

VILLAGE NEWS

August/September 2017

**FOR THE PARISHES OF CHARLTON MUSGROVE,
CUCKLINGTON & STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD**



**Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Flower and Produce
Show 12th August 2.30 pm**

Charlton Musgrove Flower and Produce Show 7th October

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Any Questions?

I don't know about you but anyone reading the papers and watching TV in the last few months of political debate could be forgiven for believing that the basic tenets of the Christian faith are the oppression of women and homophobia! Some national newspapers even questioned whether being a Christian made one unfit to stand for public office.

Leaving aside this challenge to Britain's historic value for freedom of religion, I found this understanding of Christianity troubling. Tragically, the oppression of women and homophobia have been rampant since Christianity became the state religion in the fourth century. It is, of course, right to rigorously challenge and oppose prejudice and bigotry, not least because it completely contradicts the teaching of Jesus Christ, the one it claims to represent.

Jesus' life, actions and teaching were consistently about treating others as you would like to be treated yourself, preferring their needs over your own and yet also knowing and loving yourself. He didn't just live this out - it was also the purpose of his death.

I grew up, as many of us have done, at the tail end of the Christendom culture but I never understood what it meant to follow Jesus. I didn't find answers in church, just a stifling conformity of thinking and an unwillingness to discuss.

I used to hear in Sunday School that Jesus died so that we wouldn't have to - and yet I saw people dying all around me. I was taught that 2,000 years ago, Jesus was God in a human body - and yet he could also be in my day to day life. I was taught that he took away all my sins - and yet I didn't feel any different. I was taught that he rose from the dead and that I would too - but that seemed irrelevant to my life growing up in Leamington Spa!

So I abandoned church, Christianity and all that went with it in my teens and twenties, looking into other faiths and exploring the world, aware that something was missing.

One day, my brother-in-law, suggested that I look at the Alpha Course. It was there that some of my questions were answered and there was space to disagree, to think and to discuss. It looked at things like the meaning of life, questioned how God is good yet suffering happens and explained the Holy Spirit. It provided opportunity to encounter true spirituality during which something changed in me and I knew God was real and personal.

It was there that I discovered that Jesus invites all to follow him, whatever our gender, orientation, race, social class, political views or cultural faith. I saw the difference between following Jesus and a powerless but noxious cultural Christianity which had obscured the simple message of love that Jesus brings.

Of course, not everyone followed Jesus 2,000 years ago but they knew who they were rejecting. The question is, do you? If not, why not do the Alpha course and make up your own mind?

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Letter from the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells

For Parish Newsletters - August 2017

In a magazine recently I read about a distance learning course **being** offered by St. John's College in Nottingham specifically for Church Administrators. It combines study alongside working, takes about 18 months, and leads to a Certificate in Christian Studies. Those who have completed the course speak of how not only has it transformed their way of working, but how it changed the way others within the church perceived them and the work that they do. I found that really encouraging.

All churches are dependent on the skills, gifts and talents of church members offering their time and expertise to help build up the Church. Valuing, appreciating and developing those God-given gifts is so important. When Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth he said; 'Now to each one has been given the Spirit's gifts for the good of all.' (1 Corinthians Chapter 12) He then goes on to give examples of those gifts. He mentions prophecy and healing, preaching and teaching, leadership and tongues and many others. But tucked away in that list of gifts and ministries we read that God has appointed people with the ability 'to help others and those with gifts of administration'. Administrators are mentioned in the same list as apostles, miracle workers and prophets.

Although as anyone who has ever been involved in Church work knows administrators often are 'miracle workers' ensuring that all the necessary administrative tasks of the church are done efficiently and effectively. The word Paul uses for 'administrator' is the same word that is used for a pilot of a ship, whose task it is to steer the ship safely through the rocks and the shoals to the harbour. Administrators seldom stand in the limelight, they work in the background and shoulder the routine but essential work on which everything else depends.

We don't always know who counts the collection, produces the service sheets, takes the minutes, or staples the church magazine together. But God knows and without all those people the mission of the church would not go forward as it does. Hurrah for administrators.

