cannot do the jobs they usually do, when they want too.

So, I will tell you what happens, first we get milked as usual, by the milker that normally milks us on Friday's, he then lets us out as usual, but we have to go down the race by the side of the milking parlour, instead of straight out to where our food is. We have to queue one behind each other, when the front gate is opened, one of us goes into a sort of crate, a crush, where they can catch us. Then the nice lady that we have seen before, shouts out our ear tag number, one of them finds the corresponding number on their sheet. Then she gets out an electric razor and trims two patches of hair off our neck, next she gets her pair of callipers out and measures the thickness of our skin at the two shaved patches and shouts the measurement out to the person with the clipboard with our ear tag numbers on. After this she injects us with two types of tuberculin, one made from killed *M.bovis* and the other from killed *Mycobacterium avium*. When all of us have been milked and gone through this procedure, they start on the dry cows, followed by our young daughters and then any calves that are over 42 days old. As you can imagine this takes quite a long time to do all this.

Then we must wait until Thursday, to see what the results are. This is a stressful period for us as we must wait and see whether our skin has reacted to the injections, in the form of lumps. We keep looking at each other to see if we can see any lumps and we see them having a look as they move through us.

Then Thursday morning comes, with a similar procedure to that on Monday except we are not shaved or injected, just measured. This is very stressful for all of us, as we don't want to lose any friends, sisters or daughters, they are also stressed because if any of us show signs, they will have to retest and movements of cattle on and off the farm are restricted.

I am happy to say that this time we all passed the test and everyone of us is still here, we now have just got to wait another 6 months when it will all be repeated.

At least we have got Christmas to look forward to, between then and now, we might see Father Christmas whiz across the sky in his sleigh.

Happy Christmas from all us girls. Don't forget the cream for the mince pies!!!! And the cheese for the cheeseboard.

By John Crocker

VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – NOVEMBER

"Rain, rain go away, come again another day". Recent rains meant our end-of-November plan to walk to Cole from Bruton was changed; it is a walk with muddy stretches at the best of times, and is particularly muddy just now. So we opted for a walk around the lanes at Shepton Montague.

It's proposed that we don't walk as a Group in December. It is a busy month for many folk, and at the moment it is difficult to predict which walks may be dry and not quagmired; certainly many of our local footpaths are waterlogged and very muddy.

However we do propose to start the New Year on a good (we hope) footing, and are planning a New Year's Day walk on 1st January. As we go to press it's difficult to predict which footpaths may be in a walkable state, but the intention will be to do a not too long walk, local if conditions underfoot will allow, and probably end up at The Chantry afterwards for coffee (and, maybe, seasonal refreshments). Wherever we decide to walk we shall meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall on Monday 1st January, ready to head off at 10am. Do join us if you can. All are welcome.

As usual it would be a kindness to let us know if you will be with us, so we don't set off without you.



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BOOKS &

BREAKFAST

Saturday 20th

January 2024

10am - Noon





CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister

Friday Dec 8th

**An evening of live Christmas Jazz
7pm – 9pm**

Saturday Dec 9th

**Christmas Tree Festival
10am – 3pm**

**Singing of Carols
Accompanied by a Silver band
3pm – 4pm**

Sunday Dec 10th

**Christmas Tree Festival
1pm – 3pm**

**A Reflective Christmas
3pm – 4pm**

**Seasonal refreshments available
+ Free Entry
All donate ons welcome**



A few hints and tips for your Christmas tree festival entry.....

This year's Christmas Tree Festival (CTF) CTF will run from **Friday 8th Dec** through to **Sunday 10th Dec** at St Andrews Church, Stoke Trister. The festival can normally accommodate up to 25 trees, and so far, we've managed to fill the church each year.

You can decorate your tree as you wish... We have trees entered that are covered in knitted crochet baubles, to trees that have only a few decorations.

Please supply your own tree to decorate... Entries can use artificial or real trees (either is fine), albeit an artificial tree won't wilt.

You can enter a small tree or a large tree, but it's best to keep the height to 6 foot as it becomes a challenge keeping it stood up...

Please use battery operated lights. We normally get there early to switch them all on and turn them off at the end of the day.

At the end of the festival (4.15pm on the 10th), you may take your tree home or leave it for a few days as the church will remain locked, then re-opened for collection.



Copy date for next months newsletter is the 18th.

Please if possible don't send your pieces in PDF format they are a real pain to import.



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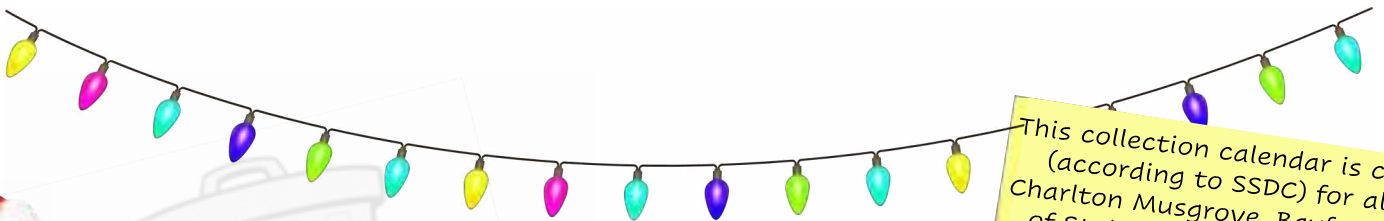
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st	7pm Scrabble AMMH
2nd	1-5pm Wreath making workshop, Bayford village hall
3rd	10am café church SSCM
	6.30 pm evensong SAST
7th	10-12am Bayford coffee morning, "Maggies" house (Red brick house)
8th	7pm Christmas tree festival (with live jazz, wine and cheese) SAST
9th	10am—noon all things Christmas sale Bayford
	10-4pm Christmas tree festival (including carols with a silver band at 3pm) SAST
	7pm Film night, Bayford village hall
10th	9am holly communion SSCM
	1-4pm Christmas tree festival (inc) reflective Christmas service 3pm) SAST
15th	7pm 100 club Christmas party AMMH
17th	7pm Carols by candlelight, SLC
22nd	7pm Carols by candlelight, SSCM
24th	4pm Christmas eve Christingle service SJCM
	11.30pm midnight communion SAST
25th	Jesus's birthday!!!!
	9am Christmas day holy communion SLC
	10am Christmas day holly communion SSCM
31st	9am new years eve morning praise SJCM



DECEMBER 2023

GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD O

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 X O	1	3
4	5	6	7	10 X	9	10
11	12 +	13	14	17 X	16	17
18	19	20	21	24 X O	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 X

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 on the 15th

DEADLINE

The deadline for the December issue is always the 18th.

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