

VILLAGE NEWS

FEBRUARY 2024



Congratulations to Colonel Lucy Giles, who grew up in Bayford Awarded C.B.E in the new years honors list.

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Opening the Door in 2024



Fear is a common feeling that many of us encounter on a daily basis. It might be the fear of doing something at work or school or the fear of losing someone or something you love or of world events outside our control. Whatever anxiety you might feel, God is always present in all of our lives to help lift any burden. His help is always offered to us and is constantly in us, waiting for us to make use of it to trigger something supernatural to take place.

God's presence can be compared to the blood coursing through the veins in our muscles, always present in them, given to them, but depending on us to activate our muscles. This is what God does: his hand is constantly extended, waiting for us to respond and express to Him our desire and choice. God stands at the door of our freedom. He never forces the door, never violates our freedom, the handle of the door being on our side alone. Extending our hand towards Him and putting our hand (our will, our freedom, our life, our heart) in his activates a response from him which causes a meeting between God and us.

Very quickly, if we repeat this act of humbly acknowledging his presence within us, constantly given, constantly available, a life-transforming habit is formed. As our hearts open, we become aware of the God within, who desires only the best for our lives, already at work in us through His love. May this realisation bring you deep peace and satisfaction as the year progresses!

Rosy

Our precious gift

By Alastair Redfern, Assistant Bishop for
the Diocese of Bath and Wells



As Christians, while we may look to reduce our own carbon footprint, we are called to be stewards and witnesses of a much more radical resource. The clue is in the word 'ecology'.

'Eco' comes from the Greek word oikos, meaning house, or dwelling place. Ecology is partly about our responsibility to recognise the precious gift of the Earth, as our dwelling place: to be thankful, and play our part. God made humankind to care for the earthly world: Jesus amplifies the call, as He uses 'nature' as the sign of how we can live in order to flourish and to fulfil God's will.

'Logy' comes from a Greek word logos interpreted as reason, the ordering of knowledge, logic. In John's Gospel, logos is a word to describe Jesus – through whom all things are made and from whom all true knowledge comes. Logos is the word, the source of all goodness and grace, for every human life, and for all of creation.

It is the 'logos', the word, who inhabits our lives, our creation – inviting us to recognise His light, and allow it to overcome the darkness of our own limited concerns and agendas. We meet the logos in scripture, in worship, in prayer, and deeper reflection.

In Jesus, as logos, we can find the wisdom, the resources and the commitment to play our part in caring for creation. We are able to invite others to recognise the deeper truths about Eco, our common dwelling place, and to see more clearly how we join with others to work out what to do, how to live, and honour the gift of life that we receive through Him. The Logos is the possibility of good news for humankind and for the Earth.

What a responsibility each Christian disciple is called to bear! And what grace can be ours to enable us to fulfil our calling, and help all of God's children become caught up in the praise and prayer that gives true life to our dwelling place, and to exercise our stewardship appropriately.

Read John 1v1-14. Become an ECO-warrior – committed our common dwelling place – through celebrating the power and presence of the LOGOS.

ECOLOGY: we know it makes sense.

Bishop Alastair

Benefice Services and Events February and March 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

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
	19th	19.30	A Path to the Soul: The Pilgrim Way	SJCM
	25th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
	26th	19.30	A Path to the Soul: Contemplation	SJCM
MAR	3th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Café Church	SJCM
	4th	19.30	A Path to the Soul: Being Human	SJCM
	10th	9.00	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	SSCM
		10.00	Mothering Sunday Celebration with Buffet Breakfast <i>and quiz, songs, activities, prayers, bouquets and blessings for all the family</i>	SJCM
	11th	19.30	A Path to the Soul: Lessons from Nature	SJCM
	17th	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		18.00	Evensong	SLC
	18th	19.30	A Path to the Soul: From Darkness to Light	SJCM
	24th	10.00	Palm Sunday Walk <i>followed by simple lunch</i>	Venue TBD
	28th	18.00	Maundy Thursday Meals	Various
	29th	15.00	Good Friday Reflection <i>Friends for the Journey</i>	SJCM
	31st	9.00	Easter Sunday Celebration	SLC
		10.30	Easter Sunday Celebration	SSCM



Benefice Lent Course

A Path to the Soul

A pilgrimage through poetry

I am delighted to be leading this year's Lent course for our parishes and I hope you will want to join me. We will be taking a pilgrimage through poetry, exploring a theme each week with poems by a variety of authors. If you are not used to poetry, please don't worry, All the poems selected are very beautiful and very approachable – nothing high-brow – and I am really excited to have the opportunity to share them with you.

