

VILLAGE NEWS

March 2016

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

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2016 March parish magazine article

Bishop Peter reminded us last month of the hope we have in the God of promises as we look to uncertain futures. We can trust God to remain faithful and immovable whatever our circumstances. Easter has always been a moveable feast although the Archbishop is now taking soundings from other church leaders to see whether we can 'fix a date' for Easter. I wonder how easy that will be!

We are now part way through Lent and the first Sunday of **this** March is Mothering Sunday which is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This was traditionally the day when people would gather to worship, to 'rejoice' ('laetare'), at their 'mother' church, a large local church or often the Cathedral. As this practice developed so those in service would have the opportunity for a short holiday, to return to their homes, to their mothers, often bringing small presents or gifts. It was a welcome moment of festivity in the season of abstinence and austerity. A sign of things to come...

However for some of us, Mothering Sunday can be the most painful day of the year as we remember the loss of a loving parent, whether known or not; or the bereavement of never having been able to be a parent oneself; or the death of a child we have loved and longed for. It can mean that some find it too difficult to be in church that week. Perhaps as we approach Good Friday it gives us a small insight of what it might mean to have been Mary watching her Son die on that cross.

So how about a different take on Mothering Sunday this year? We might focus on remembering those who have 'given birth' to us by inspiring our faith or where we ourselves have played a part in someone else's discovery of Jesus as a friend and Saviour. Who might you remember, give thanks for and pray for?

+ Ruth Taunton

Easter Day falls early this year on **27th** March and we find ourselves with a crowd of significant dates to contemplate. March **1st** is the date the Church remembers St. David the patron saint of Wales, who lived in the sixth century, and St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, **17th** March, who died in c. 400.

He was kidnapped and taken by the Irish as a slave to Armagh in Northern Ireland, where he prayed incessantly, whilst he tended animals in his captivity.

Patrick escaped after six years and went back to his family but later felt impelled to return to Ireland. He preached the Gospel in Ireland and became a Bishop. He set up a school for clergy and baptised 'thousands' of people. He was a charismatic preacher who organised the Irish Church, inspiring in it simplicity, humanity and implicit trust in God. We still sing his famous Trinitarian hymn, known as 'St. Patrick's breastplate.'

A third Celtic saint is commemorated on **20th** March, St. Cuthbert, who began his monastic life in Melrose Abbey but tramped the countryside, talking to ordinary people as he met them. He was sent by his bishop to Lindisfarne in Northumbria and persuaded the monks there to adopt the Latin date for Easter. He was a unifier and kept his Celtic spirituality. He is remembered for his vigils, often in freezing seawater or on the shore, when he was on retreat in the Farne Islands. The otters were said to have warmed him by licking his feet as he prayed.

He was a man of great sweetness and simplicity and his shrine in Durham Cathedral, is still a place of pilgrimage.

On **3rd** of March the Christian Church worldwide celebrates Women's World day of Prayer (Men are welcome too.)

And on Sunday **5th** March it is Mothering Sunday. Another crucially important day in March is the Feast of the Annunciation on the **25th**. A day that gives one pause to wonder what would have happened if Mary had not said 'Yes' to God!

All these dates occur throughout the time of Lent when we try to centre our lives more fully on Jesus' journey to the Cross. Perhaps we can use them as milestones of inspiration on the Way; a journey, which brings us through Christ's Passion to the glory and joy of his Resurrection. The hope of Easter is, I think expressed in the following poem by Sir Walter Raleigh:

Epitaph

Even such is Time, which takes in trust
Our youth, our joys, and all we have,
And pays us back with age and dust;
Who in the dark and silent grave,
When we have wandered all our ways,
Shuts up the story of our days:
And from which earth, and grave, and dust,
The Lord shall raise me up I trust.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Liz Learmond

From the Organ Bench

It's a hard life being an alto in a choir (so they tell me). If you compose a tune in four singing parts (and I have done this myself), it's all too easy to write the tune first, then the bass and tenor parts, with the altos picking up whatever notes are needed to make the harmony work. And that can sometimes mean that the altos get to sing the same note for much of the time.

