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Heaven Invades Earth!

One of the things I love about Christmas, apart from the fairy lights, giving presents, eating a lot and the excuse to party is the focus on angels! Angels are not often talked about today but the Christmas story is packed full of them! Four of them appear in a short space of time and give extraordinary and specific information.

First, an angel called Gabriel appears to tell a very old couple, Zechariah and Elizabeth, that they are about to have a baby who will turn people back to God and “prepare the way for the Messiah!” Then Gabriel returns to earth a few months later to announce to virgin Mary that she’s been chosen to give birth to the Messiah who will rule the earth forever in a completely new way. A third, unnamed angel appears to Joseph, Mary’s fiancée, when he struggles to believe what she tells him about her surprise pregnancy. And a fourth angel then shocks a group of shepherds with news that “a Saviour is born”, bringing a whole host of heavenly beings with him.

Does any of this strike you as odd? Why so many angels in the story? Perhaps because the message they carried was so extraordinary that people needed a heavenly being to convince them it was true! After all, imagine being told that you are about to give birth when well past childbearing or a young virgin! Or hearing from your beloved that her pregnancy was God’s overshadowing, not man’s! Or being shepherds, the “wide boys” of the countryside with reputations on a par with used car salesmen, who are suddenly honoured by being told “news of great joy for all people”, becoming the first witnesses to Jesus’ birth!

But why four angels in the Christmas story? In Jewish thinking, the number four is pictured as a door. It’s as if the four angels point to a door flung open on Christmas night between heaven and earth, never to be shut again! Indeed, Jesus later described himself as the door between heaven and earth through which people could go in and out and be saved. Only a few years later, the angels are back to announce that this door remains open because “Jesus is risen from the dead” and “this Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven will return in like manner”!

So what’s it all mean for us? Simply that the God who made the planets, multiverse and all existence chose to clothe Himself in the human body of Jesus of Nazareth to bring His realm of heaven together with our realm of earth. Heaven’s invasion begins at Christmas, led by the angels! And it continues every day in Jesus’ adult ministry as the sick are healed, the dead raised and people touched by God’s love. Even human attempts to end this heaven/earth union by crucifying Jesus becomes the path to our spiritual cleansing so that the union between heaven and earth could extend from God/Jesus to God/us if we want it!

Surely this is good news of great joy for all people on earth! So do join with the angels this Christmas in proclaiming “Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth, peace and goodwill to all men!”

Let earth receive her King!

From the Organ Bench – December 2017

Many of our favourite Christmas hymns and carols are either of unknown origin (like *O come, all ye faithful*) or the work of several authors (*Hark, the herald-angels sing*) so there is little of interest to say about how they came to be written. But here's a heart-warming story about a father's love for his daughter.

John Byrom (1692-1763) was a man of many parts. A fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, he invented a form of shorthand that was used by many writers, including Charles Wesley, for over a century; he coined the terms Tweedledum and Tweedledee; and he seems to have been a secret Jacobite sympathiser in the reigns of George I and George II.

Later in life he settled in Cheshire and had a family. In 1749 he asked his daughter Dorothy (Dolly) what she would like for Christmas: she said that she would like him to write her a poem. So on Christmas morning on her breakfast table were the words of what has become a well-known Christmas hymn, starting with:

*Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born.*

Soon afterwards, John Byrom's friend John Wainwright (1723-68), who was to become organist of Manchester Collegiate Church (later Manchester Cathedral), set the words to the strong, triumphant tune that we still sing it to. Originally called *Stockport*, after the composer's birthplace, it is more usually known as *Yorkshire*, possibly for no better reason than that Wainwright is a fine old Yorkshire name.

The poem originally had eight long six-line verses; nowadays four is about as much as we can manage. But they are enough to appreciate how John Byrom, in the faith of God and love for his family, used the Christmas story to illustrate the hope and ultimate triumph of the Christian message:

*Then may we hope, the angelic hosts among,
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song.*

David Duvall

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2017

24 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
25 th	Christmas Fair	Bayford Village Hall

December 2017

8 th	Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
10 th	Children's Christmas Party	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
14 th	Coffee Morning	Red Brick House, Bayford
16 th	Christmas Tea Party	Bayford Village Hall
16 th	Christmas Tree Festival and Carols	St Andrews, Stoke Trister
17 th	Christmas Tree Festival	St Andrews, Stoke Trister
22 nd	100 Club Christmas Party	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

January 2018

20 th	Stoke Trister Social Group	Stoke Trister Church
24 th	Lunch Club	Bayford Village Hall
26 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
27 th	Inter Village Quiz night	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

February 2018

1 st	Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
13 th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
16 th	Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall



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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.

December 2017

3 rd	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
10 th	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Benefice Christingle Evensong	CMSS C
17 th	3.00 pm 6.30 pm	Live Nativity Carols by Candlelight	ST C
24 th	4.30 pm 11.30 pm	Carols by Candlelight Midnight Mass	ST C
25 th	9.30 am 11.00 am	Christmas Day Communion Christmas Day Family Service	C CMSS
31 st	9.30 am	New Year’s Eve Service	CMSJ

January 2018

7 th	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Evensong	CMSJ C
14 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	ST
21 st	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Morning Praise Evensong	C C
28 th	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Quiet Hour	CMSS ST

February 2018

4 th	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Morning Praise Evensong	CMSJ C
11 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	ST
14 th	6.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	CMSJ
18 th	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Morning Praise Evensong	C C

VILLAGE VIEW

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

Stephen and Judy Nathan set up home in Charlton Musgrove 10 years ago and became very involved in our local community.

