

VILLAGE NEWS

DECEMBER 2016

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

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Parishioners in our Benefice will have been delighted to learn that our much loved and respected Rector - Canon Jo Penberthy - who left us to return to Wales last year, has just been elected to be the 129th Bishop of St. Davids Cathedral. History will also be made when she becomes the first female Bishop in the church of Wales. Jo will be consecrated as a Bishop at Llandaff Cathedral, the seat of the current Archbishop of Wales, on 21st January and enthroned in St Davids Cathedral on 11th February 2017.



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Of Archbishops, a Bishop elect and other matters.

What an eventful month November has turned out to be! What a blessing to hear some genuinely good news early in the month. Preaching is about sharing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is something that the Bishop elect of St. David's, Canon Jo Penberthy does brilliantly. We know that, for she is 'our' Jo. Already she was the first woman to be a Canon of St. David's in the Church in Wales and, for a time, we were most fortunate to have her to ourselves. But in our hearts, I think many of us knew that Jo was destined for a much larger stage.

While she was with us, it seemed important that we should all benefit from her preaching as much as possible. As her Bishop John put it: "Jo is an immensely gifted teacher and reflector and teacher and a highly respected and much loved parish priest wherever she has been" As a gifted communicator she will bring a huge amount of talent, faith and inspiration both to her diocese and the bench of Bishops."

The Archbishop of the Church in Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, on announcing Jo's election said that "it is important to stress Joanna wasn't elected because she was a woman but because she was deemed to be the best person to be a Bishop". He finished his praise of her by describing her as 'someone who is full of joy'. This, of course, we know for ourselves.

Jo texted me a couple of hours after that announcement of her new post and apologised that she would not be able to come to the service at St. Andrew's on 6th November, when I was to preach my last sermon as a licensed Reader. I had no idea that Jo was contemplating coming to it or of all the other kindness I was to receive on that Sunday. So I really would like to thank all those who gave me such a good celebration to mark this milestone in my life.

This week I have celebrated my 70th birthday, reaching the age where I am no longer eligible to be a licensed Reader to an incumbent. I am deeply touched by and thankful to all those who helped me mark this moment – the Reverend Ian Comber by agreeing to my preaching at the Communion service, for the beautiful cake baked by Pip, a special calendar, other personal gifts, absolutely beautiful flowers from Common Farm Flowers and, always a favourite present, a book token. It is a very generous one. So my heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to these presents and for your encouragement and friendship during my time in the Benefice as your Reader.

I was humbled and delighted when Elizabeth Persson read the message that Jo had sent and would have said for herself, had she been able to be with us. I was very glad that they resonated with my own about Jo that I had expressed as part of my sermon.

In the last few days before my birthday, I went with other clergy and Readers from across the Diocese, to hear our Archbishop Justin Welby speaking in Wells Cathedral. He was obviously happy to be with us, speaking encouragingly and fielding questions with clarity and wisdom. What a contrast it was to see him the next day, after Donald Trump was made US President elect. The Archbishop was grim faced and obviously deeply concerned about the global implications of the election. But he told us not to meet fear with fear.

Then on Remembrance Sunday I wore my Reader's robes for the last time. The sun shone on the old stones of St. Stephen's Church, where we had all gathered for this Benefice service of quiet dignity, which was led by the Reverend Ian Comber. It highlighted for me, Jo's legacy to us, that encouraged us to enrich our worship by pooling our congregations for at least one service each Sunday.

This way we can get a fuller feeling of belonging to 'the body of Christ' and what we might have to offer to newcomers as a Christian community.

On a lighter note, my thanks for the raffle prize I won at the summer fete, of a voucher for a hairdo at Marvela's salon in Wincanton. I used it last week and it was a very positive experience. The owner gives her support to many charities.

Now it is time to look forward with hope through the darkness of this time of year, to the coming of the light. As we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child this Christmas, may we all experience the peace, the joy and the love he brings with him and remember that 'perfect love casts out fear'. Amen.

Liz Learmond

From the Organ Bench

'Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord....'

I'm ashamed to say that only in the last few years have I realised what a splendid Advent hymn this makes – all the way through to the last verse:

'He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave....'

Unusually, the tune came first with this hymn. It seems to have been collected as a camp-fire song (Say, brothers, will you meet us) in the USA in the 1850s by William Steffe, then sung by soldiers at the start of the American Civil War in 1861 as 'John Brown's Body'.

Mrs Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) was a native of New York and a strong supporter of women's suffrage and the abolition of slavery. The strong, flowing tune inspired her to write this hymn at a single sitting in November 1861 (although she seems to have written the last verse a few years later). She must have been a considerable Biblical scholar, as there are allusions to Isaiah and Revelation ('He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored') as well as to the Gospels (Jesus's second coming and his transfiguration).

**'In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea:
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free:
While God is marching on.'**

This lovely verse never fails to inspire. In the context of civil war, the original words were '...let us die to make men free'. It isn't normally a good idea to alter other people's poetry, but it's usual nowadays to change 'die' to 'live'. I like to think that Mrs Howe would approve of that small change as appropriate to (comparative) peacetime and Advent. As a supporter of women's suffrage, she was also well aware that 'men' means the whole of mankind, not just the male half of the population; there is no need to change anything else in this great hymn of praise and expectation.