Each week I will offer a few thoughts about the poems and we will gently reflect together on their message and our own interpretation; how the poem speaks to our own individual souls. We will end with a short, reflective time of prayer and music.

Details of the venue and dates are below - do come along!

Barbara Priest

St John's Church, Charlton Musgrove – 7.30pm

Monday 19th February - *The Pilgrim Way*

Monday 26th February - *Contemplation*

Monday 4th March - *Being Human*

Monday 11th March - *Lessons from Nature*

Monday 18th March - *From Darkness to Light*



**ARE YOU ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL FOR
ST LAWRENCE'S, CUCKLINGTON and
ST ANDREW'S, STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD?**



WHAT IS THE ELECTORAL ROLL?

The Electoral Roll is the register of voting members of our two churches, St Lawrence's and St Andrew's. It is a register of those entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Council.

If you are new to the area you can join now. If you were on the Roll last year you do not need to reapply.

WHO CAN BE ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL?

Baptised residents in the villages who are:

members of the Church of England or Church in communion with the Church of England;

over 16 years old,

(those who will be 16 during the next 12 months can be entered on their next birthday);

have worshipped here regularly for the last six months

(or who would have attended had ill health not prevented them).

If you are eligible and not already on Roll, and wish to support St Lawrence's and St Andrew's you can pick up a form from either church porch or contact Julia Crawford-Smith for Cucklington or Alison Dixon (01963 32447) for Stoke Trister or Bayford. Please return form to the box in porch once completed.

Deadline for form submissions is 23rd March 2024

**pancake
party!**



**Pancakes (veggie & vegan),
races and egg shackling**

Starts 5.00pm

Kitchen at Kimbers

Charlton Musgrove

£5 adults, £2.50 child

no booking needed

**Shrove Tuesday
February 13th**

A Chance to Say

Thank you

to the Special People in your Life

those parents, carers, relatives and friends, single or married, who have loved and cared for you!



Fabulous buffet breakfast, quiz, activities, prayers, blessings and bouquets for those you love!

Mothering Sunday

March 10th, 10 am

St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove

It has been a bad year for rat infestations in the countryside this year. Please remember if you're poisoning rats, that all over the counter rat poisons will cause secondary poisoning to wildlife (especially owls and other birds of prey) that eat rats dead or alive that have been exposed to poison. This is especially dangerous when using 2nd generation rat poisons (SGARs), such as Brodifacoum, Bromidialone and Difenacoum.

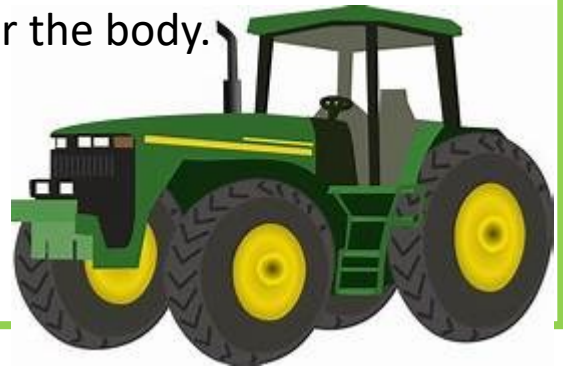
More information on the responsible use of rodenticides can be found on the think wildlife (www.thinkwildlife.org) or barn owl trust (www.barnowltrust.org.uk) website.



Farmer's Supper

A huge thank you to all the generous church members who supported the Farmer's Supper at Cucklington Village Hall, working in the kitchen, decorating and making delicious food for our local farmers. After live jazz and drinks, homemade food, cheese and puddings were served followed by an fascinating talk by Anthony Gibson OBE. Broadcaster and former South-West Regional Director of the NFU for fourteen years during both the BSE crisis and 2001 Foot and Mouth epidemic, he commented on the need for our nation to have a food security policy and sufficient farm land left to grow the food. So food for thought and further action as well as for the body.

**Thank you to all who made
it such a success!**



Thank you to a wonderful team!

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clean churches - arrange flowers
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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



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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 9th February.

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 and defib training

Saturday 24th February



10am at the Village Hall

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Is back for 2024!

Friday 2nd of February

7pm at the village hall.



A total of £350 has been paid out to these lucky winners in the last 6 monthly draws.

P Wallis, C McKechnie, C Matthews,
B Trueman, A Cranfield, H Davies,
S Andrews, T Rawlings, W Rawlings, A Cranfield,
C Perrett, A Coulber,
N Garrett, G Hunt.

Also £600 for the year has been paid towards the up-keep of the Village Hall.

If you would like to join the 100 club and help support the Village Hall there are a few spare numbers available.

Please email cvh100club@btconnect.com for details.

