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February 2016

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As the new year gets underway so our thoughts turn to spring time and new growth. Even in the midst of a wet winter and the sometimes seemingly relentless flow from news channels of strife between nations and stories of sadness for individuals, we look forward in hope.

Hope is a peculiarly Christian virtue which St Paul puts alongside faith and love and it's a mindset for everyday life, not just for the afterlife. Our trust is in the promises of Christ that this life is not the end but those same promises can also renew us daily. The world is God's good gift and we are a special and much loved part of it – individually, and collectively. Shaping our future is a part of what following Christ is all about.

As I write I am preparing for a Bishop's Staff residential at Abbey House. We will meet in a spirit of prayerful reflection, seeking wisdom in the quiet and listening carefully for the voice that calls us and compels us to action. We are looking for ways to grow the church and to shape the future of what 'church' means in this part of the world. We will be rejoicing in all that we have and love and looking forward to see where the Lord is leading us. Seeking prayerfully and carefully to the call and leading of the Holy Spirit will be at the heart of all we will discuss together.

At the heart of our faith is the call to worship God, to proclaim Christ, to make disciples, to serve our communities and to further the Kingdom. The words *Sumorsæte ealle* (all the people of Somerset) come from the County motto. God's love is for "all the people of Somerset" and it is our task to be channels of that love.

As 2016 unfolds may it bring you much joy as we continue to put our faith and trust in Christ.

With warm Christian greetings

+ Peter Bath and Wells

The Getting of Wisdom

The beginning of February brings us Candlemas, a quietly significant story that lightens the spirit at a dark time of our year. It provides us with the words of the Nunc Dimittis in the Book of Common Prayer and is often celebrated with a reflective, candlelit service. The poet, writer and retreat leader Ann Lewin says of this Gospel story that it is about two old people who show some of the positive attributes of old age. They represent wisdom and simplicity, and offer us some helpful ideas about using our later years.

She suggests that the Wise Men were scientifically wise, reading and following the stars but less clever for searching for the King of the Jews in Herod's palace, which caused problems that Herod could only solve by murder. Matthew's Gospel shows how the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah coming from all nations are fulfilled. Luke makes the same point via Simeon, when in his recognition of Jesus, he speaks echoing the prophecy of Isaiah: 'a light to lighten the Gentiles', as well as being the glory of God's people, Israel.

Simeon and Anna display the wisdom that begins with attentiveness to God and God's word. 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom': fear, not in the sense of being afraid, but having a proper respect and reverence. They recognise the significance of what is going on around them, because they have waited, alert and hopeful for the fulfilment of their longing for the promised Saviour who would set the oppressed people free. Simeon was unafraid of expressing that the path of Jesus' life would not be easy; referring to the sword that would pierce Mary's soul, particularly when she stood at the foot of the Cross.

Ann Lewin suggests that as Simeon and Anna were old, in the eyes of those around them they did not appear to achieve very much but she points out that age isn't a time for productivity, it's the time of fruitfulness, a result of growth and a stage when the wisdom acquired over years can be harvested and shared; wisdom acquired by attentiveness to God in prayer and worship; alertness to the signs of God's coming. Wisdom grows when we give ourselves time to reflect, and give God a chance to reveal truth to us, to contemplate the wonder of the life around us and explore the mystery of God.

People used to talk about 'making the soul' in the last stages of life – learning to pray, to love, to be content, to enjoy - A bird table can be a source of amusement and wonder and a way to help nature. Age does not have to mean diminishment. We may not come to understand the mystery, or the answers to all our questions but we may find that some of our questions do not matter all that much. What matters is that we are loved by God with a love that never fails.

Perhaps we could begin to think of death as the last gift of God to us in this life, which will bring us fuller into his presence. Simon seems to have felt something of that – he was ready to die. We need to learn to trust that God's love will hold us through that experience too. As we begin to approach Lent, we could use it as a time for deepening our wisdom and giving thanks for the reassurance of God's love. (Seasons of Grace by Ann Lewin, Canterbury Press, 2011).

Liz Learmond.

From the Organ Bench – February 2016

By the time you read this, it won't be Christmastide any more: it will be between the three Sundays named in the Prayer Book Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima (70, 60 and 50 days – very approximately – before Easter). The modern church calendar has 'Sundays before Lent' but there are many of us who prefer the traditional names.

It may not be Christmas, but it's still mid-winter, and I think I can get away with a word on one of our best-loved Christmas carols.

Christmas has had a strange effect on those who feel inspired to write carols. There was the mercifully anonymous writer who claimed to have seen three ships sailing into Bethlehem (it's nowhere near the sea), and then there were the Victorians, who thought that as it often snowed at Christmastide in Britain, it must also have snowed in the Holy Land – always supposing that Jesus was born in December.

But we should perhaps forgive Christina Rossetti (1830-94), as her vivid pictorial imagination led her to write:

*In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter – Long ago.*

The imagined bleakness of winter accentuates the poverty of the surroundings of Jesus's birth as described by St. Luke – yet he is to rise above all this:

Heaven and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign.

