

VILLAGE NEWS

February 2015

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

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Communities are built around people

Something we are all seeing, whether we live in a town or a village is that many local pubs are closing down. Currently this is at the rate of about 31 a week. There are now about 55,000 pubs in the UK, down from about 68,000 thirty years ago. Whether we use them or not and whatever our view may be on drinking, pubs support more than a million jobs in the UK and contribute significantly to the economy of their local area. A recent study from Northumbria University says more than that. A thriving village pub it says gives a village greater community spirit and supports local social events and businesses. Pubs it claims are significant in promoting community cohesion, especially in rural areas. That is probably uncontroversial. But the same study also concluded 'that village pubs were also found to be more important to local life than the parish church'. That is something which I might want to take issue with.

I suppose it depends what you mean by contributing to local life. But I am very clear that parish churches are often at the very heart of the communities they serve and contribute significantly to creating, sustaining and developing thriving communities. In many communities it is difficult to imagine what life would be like without the local church being present and active in bringing people together and supporting them in every kind of need.

In Somerset new housing developments are being planned in a number of places. But, as developers often acknowledge, building houses does not automatically build communities. So one of the things that we as a diocese will need to give more thought to in the future is: 'how we can use the resources that we have to turn those groups of new houses into caring, inclusive and welcoming communities?'

Communities are built around people. They do not simply emerge unless people consciously value the place where they live and strive to make it a better place for everyone who lives there. Living and sharing our faith in Jesus, serving our communities and engaging with local concerns are ways in which we can contribute to making our communities welcoming and joyful places for all.

I enjoy visiting a pub and there is no doubt that they can be a meeting point and hub for local communities. That is true of churches as well, but they are much more than that. A church is a place 'where heaven and earth meet'.

With warm best wishes,

+Peter Bath and Wells

From the Rectory

The beginning of 2015 has not been a good one for religion. The Charlie-Hebdo killings and the Boko Haram massacres in Nigeria are just the latest in a long line of atrocities committed by people thinking they are acting in obedience to God's commands. The two incidents I have cited were committed by Moslems but Christianity has not got a blameless history in this regard either. Religious people often get religion completely wrong. It reminds me of the words in one of the later letters of the New Testament. "If any one says "I love God" and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." (1 John 4:20 ESV). The message of the New Testament is clear: True religion can be seen in how the religious person treats other people. It is not shown by the number of religious experiences a person has, or the amount of religious practices someone does. The only acid test for those of us who are religious is how we treat other people, whether they are those we are close to, emotionally or geographically, or those we do not normally think of as our concern. We have just celebrated Christmas, when "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us", Jesus, born to Mary and laid in an animal's feeding trough to sleep amongst the stock. What marked Jesus out in his adult life, was not his teaching: much of his teaching is similar to other Rabbis of his day. He was different because he put into practice the love of God that means loving people. He mixed with anyone and everyone. He spoke the truth, to anyone and everyone and the message of the final story he told was that the only measure we are judged by is how far we have made an effort to better the situations of those worse off than ourselves. Just like puppies, Jesus is for life and not just for Christmas and following him means seeing him the faces and lives of the other human beings with whom we share this planet.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2015

30 th Jan	Peaks and Prayer Mats	Arthur Morison Village Hall
31 st Jan	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Village Hall

February 2015

5 th Feb	Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
28 th Feb	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Village Hall

March 2015

5 th March	Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
6 th March	Quiz Night	Arthur Morison Village Hall
18 th March	Future of Bayford Chapel	Bayford Chapel
12 th March	Defibrillator Training	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
23 rd March	Flower Rota Meeting	Orchard House, Cucklington


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CMSS – St Stephen’s Charlton Musgrove
C – St Lawrence, Cucklington. ST – St Andrew’s Stoke Trister

JANUARY 2015

25 th Jan	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSJ
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FEBRUARY 2015

1 ST Feb	9.30 am	Growing Faith	ST
	5.30 pm	Evensong	C

8 th Feb	9.30 am	Public Worship with Holy Communion by Extension	CMSS
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15 th Feb	9.30 am	Family Communion	C
	6.30 pm	Evensong BCP	ST

22 nd Feb	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CSJ
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MARCH 2015

1 st March	9.30 am	Holy Communion	ST
	5.30 pm	Evensong	C

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

VILLAGE VIEW

CHARLTON MUSGROVE

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

Thank you to all the people who decorated our churches for Christmas, and thank you to Common Farm Flowers who so kindly donated the masses of *Paperwhite* Narcissi which looked and smelled wonderful with the greenery and candles.

COMUNITY

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

Robert & Jackie Parker – 07769 913475

Clerk to the Council: Sheran Ring, telephone 01963 32880

Charlton Musgrove Community Defibrillator Training

Kim Davey of South Western Ambulance will conduct an updated training programme. Techniques & Practice are changing all the time so it is important to understand the working of your local Defibrillator . The session will take place at the Village Hall at 7pm 19th March 2015.