A striking example of this is a hymn tune with a lovely melody, but about half the alto notes are the same E flat – *Aurelia*, composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76) for the hymn 'Jerusalem the golden' (hence the name *Aurelia*), but nowadays sung mainly to 'The Church's one foundation'. Wesley was a fine musician but an awkward colleague who served as organist of five cathedrals and had disagreements with the Deans of each. He seems to have been in good company: from all accounts J.S. Bach was also difficult. Maybe it's a lot to expect a genius to have 'people skills' as well.

'The Church's one foundation' was written in 1866 by Samuel Stone (1839-1900) when he was curate of New Windsor, Berkshire. He wrote it in response to a major disagreement in the Anglican Church in South Africa, where the Bishop of Natal, John Colenso, a courageous Cornishman, had dared to suggest that the first five books of the Old Testament were not entirely based on pure historical fact. An attempt was made to unseat him from his bishopric: it failed in the British courts, and he remained in office, later bravely championing the Zulu people's right to live in their homeland.

Stone sided with the Establishment:

'By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed'

– but in the long run most scholars have agreed with Colenso. Nevertheless it's still true today that disagreements on particular issues divert the Church from its true work of mission, and this hymn can be sung without taking any sides in such disputes, but instead looking forward in hope to their resolution:

'And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest'.

Archbishop Justin Welby had 'The Church's one foundation' at his inauguration service in Canterbury Cathedral in 2013, and we can join him in the hopes expressed so eloquently in the hymn, while at the same time having a thoroughly good sing of one of the finest of Victorian tunes. And if you're an alto, just belt out the tune instead.

David Duvall

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February 2016

26 th February	Scrabble Evening	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
27 th February	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

March 2016

2 nd March	Lent Supper & Table top sale	Higher Stavordale Farm
3 rd March	Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
7 th March	Summer Fair Meeting	Maggie's House
12 th March	ST Social Group (Art workshop)	St Andrews Stoke Trister
14 th March	Flower rota Meeting	Orchard House.
15 th March	Public Meeting re "The Smithy"	Charlton Musgove Memorial Hall
17 th March	Lent Lunch	Kimbers Farm shop
17 th March	Living and Working in Katmandu	Bayford Chapel
18 th March	Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgove Memorial Hall
20 th March	Palm Sunday walk	
26 th March	Decorating the Churches for Easter	
26 th March	Race Night	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

April 2016

7 th April	Bayford Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
9 th April	Pop up Pub	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
16 th April	ST Social Group (Craft workshop)	St Andrews Stoke Trister
16 th April	Come, Look, Offer & Buy Sale	Bayford Chapel



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CMSS – St Stephen’s Charlton Musgrove

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

W – Wincanton Parish Church. Pen Selwood - PS

FEBRUARY 2016

28 th February	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSJ
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MARCH 2016

6 th March	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
	5.00 pm	Evensong	C
13 th March	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	SSCM
20 th March	9.30 am	Palm Sunday walk starting at St Lawrence, Cucklington on to St Andrews, coffee and toilet stop at Bayford Chapel before arriving at St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove, a short walk then to Shalford for lunch very kindly hosted by the Hand family.	
24 th March	6.30 pm	Reflective Service	SJCM
25 th March	10.30 am	Children’s Service	ST
27 th March	9.30 am	Family Communion	SSCM
	11.00 am	Easter Service with Family Communion	C

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

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



This Easter you are once again, invited to sponsor a lily in memory of a loved one. The lilies will be used to decorate St Stephen’s Church. Cards will be available in the church for you to write a dedication which can be hung on ‘The Memory Tree.’ Mike and Georgie Woods at Common Farm Flowers are obtaining the lilies for us. If you would like to sponsor a lily please contact: Veronica White 01963 32928 or veronica.white43@btinternet.com by Sunday . The minimum donation is £3 per lily.

Palm Sunday Walk starting at St Lawrence Cucklington at 9.30 am. Next stop St Andrews Stoke Trister then a Pit stop at Bayford Chapel and on to St Stephens Charlton Musgrove and after the service a short stroll to Shalford for lunch kindly hosted by the Hand family. Dogs welcome
Walking not essential it can be done by car.

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

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 February.

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The Smithy Inn – A Message from the Project Team.

Dear Neighbour,

A public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 15th March 2016 at 7.30 pm in Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall in relation to The Smithy public house.

