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July 2015

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## **Roll on those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!**

It was Nat King Cole in the 1960's who sang about his idealised summer break, with ice cream, the beach and good times all round. Your idea of a good holiday might be different.

For some people, it's enough to just escape from 'normal' - to get away from the alarm clock and the daily routine. It's cheap, and you don't even have to go away from home. Others look for adventure or travel- caving, skydiving, and bungee -jumping, or just tasting a foreign culture.

Two thoughts come to mind.

Firstly, not everyone can have a decent holiday. Those out of work or with caring responsibilities can't just pack up the car or head for the airport. I'm always inspired by those churches that run holiday clubs: very often the children involved don't get much else outside the home all summer. It's a real gift to take the children off the parents' hands for a day or a week - everyone benefits.

Secondly, holiday is often the time to tackle the big issues in your personal life. Should I change job? Do I want to marry this person? When should I retire? How can I handle this diagnosis? Being away, having time with the right people makes it easier to see things in perspective.

However, it seems to me you can't take a holiday from saying your prayers. Even in summer, having a care for those less well-off or otherwise disadvantaged, for the Christian, calls you to prayer - and action. And wrestling with personal concerns gets a little simpler if you can make the time to pray through what's bothering you. Often that's easier up on a windy cliff top or while you're idling on the beach.

So, your holiday isn't really an escape from daily life: it's more a chance to look at things through different lenses. We should all have holidays, but God doesn't need one. Whether it's on some exotic beach or just in the back garden, he'll be ready, waiting for you before you get there.

**The Revd. Preb Stephen Lynas, chaplain to the Bishops of Bath & Wells and Taunton**

## From the Rectory

As I write this, one of the many humanitarian disasters of the world today is literally washing up on Europe's shores. People, babies, children, women and men are fleeing war and upheaval in Africa, taking their life in their hands and paying anyone who promises to take them to safety across the other side of the Mediterranean. It isn't a new thing. It hit the headlines a while back when Italy decided they could no longer pay for the naval rescue patrols but it became big news in Britain when the Daily Mail decided it was ruining our hard earned holidays. How could tourists enjoy themselves when there are people sleeping rough on the beaches?

Fortunately, the British people are more open hearted than the editors of the Daily Mail give us credit for. Time and again, the British public gives generously to appeals for aid when disasters strike across the world. People are only too pleased to support those who can give practical help and support to those whose lives are turned upside down by earthquakes, tsunamis and famines. What makes the Daily Mail think that British people are more callous on holiday than they are at home? What makes the Daily Mail think that their readers at home are going to feel more for people who have had their holiday interrupted than for people who are so desperate that sleeping rough with their children on a Greek or Italian beach, and risking their lives to get there, is safer than staying put.

There are no easy answers for our governments, no magic wand to be waved so that everyone lives happily ever after, and no simple way to stem this human tide. But one thing is for sure: we have to resist the callousness of the Daily Mail editors and journalists, who refuse to see the refugees on Europe's beaches as people exactly like ourselves, with hopes and dreams, and skills and talents. We don't know their names but they have each got one; they are exactly like us, except for the accident of birth. Just as British people give generously to relief efforts when asked to, let's have the courage to give our sympathy and compassion for those whose only hope is to entrust themselves to flimsy boats. Let's refuse to demonize these people, don't let your friends and family get away with forgetting that migrants and refugees are just people like us. Let us surprise our politicians and our journalists by seeing beyond the callous headlines. What can we do? Email our MP perhaps ([david.warburton.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.warburton.mp@parliament.uk)). Contact the paper you read and make sure they write about people with respect. And remember, for every issue and problem, making a difference begins with one conversation: yours.

Jo

## From the Organ Bench

Last month we celebrated the great contribution to church music made by Ralph Vaughan Williams. One of the folk melodies he collected and turned into hymn tunes is the strong, eminently singable tune which he heard sung at Monk's Gate, near Horsham, Sussex, in 1904, to a folk song beginning 'Our captain calls all hands on board tomorrow'.

This tune is the most marvellous match for 'Who would true valour see' by John Bunyan (1628-88). These three verses come towards the end of Bunyan's spiritual epic *Pilgrim's Progress*, much of it written while he was in Bedford Prison for his beliefs. It was of course never written as a hymn: Bunyan is reflecting on the pilgrimage of Mr Valiant-for-Truth, who is nearing the end of his journey in which his faith has carried him victoriously through all his battles. Bunyan tells the reader to 'come hither' to see an example of the valour, both physical and spiritual, which is the essence of pilgrimage.

The poem was never used as a hymn until the appearance of the English Hymnal in 1906, for which its chief editor Percy Dearmer produced a heavily adapted and bowdlerised version 'He who would valiant be'. Whatever the good intentions of such people, poems are seldom improved by being rewritten: to be fair to Percy Dearmer, he seems to have been wanting to turn the words into a specifically Christian hymn, without realising the impact the original words would have on their own when printed in later hymn-books. The reference in verse 3 to goblins and foul fiends, much derided by Dearmer, serves to dramatize and magnify the valour of the pilgrim who reaches journey's end.

