

VILLAGE NEWS

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Happy New Year!

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We Three Kings?



In the Christian tradition, the New Year celebrates Epiphany and the arrival of kings or magi to visit the infant Jesus. Over the centuries, it's been assumed there were three men with crowns, camels and names (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) but tradition isn't always accurate. What does the Bible say about their coming?

The gospel account of the Magi in Matthew doesn't mention names, numbers or camels. However, the prophet Isaiah does. He predicts that, at a time of darkness, the glory of the Lord will shine over Jerusalem. The heavenly light will be a beacon to the pagan nations and even to their kings (Isaiah 60). Camels will bring the wealth of the nations, including frankincense and gold, to the city of the Lord.

But Isaiah 60 refers to only two of the gifts mentioned by Matthew: gold, fit for a king, and frankincense, for the worship of God. So what about the myrrh—where does that come from and what does it mean?

Myrrh, an aromatic resin, was used in preparing the dead for burial. Gold reveals that the babe in the manger is actually a king; frankincense tells us that is he God incarnate; myrrh tells us that he has come to die. That someone would redeem God's people through suffering and death was also foretold by Isaiah (chapter 53). This was the really hard thing for those living in Jesus' time to understand – that the same person who fulfilled all those prophecies about a glorious new king also fulfilled the prophecies about a suffering servant.

So all three gifts of the Magi are necessary to convey the true revelation, the true epiphany of who this child is and what he is destined to do. That's why for hundred's of years we've sung of three kings, not two or four! May you too have revelation this year of who Jesus is as both Saviour and King!

Benefice Services and Events January and February 2024

SSCM St Stephens Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove
 SJCM St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove
 SLC St Lawrence, Cucklington
 SAST St Andrew, Stoke Trister

JAN	7th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
	13th	19.00	Farmer's Supper	Arthur Morison Hall, Cucklington
	14th	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
	21st	10.00	Plough Sunday Morning Praise	SJCM
		18.00	Evensong	SLC
	28th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
FEB	4th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
	11th	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
	13th	17.00	Pancake Party	Kitchen at Kimbers
	14th	19.00	Ash Wednesday Communion	SSCM
	18th	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		18.30	Evensong	SAST
	20th	19.30	Five Week Lent Course starts	Venue TBD
25th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC	

- A new said Holy Communion is starting at St Lawrence Cucklington at 10am on the first Sunday of the month, accommodating those that prefer to rise a little later on a Sunday morning! Until we find an organist or alternative accompaniment, the service will be without hymns.
- Cafe Church will move from St Stephens to St Johns in Charlton Musgrove to designate St Stephens as the venue for traditional, formal worship and St Johns for more contemporary, informal worship.

All farmers and farm workers are invited to the
New Year Farmers' Supper

at Cucklington Village Hall

Saturday January 13th 2024

7.00pm till late

Pay bar, live music and after dinner speaker
Anthony Gibson who is a writer, broadcaster, campaigner
and west countryman and worked as South-West Regional
Director of the NFU for fourteen years, including during the
BSE crisis and the 2001 Foot and Mouth epidemic. He is
also a long-term campaigner for real ale, traditional cider
and West Country food and drink.

Free to local farmers and farm workers

RSVP by January 10th to Pip Loxton at piplo@nmp.com
or text 07970 009142

Hosted by the churches of Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford

Thank you to a wonderful team!

All who volunteer and:
clean churches - arrange flowers
unlock and lock up - maintain churchyards
ring bells - act as church wardens
maintain the building - serve refreshments
fundraise - play the organ
serve on the PCC

It takes a team to run a church

Thank you!

Could you help?

More volunteers are always needed

Many hands make light work

Join the team!

If you think you could help in some way, however small, do please contact rosyashley@hotmail.com



CUCKLINGTON

St Lawrence's Church
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The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall,
Cucklington Chairman - Campbell Dunford (01963 34220)
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(01963 33320) who holds the keys.
If not available, ring Brian Trueman (07398980487) or Di
Hammet (01747 840770)
Website: www.cucklington.org.uk

SCRABBLE

We are playing Scrabble on the second Friday of each month in Cucklington at AMMH join us at 7.00pm Friday 12th January.