Stephen passed away at home on Sunday 15th October after a 2-year illness, borne with great dignity and courage.

He became Chairman of the new hall when it opened in 2009. He masterminded continuing improvements and the transition from an empty new hall to one that is very well-used.

Stephen's calm, balance, clarity of purpose and foresight gave us just a glimpse of what a remarkable soldier he must have been. Everything was done with huge kindness and gentle authority.

His military career spanned 30 years. Commissioned into the Royal Scots in 1964 and having developed a taste for flying he transferred to the Army Air Corps in 1972. Overseas postings included to Zimbabwe at independence. Promoted to Colonel he finished his service career as Deputy Chief of Staff United Kingdom Land Forces. Stephen took early retirement in 1993 and then had a successful career in risk management.

There has been a private funeral and in due course there will be a celebration of his life at the Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop.

All our thoughts and condolences go to Judy and all the family.

Charlton Musgrove 100 Club Results November Draw

No. 46 Mike White

No. 80 Peter Hawes

Village Coffee Morning

Friday December 8th 10.30am to 12noon

Come along & join us for Mulled Wine & Mince pies, plus the usual real coffee to get your Christmas Celebrations off to a flying start.

There won't be a coffee morning in January but we'll be back on February 16th with our usual fare of real coffee & cake to help cheer the winter blues & to catch up with all our neighbours & friends.

Meanwhile we wish all our loyal supporters a Happy Christmas & Joy & peace in the New Year.

Farewell but not Goodbye.

Last month Joan Dodge left the village after 50 years to move into Wincanton, & she will be very sadly missed.

Joan has been a wonderful member of our Village Community. Cleaning Our Churches, years ago, cycling with her dear friend Avril to St Stephens to clean & polish, cleaning St John's Church brass, delivering the Parish Newsletter (telling the recipients they really must read it!) for 16 years.

Always on hand at functions to help in any way she could (she deserves the Fairy Liquid award for services to washing up!)

She has been a good neighbour & support to many of people over the years & a dear friend we will miss her cheery presence in many ways.

However, she's not getting away from us that easily, we shall be bringing her back to join us whenever possible. Meanwhile we wish her every happiness in her new home.

Dear Joan, take care, God Bless & thanks for everything.

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Diane Coe

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The Wincanton Silver Band and the Wincanton Choir. Other entertainment will be provided by the Wincanton Youth Theatre. Please spare a couple of hours to support these two excellent causes.

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Somerset Community Foundation is once again inviting members of the public to join them for their annual Sing for Somerset carol service in the magnificent Wells Cathedral on Saturday, December 16 at 7pm. Admission is free, no tickets are required and doors will open at 6.15pm.

Sing for Somerset features a festive mix of traditional and contemporary music conducted by Laurence Blyth, featuring the Mid-Somerset Orchestra, Somerset Voices choir and organist Matthew Redman. Carol sheets will be provided for all to join in the festivities.

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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 16th December from 10 am onwards, and would be very grateful for any help, greenery, berries and/or coffee! JMS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Remembrance Service and the Curry Lunch afterwards such a success especially Martin Speller for superb organisation.

COME CAROL SINGING IN CUCKLINGTON

On Friday 15th December 6.00pm – 8.00pm

We gather at the bottom of Long Hill and sing at as many houses as possible as we walk back up to Aislaby where, by kind invitation of Chris Holloway and family, we gather around the piano in the hall to sing more carols and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies.

In the event of bad weather please call Karen Dunford on 07740 466633

Children's Christmas Party: This will take place in the Village Hall on 10th December, from 2 – 4 pm. This will be a highly enjoyable event for the younger children. Please let Abby know if you would like to attend: email abzspoons@gmail.com or phone 01747 840206.

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Cucklington Village Hall Events Survey: Under the Village Hall Management Committee, a small group of us are setting up the Village Hall Social Committee to help coordinate and develop the social events within the village. Our aim is to run more events on behalf of the village hall, contributing to both the upkeep of the hall and our vibrant rural community. To help us along the right path, we'd appreciate just a few minutes of your time completing a short online survey. There are **7 simple questions** and this should take **no more than 3 minutes** to complete.

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Coffee Mornings The next coffee morning in the Village Hall will be on Saturday 25th November at the usual time of 10 am. There is no coffee morning in December – so the first one in 2018 will be on Saturday 27th January.

Scrabble: The next Scrabble evening in the Village Hall will be on Friday 24th November, and then on Friday 26th January 2018 at 7pm.

100 Club Christmas Party: Will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 22nd December.

100 Club Winners:

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August: Mrs S Cowling, Mr M Speller

September: Mr B Dite, Mr M David.

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Bayford Coffee Mornings

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There will **not** be a coffee morning in January.

The next coffee morning will be on Thursday 1st February 2018 in Bayford Village Hall from 10 to 12, when we will have the usual Bring & Buy table. All are welcome.

Thank you to everyone who organised, cooked, cleared up and arranged tables for the wonderful curry lunch on Remembrance Sunday. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Bayford village lunches

There will be no village lunch in December, but the Christmas Tea instead (see separate note on this).

The January Lunch will be on January 24th **All welcome!**



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TEA

Join us in Bayford Village Hall on

16th December from 3.00 pm for our traditional Christmas tea.

Previously hosted by Brian and Averil Ellard

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Bayford Village Hall

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