And at the end there is a perhaps wistful regret that Christina, as a 19th century woman, never had the education and advantages of men like her artist brother, Dante Gabriel Rossetti:

*If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him – Give my heart.*

But brought to musical life by two beautiful early 20th century settings, by Gustav Holst (1874-1934) and Harold Darke (1888-1976), Christina Rossetti's lovely poem has undoubtedly reached more hearts than the admittedly fine work of her brother and his Pre-Raphaelite contemporaries.

David Duvall

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2016

29th January	Scrabble evening	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
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February 2016

4 th February	Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
5 th February	Quiz in aid of Msaada	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
6 th February	Hall Cleaning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
13 th February	Pop up Pub	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
19 th February	Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
20 th February	Social Group	St Andrews Stoke Trister
26 th February	Scrabble Evening	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
27 th February	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

March 2016

3 rd March	Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
7 th March	Summer Fair Meeting	Maggie's House
12 th March	ST Social Group	St Andrews Stoke Trister
17 th March	Living and Working in Katmandu	Bayford Chapel
19 th March	ST Social Group – Art workshop	St Andrews Stoke Trister
26 th March	Race Night	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall


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C – St Lawrence, Cucklington. ST – St Andrew’s Stoke Trister

W – Wincanton Parish Church. Pen Selwood - PS

JANUARY 2016

31 st January	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	C
	10.30 am	Candlemas: Festival Eucharist	PS
	11.00 am	Prayer Book matins	ST

FEBRUARY 2016

7 th February	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
10 th February	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	W
14 th February	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	C
21 st February	9.30 am	Growing Faith	CMSS
	5.00 pm	Evensong	ST
28 th February	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSJ

MARCH 2016

6 TH March	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
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VACANCY PERIOD

PARISH OF STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

If you are in need of a member of the clergy during the vacancy period, beginning on the 30th August 2015, for yourself, a friend, wedding, funeral or baptism, please get in touch with Mrs Elizabeth Persson on 01963 33954 or eapp@talktalk.net and she will arrange the necessary. Many thanks.



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VILLAGE VIEW

CHARLTON MUSGROVE

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

Many thanks:

To Georgie and Mike Woods of Common Farm Flowers for donating about 50 bunches of little *paper-white narcissi* for decorating the churches at Christmas;

To Christopher White for bringing enormous boughs of brightly berried holly;

To Veronica and her team for putting up the cribs and making the churches look beautiful for Christmas;

And to David Howells for illuminating St Stephens, to set the perfect Christmas scene.

It was all so much appreciated.

There is a box on the bookcase in St Stephens, labelled “THE MONTH’S GOOD CAUSE”. Every month or two the PCC decides which charity to support with these donations.

If anyone feels they would like to nominate a charity which needs support, please get in touch with Veronica. Our choices for Jan/Feb is the Ethiopian Famine Appeal, and for March/April it’s “Caring for Carers”

Over Easter – very early this year on March 27th, we shall again be decorating the Church with lilies, which can be sponsored in memory of a loved one. More of this in next month’s issue.

Pilates: Contact Mo for details on: 07815 748518

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

Thursdays 9.30 – 10.30am (all levels)

The Charlton Musgrove coffee morning raised a further £50 for charity in 2015 and a donation has been made to St Margaret's Hospice.

Over the last few years we have raised £150 for charity and £50 for hall equipment. Thank you so much to everyone who has come along. As I am moving at the end of February, we are looking for new helpers to band together and keep the event running. The next coffee morning will be 19th February so do come along and join us for real coffee, tempting cakes and a good chat!



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

Charlton Musgrove 100 Club results

Winners for December 2015

No. 92 Woodward Family £100, No. 62 Bristol Family £50, No. 54 Richard Brain £25,

No. 26 Sonia Pougher £25

January 2016.

No.13 Kevin Flint £15, No.29 Janet Humphries £15.

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Diane Coe

Community events at Charlton Musgrove

Pilates - weekly on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Thursdays at 9.30am contact Mo 07815 748518
Zumba - weekly on Mondays at 7.00pm contact Chantelle 07590326292
Bridge classes - vary - Thurs 12pm - contact Booking secretary Chris 07708 087005
Short mat bowls - fortnightly Tues 2.30pm- contact Brian Wheeler 32635
Wine club - quarterly in March, June, Sep and December - contact Kate McCarry 31433
Tuesday painters - Tuesdays in term time at 9.30am - contact Biddy Moreton 33256
Dog flyball training starts Tuesday 3rd November at 6.30pm - contact Booking secretary Chris 07708 087005
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The Church – St Lawrence's



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Thank you to Jan and her flower ladies who decorated the Church so beautifully for Christmas and to Julia and the Children for the fabulous Christmas tree.

The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington – Management Committee

Committee members include:	Telephone Number
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Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings who also holds the keys.

Cucklington Village Hall 100 Club results for the December draw.

£100.00 Mrs M Giles, £50.00 Mrs M Wingate, £25.00 Mr A M David, £25.00 Mr D Jordan

Many thanks to all those who joined in 2015, and joined or re-joined for 2016 as £600.00 will go to the Hall funds, also thank you all that came to the Xmas Party and made it an enjoyable evening, see you all at the pop up pub on the 13th February.

