

VILLAGE NEWS

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



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The adventure of Christmas

I passed a shop this summer which had Christmas goods and Christmas cards on offer - and it was still only August! Every year shops seem to start their Christmas displays a week earlier. But in the annual rush to Christmas (which we all have a sinking feeling about) we risk losing a great deal. In particular we lose the distinctive emphases of Advent which is a season of preparation and expectation.

In Advent we are invited to be still, to be watchful and to be prayerful and to prepare ourselves to celebrate once again the birth of Christ. The word Advent suggests both 'Event' and 'Adventure' and Christmas is both of those things. Christmas is when we remember the birth of a baby in a stable in Bethlehem: a baby who was God himself. This was God taking our nature upon himself and putting into effect his great plan of love, whereby we might be reunited with our Creator. That stable in Bethlehem may seem a long way away from us, but God's love is the same. This is an event for us and our families today - an event to be celebrated.

But Christmas is also an adventure. It was an adventure for the shepherds who 'returned glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen' (Luke 2:20). It is an adventure for us as we open our lives and our homes to God. It is an adventure as we look forward to 2015 and all that that may mean for us. It is an adventure as we trust ourselves and those we love to Christ as Saviour and Lord.

So let me challenge you to take time this Advent to make a space in the rush to pause, to be still, to reflect and to prepare for the wonder and joy that is Christmas. Let us pray that all our church services and activities will help us draw nearer to God and help us to concentrate on the great 'event' and great 'adventure' which is at the heart of all we are celebrating. Furthermore, let us ensure that this Christmas is centred more around the coming of Christ and the needs of others, and less around ourselves.

May God grant you a peace - filled Advent and a joy-filled Christmas.

+Peter Bath and Wells

From the Rectory

We can't really complain anymore if the shops are playing Christmas tunes and festooned with decorations. Christmas really is once again almost upon us. As the nights are getting longer and darker, and the temperature drops, it is easy to understand why our ancestors from long ago needed a midwinter festival to cheer them up and easy to see why, in the spirit of, if you can't beat them, join them, the Church decided it was as good a time as any to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Times weren't easy in Palestine/Israel when Jesus was born, times aren't easy there now. Whatever the angels sang in the night sky above Bethlehem to tell the shepherds about the baby's birth, there is still not "peace on earth, good will towards men". Israeli rabbis have been blown up at prayer in Jerusalem and Palestinian inhabitants of Bethlehem hemmed in and trapped by the wall that separates farmers from their land and olive groves and everyone from the sources of fresh water.

Christians in Israel-Palestine have asked for prayers for peace in the Holy Land to be held on the 24th of every month. If you can at the start of your Christmas festivities, find time to pray for those who still live in the town and land of Jesus' birth.

Eternal God, in your love for this world,
you have made places of great beauty.

And always where heaven is present, hell is never far off.

This is our experience; it is the lot of your people.

We recognise it in the world.

Today, we come to hold before you that land on which your son put his feet
and first walked the path to heaven across the terrain of the earth.

Help us, as we enter into solidarity with those who are our brothers and sisters

in faith and in humanity, not to keep apart Palestinian and Israeli in our prayers, but

rather to try with you, and under your guidance,

to find a way of holding the broken pieces,

that in our lives and through our prayers,

some greater health and some sign of wholesomeness might come,

and a glimpse of your kingdom appear in our hearts and on this earth. Amen.

(From 'Fencing in God's People, WGRG 2007)

The full service can be found

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/churches/prayer/world-week-peace-palestine-israel.aspx>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

29 th Nov	Christmas Fair	Bayford Chapel
29 th Nov	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Village Hall

December 2014

4 th Dec	Coffee Morning	The Well House, Bayfor
6 th Dec	Pilgrims singers concert	St Peter and St Paul Wincanton
8 th Dec	Christmas Tea Party	Bayford Chapel
12 th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Stoke Trister
13 th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrew's Stoke Trister
13 th Dec	Village Hall Cleaning	Arthur Morison Village Hall
19 th Dec	A Special Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
19 th Dec	Carols around the village	Cucklington
20 th Dec	100 Club Party	Arthur Morison Village Hall

January 2015

2 nd Jan	Village Walk	Charlton Musgrove
31 st Jan	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Village Hall

February 2015

5 th Feb	Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
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CHURCH SERVICES

November 2014

**CMSJ – St .John’s, Charlton Musgrove. CMSS – St Stephen’s Charlton Musgrove
C – St Lawrence, Cucklington. ST – St Andrew’s Stoke Trister. B - Bayford Chapel**

December 2014

7 th Dec	9.30 am	Alltogether	ST
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	CMSJ
	5.30 pm	Evensong BCP	C
14 th Dec	8.00 am	Holy Communion	CMSS
	9.30 am	AllTogether	C
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	ST
21 st Dec	9.30 am	Alltogether	ST
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	CMSS
	5.30 pm	Evensong BCP	C
24 th Dec	5.00 pm	Carol, Crib and Christingle	ST
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	C
25 th Dec	9.30 am	Crib and Holy Communion	CMSS
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	ST
28 th Dec	5.00 pm	Quiet Christingle	CMSJ