David Duvall

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2016

25 th	Scrabble Night	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
26 th	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
26 th	Christmas Fair	St Andrews, Stoke Trister
26 th	Christmas Tasting and Crib Blessing	Kimber's Farm Shop

December 2016

1 st	Coffee Morning	The Red Brick House, Bayford
3 rd	Christmas Decoration Workshop	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
9 th	Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
10 th	Official Opening of Bayford Village Hall	Bayford Village Hall
16 th	Carols around the Village	Cucklington
17 th	Christmas Tree Festival with Carols	St Andrews, Stoke Trister
17 th	Village Hall cleaning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
18 th	Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrews, Stoke Trister
21 st	100 Club Xmas Party	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
23 rd	Children's Christmas Party	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

January 2017

19 th	Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
20 th	Stoke Trister Social Group	Stoke Trister Church

February 2017

9 th	Coffee morning	Bayford Village Hall
20 th	Stoke Trister Social Group	Stoke Trister Church
24 th	Quiz Night	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

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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.

November 2016

27 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	CMSJ
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December 2016

4 th	10.00 am	Family Communion	C
	6.30 pm	Evensong	ST
11 th	4.00 pm	Christingle	CMSS
18 th	10.00 am	Family Service	ST
	6.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight	C
24 th	4.00 pm	Family Carols by Candlelight	ST
25 th	10.00 am	Family Communion	CMSS
	11.00 am	Family Service with Holy Communion	C

January 2017

1 st	10.00 am	Family Communion	ST
	6.00 pm	Evensong	C
8 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	CMSS
15 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
	6.00 pm	Evensong	C
22 nd	10.00 am	Family Communion	CMSJ
29 th	9.30am	Benefice Communion	CMSS

VACANCY PERIOD

PARISH OF STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

If you are in need of a member of the clergy during the vacancy period for yourself, a friend, wedding, funeral or baptism, please get in touch with your Church Wardens



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Wonder and worship

Have you ever wondered how many stars there are? We know there are lots and we know we can't count them. It is clearly not a straightforward question. So what do we know? We believe the universe is some 14 billion light years old. We think it is expanding, but we don't know if it is infinitely large or not. And the fact that space-time seems to be curved makes it even more complicated. But if the Milky Way has some 100 million stars in it and if there are in the order of 100 trillion galaxies, we are looking at something like '1 followed by 24 noughts' as an answer. That is a lot of stars! And throughout all of human history people have wondered not only how many stars there are but also who made them. The Bible gives us an answer to this and reveals God as the Creator of all things. The prophet Isaiah wrote this:

'Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.' (Isaiah 40: 26)

Stars are beautiful, mysterious, awe-inspiring. They cause us to wonder and marvel. Who has not stopped at some point and just gazed at the night sky? It is said that the US President Franklin D Roosevelt used to take his guest out after dinner to look at the night sky. They would stare at the stars and then he would say: 'Now that we feel small enough, let us discuss our business.'

At the first Christmas it was a star that led the wise men to the baby Jesus. 'When they saw the child with his mother Mary, they bowed down and worshipped him.' Christmas reminds us that Jesus is God's Son, our Saviour and our Lord. In the midst of all else that is happening may we make sure that we take time to wonder and to worship.

+ Peter Bath and Wells

Painting and drawing workshops by Mariella Wolff, Cucklington Village Hall

10.00 to 13.00 £12 per session.

January: Monday's lessons on the 9th-16th-23rd-30th

February: Monday's lessons on the 6th-13th-20th

Please contact Mariella on 07752 965378 or 01747 840052 to book a place

The Pilgrim Singers present

Carolling to Bethlehem

**An evening of seasonal readings and song
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on

Friday December 16th

7.30pm in the parish church of SS Peter & Paul, Church St. Wincanton.

**Tickets: £10 / £8 concessions / children free
(to include seasonal refreshments)
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CAROLS AT THE HALL

On 3rd December 2016 the Wincanton Live at Home Scheme and the Royal British Legion are together putting on an evening of favourite carols to be sung by all in the Wincanton Memorial Hall starting at 7pm. The hall will open at 6.15pm.

The outstanding musical lead will be provided by the Wincanton Silver Band, The Wincanton Choir and the Wincanton Youth Theatre.

During the interval mulled wine and mince pies (included in the admission fee) will be served. Admission is just £6 so come along, support these two vital local charities and kick Christmas off with a splendid evening of carols and music.

Looking for an honest and reliable cleaner to help a couple of hours per week in a family home in Cucklington. If you are interested or know someone who may be suitable please contact Sara on 07711666114 References/recommendations will be required.