The Right Reverend Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath and Wells



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2017

28 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
29 th	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

August 2017

3 rd	Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
12 th	Flower Show	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
13 th	Tea with Rosy	Chestnuts, Cucklington
25 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

September 2017

7 th	Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
12 th	Open Evening	Bayford Village Hall
20 th	Village Lunch	Bayford Village Hall
29 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

October 2017

1 st	Harvest Supper	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
3 rd	Alpha	The Smithy
8 th	Harvest Lunch	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
7 th	Flower Show	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
25 th	Village Lunch	Bayford Village Hall
27 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

November 2017

22 nd	Village Lunch	Bayford Village Hall
24 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall



Short Mat Bowls at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

WE MEET ON THE 2nd AND 4th TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

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CHURCH SERVICES

CMSJ – St. John's, Charlton Musgrove. CMSS – St. Stephen's Charlton Musgrove
C – St. Lawrence, Cucklington. ST – St. Andrew's Stoke Trister
All services below are Benefice Services.
Everyone is warmly welcome to join in whichever service they would like.

July 2017

23 rd	9.30 am	Family Service	CMSJ
30 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST

August 2017

6 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
	6.00 pm	Evensong	C
13 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	CMSJ
20 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
	6.00 pm	Evensong	C
27 th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer and Baptism	CMSS

September 2017

3 rd	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
	6.00 pm	Evensong	C
10 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	CMSS
17 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	C
	6.30 pm	Evensong	ST
24 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	CMSJ

October 2017

1 st	10.00 am	Harvest Festival	CMSS
8 th	11.00 am	Harvest Festival	C
15 th	5.30 pm	Harvest Festival followed by Tea	ST



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From the Organ Bench

Here's a hymn which prays, as we all should, for a guiding light, but in modern times has fallen out of favour and perhaps deserves a revival.

*Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom;
Lead thou me on....*

The immediate reason why John Henry Newman (1801-90) wrote these lines was that he was returning from a holiday in 1833 on a boat which was becalmed between Sicily and Corsica. But the deeper message behind it was that Newman felt that the Church of England, into which he was ordained, was also becalmed and losing its way. Many priests were younger 'sons of the manor' who paid little attention to their parishes, and Newman and several other young clergymen founded the Oxford Movement whose aim was to restore order and spiritual depth.

Helped by the Victorians' love of tradition and ceremony, this aim was largely achieved – one of the visible results being the widespread installation of choir stalls in the chancels of churches, and of organs. Much to the disgust of many, including the characters in Thomas Hardy's *Under the Greenwood Tree*, organs, and a single organist, replaced the more informal music groups which would often play in a church's west gallery (and the Victorians often removed that too). In church music as so often in life, what goes around comes around....

Newman's belief in the importance of ritual and doctrine led him later to join the Roman Catholic Church, and he became a cardinal. His other famous hymns, *Praise to the Holiest* and *Firmly I believe and truly*, come from his poem *The Dream of Gerontius* which was set to music gloriously by Sir Edward Elgar.

Lead, kindly light wasn't written specifically as a hymn, but Newman was very pleased and thankful that it became popular as such through a tune written for the words by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76). Many of Dykes's tunes are very singable and still well-known today, but this one ('Lux benigna') has a complex, irregular rhythm and modern congregations have struggled with it more than the Victorians did.

Good current hymn books include a fine strong tune ('Alberta') as an alternative (there is another tune, 'Sandon', best sung as a cure for insomnia). 'Alberta' was written by Sir William Harris (1883-1973) during a train journey in Canada, and somehow gives the words the hope, beyond the gloom, that Newman prayed for and was to find.

*So long thy power hath blessed me, sure it still
Will lead me on;
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, still
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.*

David Duvall

VILLAGE VIEW

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The Church – St Stephen's And St John's

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Village Coffee Mornings Friday 18th August & Friday 15th September.

Come along & join us for a cup of real Coffee & Homemade cake from 10.30 to 12.00am.

'FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW 7th OCTOBER. Our annual Flower & Produce Show is on the 7th October this year - the Schedule is on the Village website and a copy was in with last month's Newsletter. The Show last year produced many wonderful entries and this year we have introduced some new categories and classes which should appeal to all skills and ages. Don't forget to keep taking the photos for the new style Photography section. Have a good look through the Schedule and reserve the date!

Pauline, Ceri and Gill."

Charlton Musgrove 100 Club Results July Draw.
No.2 Sean & Kate McCarry.
No.36 Beryl Griffin.

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Diane Coe

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The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington – Management Committee

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Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings who also holds the keys.

MARY LONGSDON. Mary died on July 9th after a few very trying months illness. It was far too soon, and she will be greatly missed. Mary came, with her mother, to the village in 1963, and what a lucky day for Cucklington.