January 2015

4 th Jan	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
	5.30 pm	Evensong BCP	C
11 th Jan	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSS
18 th Jan	9.30 am	Growing Faith	ST
	5.30 pm	Evensong BCP	C
25 th Jan	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSJ

If we have snow and ice please check with your Church Wardens as services may be cancelled.m

VILLAGE VIEW

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

Decorating the Churches: Monday 22nd December

Starting about 10 o’clock at St Stephen’s, anyone who would like to help would be very welcome. We will be decorating St John’s with greenery and candles ready for the Christingle service on Sunday 28th December

If any children would like to dress up as characters from the Christmas story that would be a bonus for the rest of us.

Pilates: Contact Mo for details on: 07815 748518

mospilates@yahoo.com Wednesdays at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

6.30pm – 7.30pm (Intermediate) 7.30pm – 8.30pm (Beginners)

Thursdays 9.30 – 10.30am (all levels)



Short Mat Bowls at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

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

Come along for a laugh, we are a friendly non-competitive group

Cost - £2.50 per session - Tea & Coffee will be served

Please bring along smooth soled shoes to wear for the sake of the mats.

Brian & Stella Wheeler – 01963 34331

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Community

The quiz night at Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall was a good test of knowledge and of memory. Groans of “oh, I knew that perfectly well!” came pretty often when we heard the answers. The victorious team of Dangers and Woods (with a small additional Graham) just beat John and Pauline Bastable supported by Hilary and John, by one point. Competition was hot and the field not far behind.

Thank you to the potato bakers and the barmen. We raised £350 in the course of a very cheerful evening

The Walkers riders and cyclist volunteer group have had a very busy year mending and improving the stiles in the parish. We have had twelve volunteer working days and not once did we get wet!! That was until November when we met up to clear our only Byway and it rained hard enough to make up for the 12 dry days and we all got soaked! However it is now all clear for riders to get through and Somerset Council are shortly clearing the byway outside our parish to enable access right through to Knowle Rock and Stoney Stoke. Sir Cameron Mackintosh has also cleared and massively improved our only bridleway which gives villagers access to a whole network of riding by permit through the Stavordale Estate and Stourhead Western Estate. We hope, if all goes well, to finish the stile mending by the end of the year.

Thank you so much to all our landowners who have been fantastically supportive in allowing us to make walking in the village so much easier and more enjoyable. Most of our paths are now also easily accessible for dogs. Please keep your dog under close control as it can scare or harm farm animals. Please also remember that all dogs should be regularly wormed to prevent harmful parasites being passed to farm livestock and also clear up after your dog.

The group has decided to continue by designing and printing a leaflet of circular walks in the village next year. This will be circulated throughout the village and be available at our village hall and the village website. We are currently applying for grants to cover our costs and hope to start planning early in the New Year.

If you would like to join the group to help with this please contact Sally Amery on 01963 31330 or e-mail sally.amery@gmail.com

**Christmas special coffee morning in our Village Hall
Friday 19th December at 10.30 am
Real coffee and Christmas goodies and a warm welcome to all**

New Year Village walk Friday 2nd January 11am

To celebrate a circular village walk with improved stiles and dog gates

Everyone welcome with or without dogs approx. 1 hour 15 min walk

Meet at St Stephen's church Please register on arrival - £1 per person

Mulled wine, hot drinks, sausage rolls and mince pies will be served in

St Stephen's after the walk

VILLAGE 'SAFETY NET'

Remember to phone **01963 31634** for help in Charlton Musgrove if you need to call on the "safety net" which is in place.

Diane Coe

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The Church – St Lawrence's



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Harvest Lunch. A record attendance of 75! Many thanks to everyone who came along to support the event; also to all those, too numerous to mention, who contributed in so many ways to make it a wonderful afternoon. Extremely generous donations of wine, meat, food and produce were very much appreciated. Nearly £1000 was raised with £250 donated to the Addington Trust and the remainder towards the repair of the church tower. And a particular thank you to Julia for organizing the whole thing.

And thank you also to those who decorated the church so beautifully; and to Jo for a memorable service.

Carols Round the Village: On Friday 19th December. Meet at The Old Orchard (Stephen & Gay Harrison) at 6 pm, finish up at Aislaby by kind invitation of Chris Holloway.

Flower Ladies and anyone with a spare minute at this busy time of year! This year we will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 20th December from 10 am onwards, and would be very grateful for any help, greenery, berries and/or coffee!

Village Hall

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Coffee Morning. The next Coffee Morning will be in the Village Hall on 29 November, starting at 10 am. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat.