Further information contact Bob Parker 07769913475

InkyFingers90@yahoo.com

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Charlton Musgrove 100 club results

November 2014

No 59 Mrs Carol Plant

No 43 Mrs Lucinda Hand

December 2014

No 74 Mike Harby £100.00

No 94 Jen Kimber £50.00

No 12 Joan England £25.00

No 13 Kevin Flint £25.00

January 2015

No 72 Mrs Gill Wareham £15.00

No 47 Douglas Woods £15.00

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

CUCKLINGTON

The Church – St Lawrence's



Church Wardens:

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Thank you to everyone especially the flower ladies who decorated the church, Julia and the children for the beautiful Christmas tree and Karen and her party for the hundreds of candles the Church looked fabulous!

Talk: 'Peaks and Prayers – a November in Nepal' – a fascinating, illustrated talk by Christopher Birrell in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall on **Friday 30th January**. Tickets from Brian Trueman (01747 841014) or Karen Dunford (01963 34220) £7.50, to include light eats. Cash Bar. Not to be missed! All proceeds to St Lawrence's Church.

Flower Rota Meeting: Monday 23rd March at 11 am. at Orchard House for coffee to discuss the Flower Rota for the coming year. If you are unable to attend please let me know your preferred dates in advance. Anyone who would like to help this year is always welcome. We will be decorating St Lawrence for Easter on Saturday 4th April at 10 am, any white and yellow flowers, greenery and help is much appreciated. (Jan Sullivan, 01747 840014)

CUCKLINGTON VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT

On Friday 6th March at 7.00pm

In the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

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Village Hall

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Jackie Crisp (Treasurer) 01747 841248§

Eldryd Parsons (Chairman) 01963 33628

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

First Aid Training: Hugh Honeywill, a qualified first aid instructor, has kindly agreed to offer a day's training in basic first aid in the AMMH in Spring this year. There would be a nominal charge for this, to cover the cost of hall hire. Would anyone who may be interested please let me know – Brian Trueman (01747 841014/briantrueman100@gmail.com)

Coffee Mornings' The next two Coffee Morning will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 31st January and Saturday 28th February starting at 10 am. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat.

Save the Vale AGM: This will take place in the AMMH at 7 pm on Friday 10th April. Light eats and a cash bar. Members and anyone interested in what we do most welcome.

TABLE TENNIS EVERY TUESDAY

AT THE ARTHUR MORISON HALL AT 7.30pm all welcome

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THANK YOU

Many thanks to Alan Osborne for his most generous contribution to Church Funds.

PUBLIC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH 2015 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF BAYFORD CHAPEL

Whilst the primary purpose of Bayford Chapel is to provide a place of worship in the village, its secondary role has been that of a village hall, albeit with limited facilities. The trustees of the property, built in 1881, are the members of the Diocesan Board of Finance, and the Rector and the Churchwardens of the Parish of Stoke Trister with Bayford.

In common with all church buildings, the responsibility for the upkeep of St Andrews Church and Bayford Chapel rests solely with the members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). No grant is received from the Diocese. In addition the members must also raise the funds to pay its 'Parish Share' – essentially the employment costs for the Rector and the central services provided by the Diocese.

Our current worshipping congregation numbers about one dozen and its average age is over sixty. The strain on this small group, both financial and physical, of maintaining two church buildings and meeting its parish share is considerable.

A recent inspection of Bayford Chapel by the Diocesan Architect indicates the need for roof and other repairs at an estimated cost of @ £45k. The PCC has concluded that it lacks the capacity to raise these funds, and that, with great regret, the time has come to dispose of the building. Henceforth they will concentrate their time and resources on the maintenance of St Andrews Church, with any funds raised from the disposal of Bayford Chapel being used to further this objective. The Trustees support this decision and have authorised the PCC to commence the disposal process.

The PCC wish to consult with the residents of the Parish and hear their views on the need, or otherwise, to replace the social facility provided by Bayford Chapel. From their perspective the PCC would like to know:

- Within the community is there a desire to own the building and run it as a village hall?
- Is there a wish to have a village hall financed and managed by the community but located in an area other than Bayford Chapel? If so, it may be possible to provide a part of Bayford Field for this purpose.
- As an alternative should greater use be made of the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall? Whilst located in Cucklington, it is the wish of the Trustees that it should be made available to the residents of Bayford and Stoke Trister.
- If there are alternative views and proposals?

For this purpose a public meeting will take place in Bayford Chapel on Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 6.30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided from 6.00 p.m.

If you have views or suggestions, do please attend and share them with us. The outcome of this meeting is important in that it could define the social provision in the Parish for several decades hence. All are welcome to attend!

Thanks to Nigel and Diana for all their hard work in organising the Christmas Tree Festival and for providing the wine and refreshments on the Friday evening. This gathering was much appreciated by all who came and the trees were a delight, especially lit up; they looked magical. Thank you Diana and Nigel.

The Christmas Fair was a great success making approximately £650. A huge amount of work was put in by all those involved to make it go so well and thank you to all who came and supported it , donated, made cakes, and contributed to the happy atmosphere.