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.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th January



10am at the Village Hall

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

St Lawrence's held a memorable candlelit carol service on the 17th December. The church was well filled and looked especially lovely. The flower ladies had done an outstanding job and the ladies had ensured the church was looking sparkling clean. The service was followed by mulled wine and mince pies, supplied by the redoubtable Pip. Where would the church, and indeed the village, be without her?

Thanks to them all.

Upcoming events.....

Jan	Fri 12	Scrabble
	Sat 13	Farmer's Supper
	Sat 20	Quiz Night with simple supper
	Sat 27	Coffee morning
Feb	Fri 2	Pop up pub
	Fri 9	Scrabble
	Sat 24	Coffee morning

QUIZ NIGHT



7pm, SAT 20 JAN

**Arthur Morison Memorial Hall,
Cucklington**



Join us for a fun evening of mental stimulation with simple supper. Teams of up to six - arrange in advance or join a table on the night,

ALL VERY WELCOME!

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's was introduced by Diana Noble in 2008 and was a real success from the start. Gareth Baker kindly took over from Diana in 2017 and it has continued to be extremely popular and this year was no exception. We had 29 trees, a fantastic evening with Christmas jazz from Chris Page on Friday, enthusiastic carol singing on Saturday with the Gillingham Silver Band and a great atmosphere all round.

Tree entries who will receive a bag of chocolates for CTF23 are:

Most donations received: M O Tree – by Bennetts Field Garage Ltd

The Flood – by Brian Jackson

Jingle Bells – by Karen & Charlotte Baber



Many thanks to all who helped to arrange, set up, provide all the refreshments, drinks, the very special mulled wine and cider and all the donations. However, it would not have been possible without the trees, which were again decorated with such imagination, fun and care. Special thanks must go to Gary who has put so much time and effort in the preparation of the festival. We are all very grateful.

COFFEE MORNING **Bayford Village Hall**



10am-12noon

Thurs 4th Jan

**All
welcome**

Coffee, cake with friends, new and old.

Meeting and making friends over food!

JOIN US FOR LUNCH
ALL WELCOME
BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL
WEDNESDAY 10th Jan
12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30



*Please call Mary on 34420 by
Sunday 7th to book your lunch.*



Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning (part 1) is a movie where Ethan Hunt and the IMF team must track down a powerful skeleton key that's believed to open access to all digitally controlled networks. The key threatens all of humanity if it falls into the wrong hands. With control of the future and the fate of the world at stake, a deadly race around the globe begins.

Bayford Village Hall
Film Night
Saturday 13th January
7.00pm
(doors open at 6.30pm)



BOOKS AND BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 2024



10AM - NOON



BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL



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Charlton Musgrove Village Vegetables and Flower Show 2024

We would like to run this wonderful village event again next year but as with most things it can't be done without a team behind it!

If you would like to get involved please WhatsApp Amber Butt on 07525750996.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Memorial Hall Coffee Morning



Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall Coffee morning, will be held on **Friday 19th 10.30 - 12.00**. A once a month coffee morning is held on the 3rd Friday of each month. There will be coffee, tea and cake with the opportunity to catch up with neighbours and friends. All this for £2.00. Any surplus monies made will go to local charities at the end of the year.

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)



COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT
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MONDAY

10 till 12 noon
at St John's

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.



Church Mice!!

Helen wrote a piece re Church mice!! People who pop in and out, keeping our churches, running smoothly, clean and tidy. And all the 101 jobs that constantly come up.

This last month has been quite a time, with so many things to do. The floor boards at St Stephens are now looking beautiful after being waxed and polished, tiles all steamed, scrubbed, polished. Tower all cleared, swept and new wire on windows. All the pew's polished with a special polish, for antique wood.

St John's all polished , Tower repaired pointed and made weather proof. Plus host of other jobs.

