

VILLAGE NEWS

FEBRUARY 2017

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



Following the recent interviews and the recommendation of the PCC representatives, we are pleased to announce that the Bishop has appointed the Reverend Rosy Ashley to the post of Rector of the Benefice of Charlton Musgrove with Cucklington and Stoke Trister. This appointment is subject to a satisfactory completion of the usual statutory checks made on all clergy taking up a new post.

Details of a Service of Welcome and Institution will be announced in due course.

Please hold Rosy in your prayers as she prepares to begin a new ministry among us. We expect Rosy to arrive in the benefice in early May.

Archdeacon Kevin has asked me to thank everyone involved in the long process of bringing this new appointment to fruition.

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Letter from the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells

At one time January and February were not part of the Calendar as the winter was regarded as being a 'monthless period.' Indeed it was not until about 700BC that Numa Pompilius added January and February to the Calendar. February was named after Februa, a festival of ritual purification. In Old English February was called Solmonath (mud month) or Kale-monath (named after cabbages). In Somerset we certainly know something about both mud and cabbages!

But how strange to regard Winter as being 'monthless'? It assumes nothing is happening. And that's certainly not true. In our gardens we see snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils appearing. New life and new growth is evident everywhere. For farmers this is also a very busy period with early lambing often underway and with winter sown crops already well established.

February is a time when we appreciate that the days are lengthening and for many of us 'spring cleaning', whatever that may mean, is often under way. In February Epiphany is well behind us and Lent almost upon us. Across the Diocese there is also much that is happening. Bishop Ruth and I are looking forward to six Community Conversations, the first two of which are in February. There will be two in each archdeaconry and these are occasions for us to meet people from right across the diocese. Some will be people we know well, but we hope many will be people who we have not had the chance to meet before. The aim of each Conversation is to provide an opportunity for us to hear and to share some of the things that God is doing among us. We are called to be followers of Jesus, living and telling the story of his love. All PCC secretaries and clergy have been given these dates, so do speak to one of them if you would like to come along. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your stories.

With warm greetings,

+Peter

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From the Organ Bench

Just for a change, here's a contemporary hymn, which you probably won't know, as it isn't in the hymn-books that we use in the benefice (although it's in the excellent new edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern). It's worth quoting in full, as it speaks for itself much more eloquently than I can.

*In a world where people walk in darkness
Let us turn our faces to the light,
To the light of God revealed in Jesus,
To the Daystar scattering our night.*

*For the light is stronger than the darkness
And the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us,
Let us turn our faces to the light.*

*In a world where suffering of the helpless
Casts a shadow all along the way,
Let us bear the Cross of Christ with gladness
And proclaim the dawning of the day.*

For the light is stronger than the darkness....

*Let us light a candle in the darkness,
In the face of death, a sign of life.
As a sign of hope where all seems hopeless,
As a sign of peace in place of strife.*

For the light is stronger than the darkness....

At this time of Candlemas, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, traditionally celebrated on 2 February, we think of Jesus's future ministry and the hope that he has brought to mankind through the ages. That hope is symbolised in the light of a candle – stronger than darkness, good news stronger than bad, optimism for the future which is so much more useful than pessimism based on the past.

The words were written by Robert Willis (b. 1947) and the music by Richard Shephard (b. 1949) – two people whose years of birth neatly straddle my own. Both have made a huge contribution to the Church and its music.

Robert Willis is a former Dean of Hereford Cathedral and since 2001 has been Dean of Canterbury. Richard Shephard is a prolific composer of church music as well as operas and musicals. This setting has a lovely singable tune which could be picked up quite easily. We'll try it sometime.

David Duvall

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2017

27 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
28 th	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

February 2017

2 th	Coffee morning	Bayford Village Hall
11 th	Spectra Musica	Sherborne
17 th	Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
17 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
18 th	Stoke Trister Social Group	Stoke Trister Church
24 th	Quiz Night	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
25 th	Jumble Sale	Bayford Village Hall
25 th	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

March 2017

3 rd	An Evening with Sam Griffiths	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
8 th	Benefice Fair planning Meeting	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
17 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
18 th	Stoke Trister Social Group	Stoke Trister Church
28 th	Lunch Club	Bayford Village Hall

July 2017

1 st	Benefice Fair	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
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Bell Ringing!