Thanking you,
Jill Taylor

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

10 am 25th May at the Arthur Morrison Memorial Hall

Please bear us in mind when dividing your Herbaceous plants

And sowing seeds.

Many thanks

Pip





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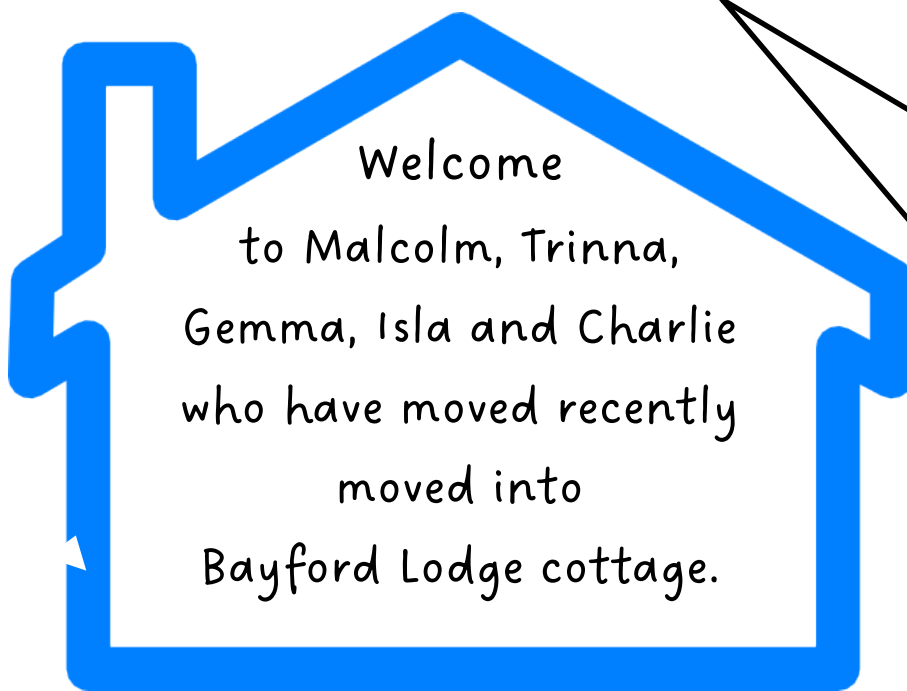
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Colonel Lucy Giles

Congratulations on being awarded the C.B.E in the new years honors list.
We are very proud of you.

The Giles Family x



Lucy is well known in the village and the larger parish and we all congratulate her and whilst we wish her the best hope she realises that she could well be asked to all open village fetes, cut red ribbons etc now!
Congratulations Lucy.

COFFEE MORNING **Bayford Village Hall**



10am-12noon

Thurs 1st Feb

**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 21st Feb
12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30



*Please call Mary on 34420 by
Sunday 18th to book your lunch.*



What's Love got to do with it ?

In London, an award-winning film-maker documents her best friend's journey into an assisted marriage in line with his family's Pakistani heritage. In the process, she challenges her own attitude towards relationships.

**Bayford Village Hall
Film Night**

Saturday 10th February

7.00pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)



**BAYFORD
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KEEP OUR VILLAGE
TIDY**

**Saturday 2nd March
10am**

**Meet at the green next to the
bench by Love Lane**



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PLANT SALE

Charlton Musgrove village hall 11th May.

Funds raised to be split between the hall, the village churches, Maymie White's charity for supporting people with cancer 'The Treatment Bag', and our local horticultural charity 'The Growing Space' which is associated with The Balsam Centre in Wincanton.

As you dig over your gardens and sow seeds for the summer please pot up any spare plants or sow a few extra seeds with this plant sale in mind. We've always run the plant sale as a bring and buy and plan to do the same again in 2024.

If you have time/energy/enthusiasm and would like to help in any way please do get in touch with me via georgie@commonfarmflowers.com – And here's looking forward to 11th May!



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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Shrove Tuesday
February 13th

Memorial Hall Coffee Morning



Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall Coffee morning, will be held on **Friday 16th 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.

UDDER FARM

After hearing the news and the following weather forecast about the recent flooding and amount of rain that had fallen, I was pleased that we farm on top of a hill, even though we did get our yards cleaned by the water that ran from the fields on the opposite side of the road. The land was so waterlogged, that when we had 10mm in half an hour, it just ran off. At least it was only for about an hour, after which the road drains managed to handle the water.

This got me thinking about weather that we have had in the past and how it has impacted on the way we have to manage it.

The years 1962/63, 1978,1979,2010 and 2018, the beast from the east, come to mind. These years were when we had a lot of snow and freezing weather.