Janet Smith and Pam Gray are still both absent from our midst. Janet is still in Preston Park House in Yeovil and Pam is now in La Fontana in Martock. Both would welcome visitors and we wish them well.

Community



.The next Bayford Coffee mornings will be held in the Chapel on Thursday 5 February and Thursday 5 March. All are very welcome to come.

Many thanks to Maggie and Marcus Giles for hosting the coffee morning in their lovely warm and beautifully decorated house on 4th December. As always, the sherry and mince pies were non-stop, and there were enough raffle prizes for almost everyone to win one. We are very grateful to Maggie for the hard work she puts in to making this event one of the special days in the village's year.

Another special day in the year at Christmas time is the Ellards' party in Bayford Chapel on 8th December. This is always fun, with the lovely tea they provide, together with a quiz - even more difficult this year!! - raffle prizes and finishing with carols sung with Diana at the organ. So much hard work for Brian and Averil, and so much appreciated by everyone who went. Thank you both.

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Thursday 19TH February

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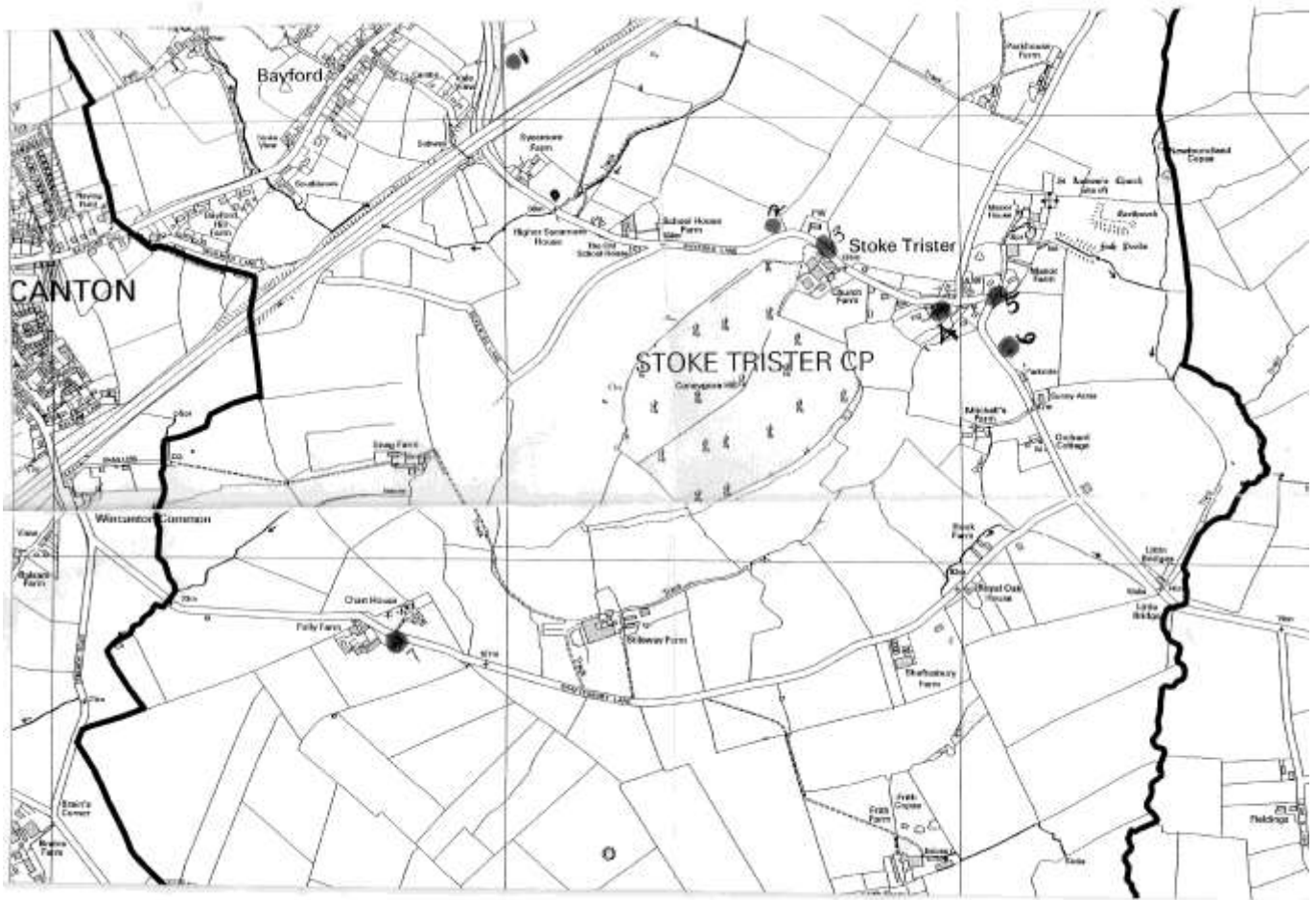
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