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There are ladies in Stoke Trister that are taking up the Challenge, why not join them and see what happens, it won't suit everybody but it is worth giving it a go - it could change your life!

If you are free Monday evenings at 5.30 and interested please contact either:-

anniebullock@btconnect.com or pipl@nmr.co.uk



CHURCH SERVICES

**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.

January 2017

29 th	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSS
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February 2017

5 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
	6.00 pm	Evensong	C

12 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	CMSS
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19 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	C
	6.30 pm	Evensong	ST

26 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	CMSJ
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March 2017

5 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
	6.00 pm	Evensong	C

12 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	CMSS
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Severe weather warning please contact your Church Wardens in case of cancellations

LOST PROPERTY

There was a pair of glasses and a hard glasses case left in Stoke Trister Church after the Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve. If anyone is looking for them they are in the church, on the table by the door.

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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March meeting is on Saturday the 18th March

A date for your Diary!

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

Thank you to the people who managed to spare the time to help with the decorating in St Stephens for the Christmas service. The church looked wonderful, and as it was full-to-bursting, your efforts were well appreciated.

**The Summer Fair is to be on Saturday 1st July this year.
And it will be Charlton Musgrove's turn to host it in the Memorial Hall.
So put the date in your diaries and we'll make it a really good party.**

All help and ideas will be gratefully accepted.

The first planning meeting is to be in the Hall on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30, so come along and we'll start the ball rolling.

Village Coffee Mornings in the Memorial Hall.

Please accept our apologies for the cancelation of the January coffee morning at short notice.

Friday 17th February 10.30-12.00.

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

Charlton Musgrove 100 Club Results.

December draw.

No.26 Sonia Pougher £100

No.62 Bristol Family £50

No. 55 Rhian Rochford £25

No. 98 Sybil Woods £25

January Draw.

No. 45 Liz Flint £15

No. 75 Rachel Orme £15

Charlton Musgrove Flower Show has been given 2 cups to be awarded for the photography section (1 adult & 1 child) The cups will be awarded for a series of 6 photos with the topic: 'Charlton Musgrove through the year 2016/17'. The choice is up to you; could be the weather/gardens/events, whatever interests you. So apologies for bringing August 2017 to the fore so early, but we hope you will enjoy the challenge.

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



Short Mat Bowls at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

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

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CUCKLINGTON

The Church – St Lawrence's



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FLOWER LADIES the church looked absolutely stunning this Christmas and Thank you to Julia and the Children who decorated the Christmas Tree it looked beautiful.

Many congratulations to Sam and Zowie on the arrival of Percy Crocker!

Many people will have been saddened to hear that Ralph Gilbey of Broad Oak Farm, Cucklington, passed away in Yeovil hospital on 22nd December aged 91, and his son Frank, also of Cucklington, who suffered a stroke and died in Yeovil hospital on 29th December, aged 63. Our sincere condolences go to Tom, James, Helen and their family.

Children's Christmas Party

I would like to thank everyone that came and helped at the children's Christmas party. We had an amazing 36 children. Even though our entertainer that was booked let us down last minute all the children seemed to have had a fun time and especially enjoyed their visit from Santa himself. So thank you Santa. Due to the party being a huge success we will be having one again this year, further details will follow in due course.

Village Hall Coffee Mornings

28th January come along for excellent Coffee delicious Cakes and plenty of chat.
25th February there will be a Bring and Buy of produce.

Scrabble.

The next scrabble evening will be in the village hall on Friday 27th January come along for a fun evening, only slightly competitive!

TABLE TENNIS EVERY TUESDAY
AT THE ARTHUR MORISON HALL AT 7.30pm all welcome

Eileen Olive very sadly passed away 13th January aged 89 and will be buried at St Lawrence on the 26th of January

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It is with great sadness that we have to report the deaths, over the Christmas period, of Ralph Gilbey and Francis Gilbey. Our condolences to James Gilbey and his family.

Many of the grass verges around the village are soft at this time of the year. Motorists are asked to be patient and wait for oncoming vehicles to pass on wider stretches of the road, rather than drive impatiently onto the grass verge.

Farmers, landowners and contractors are reminded that it is an criminal offence under both the Highways Act 1980 and the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 to leave mud on a road surface. There is also the possibility of civil action for nuisance or negligence if any damage is caused. The local authority has the power to order the removal of mud.