All I can remember about 62/63 was there was a lot of snow everywhere, from just after Christmas till the end of March. To start with we couldn't get to school and had to spend our days at home, which was a lot of fun as with the hills in Cucklington the sledging was very good! After a bit the roads were cleared, and cars fitted with snow chains began to move around. On the farming front I can't remember too much, but I know the milk was all hauled around in churns, and as the milk lorries that picked up the milk could not get out to the farms. The local contractors, from Symphony Farm, drove one of their bulldozers through hedges by the most direct route to the Cow & Gate milk factory in Wincanton, so that the local farmers could take their milk in churns to Wincanton on tractors and trailers.

In 1978 and 1979 we had two very snowy and cold spells. Most of the north south roads were blocked up to the level of the hedges, and many cars were stranded and left on the roads, this wasn't very helpful when the roads began to be cleared as the abandoned cars could not be seen, so some were picked up by the diggers and loading shovels, that were clearing the roads, and dumped the other side of the hedge.

Even though it was very cold and snowy the cows still had to be milked and fed. The milking was interesting at times as there were power cuts, this meant we had to use other means of powering the milking machine. Belts and pulleys were used to connect the tractor power take off to the vacuum pumps, lights were run off the tractor for lighting. On top of this most of the water troughs were frozen so it had to get these unfrozen so that the cattle could drink. Due to the fact the milk tankers could not get here we had to take the milk into the Wincanton Transport depot in Wincanton, to be loaded on to the large tankers to be taken to London. The milk was transported in a variety of containers on the back of tractors and trailers, Land Rovers and anything else that could get through. Anything that could hold milk was used old rusty milk churns, big black ex orange juice containers, plastic bags that laid flat on a trailer, which were alright until it got punctured, I think I heard that some people even washed out their slurry tankers to haul milk.

None of this would happen now as the quality requirements are a lot better enforced now, for your benefit. The other problem now is the amount of milk that has to be moved on a daily basis. In 1978 we were producing less than 250 gallons a day, 25 milk churns, today we would need about 120 churns. So if we do get snowed in again, I am sure if you can find a local Dairy Farmer that they will only be too happy to give you some milk.

More next month.

By John Crocker

VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP

Dates for the Villages' Walking Group's expeditions in February and March have now been flagged up. February's walk, on Saturday 17th February, is to be led by Tony and Janet Cole. It will probably be in the Pen Selwood area, and Tony and Janet hope this will be on footpaths and in the woods if dry (and, if wet, on lanes). As usual we shall meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall, ready for 10am start, and this will allow car-sharing where this is desirable or helpful.

Looking ahead to March, our walk then will be shortly before Easter, on Friday 22nd March, with Steve and Sara Jarrett leading this outing. Again, as usual, we shall meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall, ready to set off at 10am.

A reminder that our monthly walks are open to anyone in our villages of Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister and Bayford who enjoys walking, and enjoys fresh air and convivial company. Our walks, ranging from around 2¼ miles up to perhaps 4 miles, usually take us 2 hours to 2 hours-plus in walking time. We don't yomp, but go at a comfortable pace, and seek to explore the footpaths and fields in our parishes here, as well as just a little further afield.

Do join us for our forthcoming walks if you would like to walk with us – it will be good to have your company. It would be a kindness if you would let us know beforehand, please, that you will be joining us, then we shan't set off without you!

Despite all the wet weather around Christmas time, and the muddy going underfoot, we enjoyed a dry morning (with a hint of sun!) for our New Year's Day Walk around Zeals, starting from the Church. A longish section across fields was surprisingly dry, as were most of the footpaths we traversed. All-in-all it was a delightful and interesting walk, and new territory for many of our walkers.

Mike and Eileen Vockins

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 1st	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Bayford. 10am
Fri 2nd	Pop Up Pub, Village Hall, Cucklington. 7pm
Mon 5th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Fri 9th	Scrabble, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm
Sat 10th	Film Night, Village Hall, Bayford. 7pm
Mon 12th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Tues 13th	Short Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm
Tues 13th	Pancake Party, Kitchen@Kimbers, Charlton Musgrove. 5pm
Fri 16th	Coffee Morning, Memorial Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10.30am
Sat 17th	Villages Walking Group, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Mon 19th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Mon 19th	A Path To The Soul, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 7.30pm
Wed 21st	Lunch, Village Hall, Bayford. 12.15pm
Sat 24th	Coffee Morning with defib training, AMMH, Cucklington. 10am
Mon 26th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Mon 26th	A Path To The Soul, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 7.30pm
Tues 27th	Short Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm

FEBRUARY 2024

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

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

DEADLINE

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

Send to tristerncottage@hotmail.com

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 16th