They quickly found a place in village life, and throughout their time here were always quick to welcome newcomers frequently entertaining them to a splendid meal. Mary ran the flower show for some years, organised the church flowers, and was church warden for many years. These skills came together to run two very successful 'Gardens Open' week-ends, with good themes for decorating the church, and she supported the pantomimes as 'Lighting Manager'. Mary was a top breeder of Fell ponies winning many national trophies, but it was her antics driving the pony's that cheered and amused the village considerably!! We missed her very much when she moved to Derbyshire, and I know how much Derbyshire will be missing her now. Mary's infectious optimism, enjoyment of life and diplomacy were a tonic for everyone.

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Village Hall Coffee Mornings The next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 29th July, Saturday 26th August and Saturday 30th September. They will start at 10 am. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat.

Village Hall Cleaning. The next cleaning day is 2nd September. We start around 9.30 am, and providing a few of us are there, a couple of hours will do it. But it is our hall, and needs a bit of attention from time to time, so any help would be welcome!

Scrabble. Don't forget the next scrabble evening will be in the village hall 28th July, starting at 7 pm.

Arthur Morison Memorial Hall:

The AMMH Committee thought you would like to know that after much research a new Acoustic baffle system has been installed in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall which should, we hope, overcome many of the problems people have had with noise at some events. We are indebted once again to Brian Trueman for his work and the Polygon Trust for their unstinting support.

We have also installed new small football goalposts for everyone's use so that children can safely enjoy some kick-about

Campbell Dunford

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Many thanks to Maureen Parsons for organising a most enjoyable and relaxing outing to Minehead on 28th June, with a scenic train trip and rather damp day. Even Maureen couldn't work her magic on the weather, but we had delicious fish and chips on the outward journey and a cream tea on the return and a good day was had by all. We look forward to the next trip.

The unpredictable weather was glorious for our coffee morning held in the Ellard's glorious garden on 6th July, and we are all most grateful to Brian and Averil, ably assisted by Monica for their warm hospitality in hosting this occasion. The sight of Brian dashing round with garden umbrellas and chocolate biscuits having to be eaten "just because they are melting" caused a lot of amusement. Thank you Averil and Brian for a lovely morning.

The next Bayford Coffee Mornings will be on Thursday 3rd August and Thursday 7th September in Bayford Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon, including a Bring & Buy. Everyone is very welcome to come whether you live in Bayford or anywhere else – please drop in.

Bayford Village Hall Open Evening

On Tuesday 12th September at 7.00 pm there will be an Open Evening in the Village Hall. When the initial questionnaire was circulated, most people indicated they would like a Village Hall, suggesting different events that could be held there. The Hall is now fully up and running and this is an opportunity for you to look over the past year and put forward ideas for activities, events and fund raising possibilities you would like to see take place in the Hall. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in. Refreshments will be served.

Village Lunch Club

Dates for the next 3 Village Lunches are shown in the Calendar of Events. These are proving to be popular, so do come along.



**STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL
DATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2017**

All meetings are held in the Bayford Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm. Members of the Press and Public are welcome.

THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER (Precept meeting)

An agenda and draft minutes from the previous meeting(s) will be posted on the Parish notice boards at Bayford Village Hall, Bayford; by School House, Stoke Trister by the triangle, Stoke Trister at least three clear working days prior to the meeting.

Minutes and agendas can be found on the Parish Council website: www.stoketristerwithbayford.net

Any issues to be raised at the next meeting should be addressed to the Clerk ten days prior to the meeting at the address shown on the Parish notice boards and in the Parish magazine. Separate meetings are held on site to consider planning applications and agendas are posted on the notice boards three clear working days before a meeting is held.

Patricia Gillman
Clerk to the Parish Council

1st January 2017



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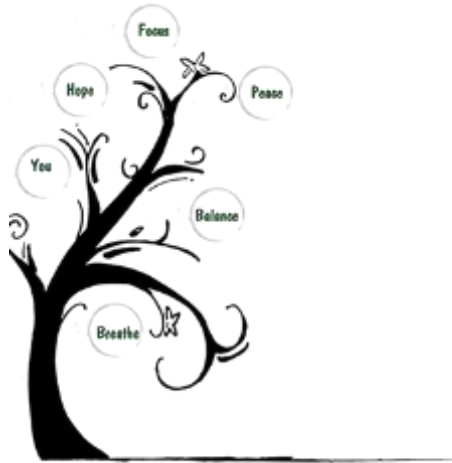
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