A presentation will be made by members of the project team detailing the latest position with regard to purchasing the pub on behalf of the community. Information will be provided relating to survey results, professional advice, community involvement, funding, a share issue, the formation of a 'Community Benefit Society' and the vision for the future of the pub. There will be a question and answer session following on from the presentation.

The project team has worked tirelessly considering various options for the future of the Smithy and are confident that a positive result is achievable. Local residents are urged to attend this most important public consultation concerning the pub.

It is intended that the meeting will last no longer than one hour. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 15th: Everybody is welcome. For those who cannot make this date, there will be additional meetings on Friday 18th March at 11 am (coffee morning), and on Sunday from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm both at the memorial hall.

More information can be found at www.thesmithyproject.org

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 Bidy Moreton 33256

Dog flyball training starts Tuesday 3rd November at 6.30pm - contact Booking secretary Chris 07708 087005

Parkinsons group - monthly on third Tuesdays at 2.30 -
contact Booking secretary Chris 07708087005

Parish Council meetings most months - see website and notice boards for details and agenda.

Chairman is Robin 32317 and Clerk is Sheran 32880

The Walkers group have had a busy year sorting out some circular walks in the village and producing leaflets and designing an information board for the hall car park. We successfully applied for grants from Somerset County Councillor Anna Groskop, who awarded us £400 from her Health and Wellbeing grant. The Parish Council also awarded us £300. We have now completing this work and have put together two walks from the village hall, two from St Stephen's church, one from St John's church and one from the Hunters Lodge. The circular walks sheets will be circulated round the village. These will also be put on the village website and can be downloaded. We are also shortly going to put a display board up in the village hall car park with a map showing the Parish boundary and the rights of ways along with the circular walks.

The walks we have selected start at focal points in the parish, or just outside the parish and where parking is available. We have also avoided paths which link via the main roads because they don't make for enjoyable or safe walking! All of them are dog friendly, apart from one stile on the village hall long walk but please keep dogs under close control and clear up after them.

We hope you enjoy getting out into our beautiful countryside and walking these paths.

Thanks very much, Sally

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The Church – St Lawrence's



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Flower Rota Meeting

Monday 14th March at 11am. 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 26th March at 10am, any white and yellow flowers, greenery and help is much appreciated.

Jan Sullivan (Tel. 01747 840014)

There will be a meeting to discuss the Summer Fair at Maggie Giles' house, The Red Brick House, Stoke Lane, on Monday 7th March at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to come to the meeting with ideas for stalls, etc. The Summer Fair is on Saturday 18th June starting at 2pm. This is a Benefice Event.

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.

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Cucklington Village Hall 100 Club results

January - £15.00 Mrs W Payne, £15.00 Mr M Andrews

February - £15.00 Mr & Mrs M Spencer, £15.00 Miss S Crawford Smith

After the success of the last Pop Up Pub there are two more dates booked the 9th April and the 4th June hopefully with Skittle Alley, more details to follow.

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.

SCRABBLE evening

After the first very successful scrabble evening, the next one will be on the 26th February at 7 pm in the village hall. Cash bar and light eats. Come along whether you are an experienced player or a complete novice – fun for all!

Village Contacts:

Chair of Village Meeting: Sarah Dyke-Bracher: cucklingtonchairman@gmail.com

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Fiona Carvell died on January 27th. Fiona was a talented artist and writer who lived for some time in Bayford Lodge. We send our condolences to her family.

Thelma Trett is now in Carrington House and would welcome visitors.

Eileen Yateman has a 90th Birthday on Friday 11th March. She is living at Abbey View, Sherborne and would love visitors.

The next Bayford Coffee morning will be on Thursday 3rd March and the following one on Thursday 7th April in the Chapel from 10 am to 12 noon. All welcome. After that the Chapel will be unavailable as it will be being refurbished and we will have to hold our coffee mornings elsewhere, probably in various houses in the village. Please watch the magazine for further information.

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BAYFORD CHAPEL SATURDAY 16th APRIL 2016 – 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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These items are not required by the Bayford Mission Hall Society and they will be displayed in Bayford Chapel on Saturday 16th April from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All are welcome to come, view the contents and make an offer to buy an item or items. The only condition of sale is that with the exception of heavy furniture, all purchases must be moved from the Chapel by 12.30 p.m. on that day.

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