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CANDIDATES' VISIT TO THE BENEFICE

Many thanks to all who came to the lunch in the AMMH on Wednesday 11th February or were involved in the visit programme throughout the day. Thanks also to Karen, Pip and their team who organised the lunch. The candidates to be our next Rector really appreciated the friendly manner in which they were met and hosted. They learnt about the work of the benefice, the way the Church supports our communities, and, in return, the variety of ways in which its members support our parish churches. Well done to all involved.

Christmas Activities and Services

To all who helped to organise or attended the Christmas Fair and the Christmas Tree Festival, many, many thanks. Both were really enjoyable events and got us into the spirit of Christmas. The turnout for the 'Carols by Candlelight' service of Christmas Eve was huge success – a sell out in fact! We only have one hundred and sixteen pew seats but by filling the choir stalls most got a seat in the end! To all who came, it was great to see you all and we look forward to seeing you again at some point.

Many thanks to the Committee of the Hall who worked so hard to get it ready for the official opening on 10th December John Lockwood, CEO of Viridor Credits, the major funder of the scheme, gave a speech, and refreshments were enjoyed by all who attended the occasion and admired the alterations and hard work. Money is still needed and further fund raising is on-going to help this worthy cause for our village activities.

Bayford Coffee Morning – there was an error in last month's magazine and the next Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 2nd February in Bayford Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon. Everyone is very welcome, and there will be a Bring & Buy.

Some members of the Bayford Coffee morning (those not laid low by the Royal cough!) had a lovely lunch on 5th January, organised by Maureen Parsons at the Wagtail. It was great fun and we celebrated the start of the New Year in style with a delicious meal. Many thanks again Maureen.

Many thanks to Freda Mills for her kind donation to the Newsletter fund.

The successful Christmas Fair held in St Andrew's Church made over £460, a good result with fewer stalls. Very many thanks to all helpers and all those who came to support it.

The Christmas Tree Festival also did very well making more than £570. It was a lovely occasion with over 25 different trees and well attended. Carols were sung on the Saturday afternoon and thanks to all who decorated the trees and especially to Diana Noble and Nigel who organised the event.

Berna West celebrated a milestone birthday on 16th January. No-one could possibly believe that the glamorous, elegant person is the age she is! Many happy returns Berna

Churchyard

Thank you to Alan Osborne for clearing the nettle patch and scrub around the entrance to the Churchyard. A fantastic job and a great start on the process of returning these areas to grass. Volunteer help is always welcome!

Bayford Village Hall

Bayford Village Hall was officially opened on 10th December 2016 by John Lockwood, Chief Executive Officer of Viridor Credits, which was a major funder of the project. The opening was well supported despite the rain, and people enjoyed mulled wine, tea and coffee, and mince pies and biscuits. Whilst all the major work has been completed, there remain a few areas requiring attention, which are being addressed. We are hoping to raise a further £2500 to enhance the capabilities of the Hall; for example, the purchase of a hot cupboard and some additional seating. On 25th February there will be a Jumble Sale in the Hall, proceeds from which will go towards the hot cupboard. It is hoped to have this in place in time for the first lunch club meeting on 28th March. People have been exceptionally generous. Thank you very much.

The Bridge Club is already using the Hall every week, and the first of this year's monthly coffee mornings will take place in the Hall on Thursday 2nd February.

Bookings can be made via the website at bayfordvillagehall.org or by phoning Niru Linsley on 01963 33972.

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Bayford Lunch Club

We are planning to launch monthly lunches in our new Village Hall, beginning on Tuesday 28th March at 12.30. The menu will be Chicken and Ham Pie, followed by Mary Berry's Dorset Apple Cake with custard, tea or coffee. This meal will be prepared by Sid Garton who is going to co-ordinate this venture.

Initially the cost will be £6 per head. This will cover the cost of the meal and also enable us to donate a little towards the maintenance of the Hall.

We would appreciate input and ideas to make this an attractive series of events. Is this the right day of the week etc.?

Menus will be advertised in advance so that tickets can be sold in good time for the preparation of the appropriate amount of food. We are also hoping that after the meal while you are enjoying tea or coffee we can have some kind of entertainment; maybe talks about places of interest in the area or a quiz – further suggestions would be welcome.

Please let us have your feedback, ideas and offers to help prepare future meals.

Tickets are now available for the March launch event. We both travel a lot so if you cannot get hold of one of us then please try the other!

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