We have been so pleased to have such a great group of helpers. Thank you everyone. including those who faithfully open and lock up the churches daily.

Helen had put a picture of knitted mice ringing bells in village news before. Martyn had a phone call from London, someone who had seen the copy, and asked if we had a knitting pattern for the mice!! You never know where our village news goes or the impact it has. What fun.

Love Jean



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UDDER FARM

In politics they say that a week is a long time and things can change drastically. Well I can tell you a year is a very long time in farming, with the help of the weather it can be a good year or you can be struggling all year.

This time last year we were very short of silage and home grown feed for the cattle, due to it being a very dry summer [2022]. But we did get the cows out reasonably early, due to it being a dry spring. This year was completely different, it was dry so we let the cows out, then it rained so we had to have them back into the yards, then it dried up so we let them out again, then it rained and we had to have them in again. Then when it did dry up it got very dry and we were looking for grass. The first cut silage cut was a good one as due to the mild winter the grass kept growing, the problem with this was that the quality was not so good, which is affecting the quality of the silage we are feeding now. The second cut was taken in early July when it was very dry and the quantity was on the low side, however the third cut taken in September was very good on quantity but not so good on quality, at least it was light when we were doing it, as last year it was November and it was difficult in the dark seeing where you had to go!

Another major difference between last year and this is the milk price, last year in October we were receiving 50pence per litre sold, this year we received 36.75pence per litre. As we are selling about 100,000 litres a month I will let you work out how much we are not receiving this year compared to last year, yes some of our input costs have fallen, but not by 25-26%.

It hasn't all been a struggle though as at least we know we have plenty of fodder for the cows and should have some in reserve for next summer if we have a very dry period as we did this year and appears to be the norm now. The cows also had a very good calving period and we didn't have to help very many. We now have a shed full of calves, which should be out in a field near you in the summer.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year and you will keep eating cheese in the coming months.

You can now see why when asked what sort of farm do you have? I reply that I am a hobby farmer as I don't do it for the money.

By John Crocker

VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – JANUARY WALK

With local fields and footpaths still very wet and quagmired it is difficult to predict, too far ahead, where it is possible to walk as a group. However, our New Year's Day walk will, if not in and around Charlton Musgrove, still be relatively local. So, we shall **meet on New Year's Day, at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall, as usual, ready to leave by 10am**. Our hope is to end up back at The Chantry for coffee. Do join us if you can; it will be good to have you with us.

Friday 26th January has been penciled in for our January walk. Not sure of the location yet, as we need to do a recce (or two) to determine where is walkable, but we will certainly let all our walking group members know, well in advance, by e-mail. Again, for this **Friday 26th January walk we shall meet at CM Village Hall, ready to leave by 10am**, and will be delighted to see you if you are able to join us.

For both walks please let us know you will be walking with us, and then we shan't set off without you.



Mike and Eileen Vockins

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races and egg shackling

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Thurs 4th	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Bayford. 10am
Mon 8th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Tues 9th	Short Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm
Wed 10th	Lunch, Village Hall, Bayford. 12.15pm
Fri 12th	Scrabble, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm
Sat 13th	Farmer's Supper, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm
Sat 13th	Film Night, Village Hall, Bayford. 7pm
Mon 15th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Fri 19th	Coffee Morning, Memorial Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10.30am
Sat 20th	Books and Breakfast, Village Hall, Bayford. 10am
Sat 20th	Quiz Night, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm
Mon 22nd	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Tues 23rd	Short Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm
Fri 26th	Villages Walking Group, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Sat 27th	Coffee Morning, AMMH, Cucklington. 10am
Mon 29th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am

JANUARY 2024

GARDEN **+** RECYCLING **X** HOUSEHOLD **o**

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6 X	7
8	9 +++	10	11	12 X o	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 X	20	21
22	23 +	24	25	26 X	27	28
29	30	31				

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 6th and the 26th

DEADLINE

The deadline for the February issue is as always the 18th.

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