Thank you to all who brought their WW1 mementoes to the coffee morning on 25th October and made it a memorable occasion.

Village Hall Cleaning. Starting at 9.30 am on Saturday 13th December – for a couple of hours. All equipment provided – come and lend a hand.

100 Club Party: this will now take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th December, starting at 7 pm.

Results for the 100 club draw for the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall:-

October: H Crawford Smith and T Rawlings

100 Club Xmas party will be held in the village hall on 20th December at 7.30p.m.

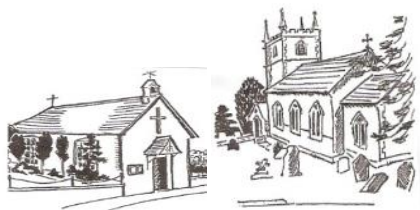
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Mike Dixon 1938 – 2014

Very many thanks to everyone for their kind thoughts, letters and help after Mike died on 17th October. It had been a sad and difficult time for him over the past two years. His memorial service was held at St Andrew’s on 1st November and Mike would have been touched to see so many friends and relations there, some of whom had travelled a long way to attend.

Special thanks go to Jo, who led the service beautifully. Thanks also to Nigel, who was so helpful and dealt efficiently with all the preparations for the service, to Diana at the organ, Mike’s cousin Simon and Kylie for the readings during the service and Rita, Jane, Margie and Diana for the beautiful flowers in the church. Maggie (in her lovely red shoes), joined Simon and old friends, David Roe and Jim Hodge, to share their memories of Mike and make us smile.

Mike much enjoyed his bell ringing days in Stoke Trister and Cucklington and we were very grateful to the team for ringing before the service. Thanks also to Martin Haskett for giving us parking space at Church Farm and to all the friends who provided such delicious sandwiches, canapés and quiches after the service at the house, which were much appreciated and such a help.

Everyone has been extremely generous with donations in memory of Mike, which amounted to an amazing £628 at the last count. This will go to help Macmillan, whose wonderful nurses at the Macmillan Unit at Yeovil District Hospital made such a difference to the many hours he spent there, and to the Cinnamon Trust, a small charity which helps the elderly and their pets.

Alison, Nick and Kate

Christmas Tree Festival 2014, St Andrew's Church Stoke Trister, Friday 12th & Saturday 13th December 2014

There are still places available but please do not delay as there is limited space in the church. Diana Noble will order trees at a discounted rate for those who need them. Please contact Diana on 01963 31071 for further details and to book a space.

The event will open on 13th December with a Cheese & Wine Evening at the church from 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. The ticket price is £5.00 per adult; children are free and there will be soft drinks and mince pies for them!

On the Saturday the church will be open from 11.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Entrance is free but donations will be most welcome. At 3.00 p.m. on the Saturday there will be congregational singing of advent carols, plus hopefully, a children's group of hand bell ringers.

Please hand in your squares for the Bayford and Stoke Trister Knitted Tree to Diana Noble or Maggie Giles by the end of November. Once on show, there will be a competition to guess the number of knitted squares!

Bayford Chapel

It had been hoped to hold a public consultation on the future of Bayford Chapel in the autumn of this year. Regrettably, matters connected with the trusts associated with this building are taking longer than anticipated to resolve. The PCC are hopeful that it will be possible to hold such a meeting next spring. In the interim period all parish services will continue to be held in St Andrews Church. The Chapel can still be used for meetings and fundraising events.

Community



The December Coffee morning will be on Thursday 4th December at The Well House (with many thanks to Maggie and Marcus Giles) from 10 - 12. There will not be a Bring and Buy, but a Raffle will be held instead,

There will be no Bayford Coffee morning in January

Many congratulations to Janet Smith who celebrated her 80th birthday on 7th November. She is still in Preston Park House in Yeovil.

Pam Gray is now in Verrington Hospital and visitors are welcome.

Christmas Fair - 29th November - Bayford Chapel (10 - 12)

Usual stalls, including books, gifts, tombola, bric-a-brac, raffle, etc. Contributions for these stalls to Maggie or Diana please ASAP

or to the Chapel from 2 - 4 pm on Friday 28th November. Please come and support the Fair on 29th as well - there will be things for children (guess the number of sweets in jar) & adults (guess the weight of the Christmas cake) and you might even win a lovely raffle prize or tombola prize!!

On 6th November the regular members of the Bayford Coffee Morning had a real treat when Maureen took us on a mystery trip for a pub lunch, On the way there everyone was guessing the destination which turned out to be the Bull at Hardway where we all sat down to a marvellous three course lunch with a glass of wine and coffee. Most of us had forgotten what we had ordered a few weeks previously, so when our food arrived, that was a surprise too! It was a delicious meal and greatly enjoyed by all who came. Many thanks to Maureen for thinking of this idea and arranging another very enjoyable outing. The bus was rather heavier on the return journey as it negotiated the narrow lanes.

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