Dearmer claimed that John Bunyan would have been 'distressed' by the thought of goblins being sung about in church. But the allegorical *Pilgrim's Progress* deliberately uses strong, dramatic language to make us all think about our life as a pilgrimage, and Bunyan would be proud and gratified to know that his words are still inspiring Christians several centuries on. Good modern hymn-books have *Monk's Gate* set to Bunyan's original words as they should be, to inspire pilgrims present and future.

**David Duval**

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## June 2015

27 <sup>th</sup> June	Defibrillator Training/coffee morning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
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## July 2015

1 <sup>st</sup> July	Hall Cleaning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair (Independence Day)	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

## August 2015

6 <sup>th</sup> August	Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Flower Show	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Farewell party for Jo and Adrian at 12. noon	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Charlton Musgrove Village Flower Show	Charlton Musgrove Memorial

## September 2015

3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Coffee Morning	Bayford Lodge
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**CMSS – St Stephen’s Charlton Musgrove**

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

### **JUNE 2015**

28 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSJ
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### **JULY 2015**

5 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 am	Family communion	ST
	6.30 pm	Evensong	C
12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSS
19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am	Growing Faith (coffee 10.15) short Communion 10.30	ST
	6.30 pm	Evensong	C
26 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSJ

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:eapp@talktalk.net) and she will arrange the necessary. Many thanks.



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**SUMMER FAIR – ARTHUR MORISON MEMORIAL HALL, CUCKLINGTON**  
**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**

The Summer Fair coincides with American Independence Day this year, so come along and have a great family afternoon on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July! There will be something for all to enjoy and to round off the day there will be a delicious BBQ.

The Children's Area will be the centre of attention with games such as Chuck-a-Cowboy Boot, Feather Headdress Design, Paint-a-Cowboy, Crush-the-Critter, and Cookie Decorating. **There will also be a Bicycle Rodeo so all children make sure you bring your bikes (and helmets).** 'Pip's Ice Cream Parlour' will also be on hand to provide cool refreshment!

Also on view will be a genuine WW2 Jeep!

These events together with a range of enticing stalls will start at 3.00 p.m. and continue until 4.45 p.m. when the Grand Raffle will be drawn. The star prizes include hampers of food and goodies, an Andrew Barclay Butchery Voucher, and a case of wine. The BBQ will start at 5.00 p.m.

The Summer Fair is very much a community event and all are invited to contribute produce or volunteer their services. Our most pressing requirements are:

- Cakes and/or cookies for the Fair Café.
- Items for the 'Trash & Treasure' stall. Everything has a value (to someone!) and deliveries on the day are welcome.
- Bottles – alcoholic or non-alcoholic – for the 'Bottle Tombola' stall. Delivery in advance, on the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> July or in the afternoon are most welcome. Further details from Alan Lyall Grant on 01963 34178.
- The Plant Stall welcomes donations on the day.
- A volunteer(s) to run the 'American Donut Eating Championship for Adults and Children'! Further details available from Pip Loxton.
- Volunteers to help run a stall for some of the afternoon.
- Gazebos as standby cover in the event of rain.
- Volunteers to help lay out the stalls etc. at 10.00 a.m. on the morning of the fair.

If you can help please make contact with Pip Loxton, Veronica White or Nigel Noble, whose contact details are at the front of this magazine.

**Entrance is free.** In the Children's Tent a £5 ticket will gain entrance to five events. The cost of the BBQ will be £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. The proceeds of the event help maintain and preserve our parish churches, which are used by all the community at various times. Please come along and support a very worthy cause.

**..... AND FINALLY, CHILDREN DO NOT FORGET YOUR BIKES AND HELMETS!!!**

# VILLAGE VIEW

## CHARLTON MUSGROVE

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

### PEWS REMOVED AT ST STEPHEN'S

The diocese has granted a temporary licence (displayed in the church notice board) for the removal of three pews from St Stephen's Church. A space has been created at the back of the church which can be used for children's activities or as an area for serving refreshments after services and at other functions. The PCC would like to thank Claude Teague and Barry White for carrying out this work and for the Paul and Ruth Kimber for storing the pews. Also a big thank you to Bidy for providing a carpet for the area. If the space is a success then the churchwardens will apply for a faculty for the permanent removal of the pews. The temporary licence is in place for the whole of this year so do go and have a look at the revamped church.

**Pilates:** Contact Mo for details on: 07815 748518

[mospilates@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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Brian & Stella Wheeler – 01963 34331

### Charlton Musgrove Village Flower Show 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015

The Charlton Musgrove Village Flower Show will be held in the village hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Entrants should bring their entries to the hall between 8.30 and 10.15 am on the day and we look forward to a huge competition from our ever enthusiastic gardeners and their children. There will be a number of prizes and a wonderful tea together with an auction of produce and a raffle.

A date to put into your diaries!

Nickie Mieville

## Clerk to the Council: Sheran Ring, telephone 01963 32880

Charlton Musgrove Parish Council held their first meeting since the elections on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, but there was a familiar face missing. Peter Furneaux, who has been a councillor for over 30 years decided to stand down this year so he could spend more time with his family and enjoy travelling in his camper van without worrying about Council matters and being available for monthly meetings!