Stoke Trister Social Group have a craft workshop on the 23rd January 2017 at 10 am at Stoke Trister Church come and join us for a fun morning. For more information like us on Facebook at ST Social Group, e-mail stsocialgroup@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01963 32311

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

Decorating the church for Christmas:

Any time after 10 am. on Friday 23rd December in St Stephens. Anyone who can spare a little time to help will be most welcome.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CRAFT DAY

Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall on Saturday 3rd December from 10.30 am - 2.30 pm. Lunch, snacks and coffee will be available for a small charge at the POP-UP CAFE

Make a beautiful Christmas wreath of natural materials with Lucinda the florist;

Ice your Christmas cake, or make sweetmeats, biscuits and other delicious treats with Suki and Jane;

Print your cards, gift tags and wrapping paper with the printmaking team (dress for mess!).

Many other activities and good things to eat and drink.



Village Coffee Mornings in the Memorial Hall:

Wednesday 9th December for Christmas Special with mulled wine and mince pies;

Thursday 19th January in the Village Hall from 10.30-12.00.

Do come & join us for Real Coffee & homemade cake.

Everyone welcome.

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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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 17th December from 10 am onwards, and would be very grateful for any help, greenery, berries and/or coffee! JMS

Harvest Lunch

Thank you, to everyone who came along to support this very enjoyable event, also to all those who contributed in so many ways. Very generous donations of meat, food and produce were much appreciated.

£750 was raised with £250 donated to the Addington Trust (a farming charity) and the remainder to the church.

Children's Christmas Party

Funded by the Village Hall on Friday 23rd December from 2.00pm till 5.00pm, all children are welcome resident or just staying with relatives. Can you please contact Hayley on 07872 028264 to let her know numbers and any more information, also if you would like to help in any way.

Village Hall Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 26th November, starting at 10 am. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat.

Village Hall cleaning:

The next cleaning session will be on Saturday 17th December; starting at 9.30.. This hall belongs to us all – come along and spend a couple of hours helping us to keep it clean and tidy.

Scrabble.

The next scrabble evening will be in the village hall on Friday 25th November – come along for a fun evening, not too serious.

100 Club winners for November Mr & Mrs M. Speller and Ms A. Gibberd

The 100 Club Xmas party

Will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21st December all welcome, especially if you would like to join or rejoin.

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We meet at the bottom of Long Hill at 6.00pm and finish as always at Aislaby by kind invitation of Chris Holloway.

It would help Chris if we had an idea of numbers so perhaps you could let Karen or Pip know if you intend to come.

We should be away from Aislaby by 8.30 latest.



To All My Friends
In
Stoke Trister and Cucklington
A very Happy Christmas and New Year
Tony

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The Church – St Andrew's



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Christmas Tree Festival 2016, St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister, Saturday 17th December & Sunday 18th December 2016

The annual Christmas Tree Festival will take place on the dates above. If you would like to enter a tree please contact Diana Noble on 01963 31071 or email her on diana.noble@btinternet.com for further details.

On the Saturday and Sunday the church will be open from 11.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Entrance is free but donations will be most welcome. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and mince pies to add Christmas cheer to your visit. At 3.00 p.m. on the Saturday there will be congregational singing of Christmas carols. This is a very popular event and early occupation of a seat is recommended!

Children's trees are always welcome and will be given pride of place in a reserved area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - STOKE TRISTER

In order to keep the scheme going I have taken over as the Stoke Trister coordinator from Tony Watson. One of the things I will have to do is to circulate Police information to members. I would be most grateful if you could (preferably) email me at petermunro20@live.co.uk with your address and contact details or phone me on 01963 33036 with the same. many thanks. Peter Munro.

Bayford Village Hall

The official opening of the Village Hall will take place on Saturday 10th December at 10.30 am, with seasonal refreshments served until 12.00 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to the opening which will be done by Mr. John Lockwood from Viridor Credits, our main sponsor of the project.

Marcus Giles is now home recovering after his very nasty accident and subsequent stay in Southmead Hospital Bristol. He is most grateful to everyone for all their kind messages and prayers as well as the support given to both him and Maggie at this time. We send them both our love and best wishes for a full recovery to Marcus.

Liz Learmond's retirement service on 6th November was well attended and she gave a very interesting talk. Unfortunately Bishop-elect Jo was unable to come, but sent a very nice message, saying how invaluable Liz's help had been to her, and we are fortunate that it is not actually goodbye to Liz, just adieu, as she will still attend services in the benefice.

Very many thanks to Maureen Parsons for organising our Bayford outing on 5th November to White Christmas at the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil. It was an excellent production and the dancers were superb. The songs are well known of course, thanks to Bing Crosby, so we were singing along! This was followed by a lovely meal at Hunters Lodge which was enjoyed by all. Roll on the next outing in the spring, we look forward to it!

Hazel Hawes is home after her knee operation in Yeovil Hospital and we send her best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Win Ward has moved to The Glen Care Home in Evercreech, and would love to see anyone who has time to visit.

Bayford Coffee Mornings

Thursday 1st December at The Red Brick House, Stoke Lane, (Maggie & Marcus Giles) 10 – 12 noon with Christmas Raffle or Highfield House, Bayford (Sid and Brian Garton) (venue tbc. nearer the time)

No Coffee Morning in January

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