Village Hall Coffee Mornings

27th February, Starting at 10 am Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat. Note that the Village Hall AGM will be held (briefly!) during the coffee morning on the 30th April. Anyone wishing to put him/herself forward for the committee should inform Phil Crawford-Smith by 16th April.

Village Hall cleaning:

The next cleaning date is 6th February The Hall belongs to us all, so do come along and lend a hand. All equipment (plus coffee and cake!) provided!

SCRABBLE evening

Friday 29th January at 7pm. HUMOROUS - NOT SERIOUSLY COMPETITIVE! If you enjoy company and making up words you are welcome. Please bring your Scrabble board if you have one, just in case we do not have enough for all. We will find a team for you if you do not have one. We aim to meet for a game on the last Friday of every month.

£5 per person includes nibbles and a slice of cake. Bar will be open for a glass of wine. Money raised will Looking forward to your company! Please contact Mariella on mariellapolignano@gmail.com or text on 07752 965378 for further details

QUIZ NIGHT

Following on from the success of the Quiz Night in November we will be running another one on Friday 5th February 2016 in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington, again to support Msaada Teams of up to six £10 a head including a meal. Doors open at 7pm and the quiz will start at 7.30pm. The bar will be open. For catering purposes I would be most grateful if you would let me know if you are coming, perhaps by Wednesday 3rd February either on 01963 33036 or by email to petermunro20@live.co.uk. We hope to see you on the night.

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Many thanks to Maggie Giles and Marcus for hosting the Christmas coffee morning at their new house. It was a lovely event with the usual warm hospitality, mince pies, sherry and excellent raffle, and much enjoyed by everyone.

A special thank you to Brian and Averil Ellard for the lovely Christmas tea party they organised for the village on 14th December. So much hard work went in to the preparation of the event, not just the food which was delicious, but also providing the raffle prizes and planning the quiz which seemed even harder than usual this year on a confectionery theme!! It was won (as usual) by Maureen Parsons! The party ended, as always, with carol singing led by Diana on the organ. Congratulations Averil and Brian on a very successful afternoon, thoroughly appreciated by us all.

Many congratulations to Diana and Nigel Noble on the Christmas Tree festival in St Andrew's Church on 19/20 December. There was a record number of entries (24) and that is the maximum the church can take. The total collected from tree boxes, decoration sales, teas and donations is £402.40 This was very successful and the trees looked absolutely lovely.

Thelma Trett is still in Verrington Hospital. We send her our best wishes.

There is to be a meeting at Maggie Giles' house (The Red Brick House, Stoke Lane, Bayford) on Monday 7th March at 7.30 pm to discuss the Summer Fair. The Summer Fair will be on Sat June 18th starting at 2pm. All are welcome to attend the meeting with ideas for stalls, etc. so please put your thinking caps on now and come along on 7th March.

The next Bayford Coffee morning is on Thursday 4th February from 10 -12 in the Chapel. Usual Bring & Buy. All are welcome.

We are sorry to report that Edwin Kiddle died on 21st January peacefully in Verrington Hospital. Ed was born in Bayford and lived in the village all his life with his late wife Maureen and their daughters. He will be much missed and we send our sincere condolences to his family.

ST Social Group

Thank you to everyone who came to our first get together on the 23rd January. Our next workshop is on the 12th February at 10 am, at Stoke Trister Church. Do come and join us to make a small craft item, suitable for all – novices and the more experienced. All materials supplied. Tea coffee and homemade cakes available. See us on Facebook at ST social group for more info.

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Bayford Hall Update

On 16th January a Jumble Sale held in Bayford Chapel in aid of the fund raising effort raised £165. Thank you to everyone involved.

More fund raising events are planned for the next couple of months. On Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm there will be a talk by Brian and Sid Garton entitled 'Living and Working in Kathmandu'. For further details of events, please see the parish website, parish noticeboards or contact Marilyn Miland on 34297.

In addition to monies raised from event and donations, the funding for the Bayford Hall project has been added to by grants from Viridor, SSDC and SCC. We have now raised approximately half of the requirement.

Bayford Hall Working Group

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The animated film, found at www.somersetchoices.org.uk/about-this-site/help, demonstrates how the self-help section on the website lets people tap into a wealth of information and advice and search for local services and events to find support that meets their needs.

The animation is really helpful if people are not quite sure what they are looking for on the website or if they need a bit of help finding their way around.

Four months on from the launch of the website and there have been over 120,000 page views and 1,000 services registered on the site.

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www.somersetchoices.org.uk/marketplace/register/index

The Somerset Choices website has been developed by Somerset County Council, in partnership with the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and District Councils.

Philip Grayham Jackson sadly died on the 11th December 2015 aged 67.

Philip had been brought up in Stoke Trister until his work in the catering trade took him to London. Then he did 20 plus years as manager at Holbrook House Hotel. He was the 3rd son of the late Fred and Margaret Jackson. Was at one time Sunday school teacher in Bayford Mission and was a member of the St Michaels Guild.

Last living in Weston Super Mare in his high rise flat over looking an extensive view of the sea front.

Much missed by family and friends

BDJ

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