Robin Bastable, Parish Council Chairman, said *"with his years as a councillor and mowing the play area initially and then the churchyard for a long time, I don't think many people realise how much the Parish has benefitted from his work and commitment over the years, we would like to say a huge thank you to him for all he has contributed to this village"*.

All the work Peter has done during his time as a Councillor has been completely voluntary and he is still working hard to keep the churchyard's weeds and grass under control! he has even said he will continue to do it until the end of this summer for us. His commitment and support throughout the Parish will be sorely missed. **Thank you Peter**

### **Charlton Musgrove Defibrillator      1st Responder Contact Numbers**

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Martin Haskett.	07850321666		

### **Custodians**

John Ball.	0196331046
Bob Parker.	07769913475

In case of medical emergency ring 999 and ask for the Ambulance Service . The operator will then send a medic and inform there is a Defibrillator in Charlton Musgrove and will give the key pad entry number for access . There is a list of first responders on the door ring one of them immediately for assistance prior to Ambulance arrival.

### **Defibrillators can save lives**

### **Charlton Musgrove 100 Club results for June.**

No. 54 Mr Richard Brain £50, No. 29 Mrs Janet Humphries £25  
No. 6 Mrs Biddy Moreton £25.

### **St Stephen's Church has lost some of its pews! ( Shock Horror )**

Next time you are passing the church, put your head in, and you will see the new look. Many thanks to Claude Teague and Barry White for helping the Churchwardens to rearrange the South-West corner of the aisle, making a carpeted space for children, coffee and Christenings.

### **A message from Diane Coe: re the Safety Net**

"I wish to thank all the volunteers who in the past few years have been so wonderful, and happy to respond to requests on my behalf. Now that I have had my operations, I expect to be able to respond to quick requests myself, though I will not be able to work or give physical assistance. The Safety Net will still be available on the same number."

# CUCKLINGTON

## The Church – St Lawrence's



### Church Wardens:

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## *Village Hall*

### The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington – Management Committee

Committee members include: Telephone Number

Phil Crawford-Smith (Chairman) 01747 841045

Jenny Rawlings (Booking Secretary) 01963 33320

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

**Jo's Talk.** If you weren't there – you missed an amazingly good talk by Jo, in the Village Hall on the 12 June. The talk was on the subject of her PhD thesis – quantum physics and theology. Most of us were left baffled by the intricacies, but Jo gave a wonderfully clear and concise insight into the mysteries of both! And we raised £219 for the church. Very many thanks, Jo.

**Village Hall Coffee Morning** The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat. This will also be a refresher on the use of the defibrillator.

**Village Hall cleaning.** The next cleaning morning will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, starting at 9.30 am.

### Village Contacts:

- **NHW co-ordinator** - Brian Trueman 01747 841014. Non urgent calls to police – 101, or else call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)
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**Chair of Village Meeting:** Gordon Czapiewski  
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Feel free to contact Gordon at any reasonable time. If I am not available Jane will be happy to field any immediate questions.

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### CUCKLINGTON, STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

#### FLOWER SHOW

**8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST at 2 pm**

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## The Church – St Andrew's and Bayford Chapel



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**01963 31071**

Many thanks to Freda Mills for her most generous donation to the Village News Fund.'



## Coffee Morning Dates

Thursday 2nd July in Bayford Chapel from 10 am to 12 noon. All welcome

Thursday 6th August in Bayford Chapel from 10 am - 12 noon, All welcome

Thursday 3rd September at Averil & Brian Ellard's house, (Sunnybank). 10 am - 12 noon. All welcome.

Janet Smith is still in Verrington Hospital and doing well. She would welcome visitors

**Bottle Tombola** - Bottles are urgently required for this stall. They can be alcohol, toiletries, household, etc. Please contact Alan Lyall Grant (34178) or Ben Giles (34364) if you need help with collection. Bottles are needed several days before the Fair.

**Cakes and Cookies** - Please bake as many cakes and cookies and other goodies as you can and either bring them to the Fair or ask one of the organisers to collect them. The more the merrier!

**Childrens ' Bicycles** - There is to be a fun childrens' cycle event (weather permitting) so please bring your childrens' bikes to the Fair,

## Bayford Chapel Community Survey

Members of the Bayford Chapel Working Group recently carried out a door-to-door survey to ascertain the interest of the community in the future of Bayford Chapel. 79% of households responded, of which 88% considered it important or very important that Bayford have a Village Hall. Three options were presented, namely 1) to own Bayford Chapel and convert it to a community facility, 2) to build a completely new facility elsewhere in the village, 3) to make more use of the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall in Cucklington. Of these three options, option 1 received 82% support, option 2 received 8%, option 3 received 8% and 2% had no opinion.

It has been estimated that £75,000 will need to be raised from grants, donations and fund raising events to purchase, repair and convert the building from Bayford Chapel to Bayford Hall. As a result, the Working Group is now in the process of setting up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a view to raising this money. This process will take about 5 months, and once established, the CIO will be able to accept donations with gift aid status. Fund Raising events will be advertised.

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