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**Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton
For Parish Newsletters - March 2017**

As I write this, in the past week we have been hearing of President Trump's travel ban which includes the prevention of refugees from entering the US. US lawyers have suspended the ban and a fight is ensuing, on Twitter and in the courts. Archbishop Sentamu, and the Bishops of Liverpool and Durham have been among those who have publicly spoken out and reminded us of the Christian charge to welcome the stranger in need.

Bishop Peter and I have made a very specific Bishops' Lent Appeal this year to support the work of welcome to refugees. To support this appeal, every day of Lent there is a story on the diocesan website of someone working for the common good. Amongst them are some specific stories of refugees and those who work to support them. We hope you will take the opportunity to read them and reflect on how they open up Scripture for us through an example of 'living the story'. And in response, we ask you to consider giving something towards the work we are doing in the diocese and beyond to support such work.

Perhaps you are holding a Lent lunch or taking a special, additional offering each week in your church. Would you consider giving this to the Bishops' Lent Appeal for Refugees? Half of what is collected across the diocese will go to the work here in Somerset. And half will go to encourage the work of a church community in Greece supporting them in providing food and shelter for those in immediate need.

I have been very encouraged to hear of the stories of those who have found practical support and a warm welcome from the people of Somerset in the midst of despair, anxiety and fear. It has been a real joy to see folk gathering together to offer whatever they can by way of befriending, language support, homes to those in need. One primary school has even seen the children collecting money to buy bicycles for two Syrian children. Such generosity!

We've now welcomed four families to Taunton with more on the way. In Yeovil and Bath there are young people and families being supported through the government resettlement scheme. And in Nailsea and Taunton, community sponsorship hopes to welcome others. Our diocese has played its part and provided £5000 this past year for training, interpretive support amongst other things. We are committed to doing more this year and would welcome whatever help you can offer.

+ Ruth, Taunton

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From the Organ Bench

From a forward-looking modern hymn last month (which I hope we may sing as an anthem to welcome our new Rector), to one of our best-loved hymns, which is also a favourite of Jeffrey Hall, who has taken services for us during the interregnum and endeared himself to so many of us.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind is one of quite a few favourite hymns that wasn't originally written as a hymn. It's actually the final five verses of a poem called 'The Brewing of Soma' by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), an American Quaker poet who in his younger days worked tirelessly for the abolition of slavery.

I don't think that Soma has anything to do with the Greek word for 'body'; it was an intoxicating drink which was part of Vedic ritual (an ancient precursor of Hinduism). In his poem Whittier describes this ritual and then introduces the idea that there is an equivalent ethereal intensity, not totally dissimilar to intoxication, in some kinds of Christian worship.

We may not all go as far as that, but there is something calming and ethereal about these words, as in:

*O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love.*

The last verse is one of church music's 'traps for heffalumps', where congregations (and sometimes organists) rise to a great *fortissimo* in:

*Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire....*

and continue to bellow at the top of their voices:

O still small voice of calm.

As with William Blake's *Jerusalem*, these words have come to be loved largely through being set to a tune by Sir Hubert Parry (1848-1918). Like the words, the tune wasn't originally written for a hymn, but was an aria in Parry's long-forgotten opera *Judith*. George Stocks, the director of music at Repton School in Derbyshire, set words and tune together for the school hymn-book in 1924, and the tune is still known as *Repton*. It was an inspired pairing by Dr. Stocks, who deserves credit alongside John Whittier and Hubert Parry for a hymn whose beauty has the power to move churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike.

David Duvall

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2017

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

2 nd	Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
3 rd	An Evening with Sam Griffiths	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
4 th	Hall Cleaning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
8 th	Benefice Fair planning Meeting	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
17 th	Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
18 th	Stoke Trister Social Group	Stoke Trister Church
18 th	Coffee Morning	Paradise Cottage, Charlton Musgrove
25 th	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
28 th	Lunch Club	Bayford Village Hall
31 st	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

April 2017

1 st	Spectra Musica	Wincanton
1 st	Young Farmers Dinner Dance	Wincanton
6 th	Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
22 nd	Stoke Trister Social Group	Stoke Trister Church
28 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

May 2017

5 th	Quiz Night	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
6 th	Plant Sale	Common Farm, Charlton Musgrove
19 th	Scrabble	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

July 2017

1 st	Benefice Fair	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
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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.

February 2017

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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19 th	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
	6.00 pm	Evensong	C

26 th	9.30 am	Family Communion/Mothering Sunday	CMSS
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April 2017

2 nd	9.30 am	Family Communion	ST
	6.00 pm	Evensong	C

6 th	7.00 pm	Quiet Reflection/Prayer/Music/Meditation	CMSJ
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9 th	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Walk	C
	11.00 am	St Andrew	
	12.00 am	St Stephen	

13 th	7.00 pm	Quiet Reflection/Prayer/Music/Meditation	CMSJ
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16 th	9.30 am	Easter Sunday Family Communion	ST
	11.00 am	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 for yourself, a friend, wedding, funeral or baptism, please get in touch with your Church Wardens



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spectra musica in Wincanton

Spectra Musica are eagerly anticipating their return to the beautiful St Luke and St Teresa's Church, Wincanton on 1st April, All Fools' Day, with a concert entitled 'These foolish things'. However, Musical Director Peter Leech has compiled a programme which is far from foolish but as usual covers a huge range of musical genres.

The group will acknowledge Monteverdi's 450 Anniversary, and also include works by Schumann, Liszt and Saint-Saëns. On a lighter note will be works by Cole Porter and Bob Chilcott and a piece recognising the great achievement of Pythagoras, set in a style reminiscent of Gilbert and Sullivan – April Fool? Concert pianist Anita D'Attellis will also feature in the programme as well as accompanying the group. Tickets, priced £12, are available from 01963 350160, from tickets@spectramusica.co.uk or on the door, for the concert starting at 7.30pm.

On the 18th March the Stoke Trister Social Group are making Crochet Mandalas. The pattern is suitable for all levels including beginners, full instructions and help given. Please bring Double Knit yarn of your choice in three or four of your favourite colours, reasonable length left overs are fine. You will need a crochet hook – either 2.5/3 mm. Cotton yarn works especially well. Refreshments available like us on Facebook to see what we have made, and to see a Mandala.

We meet at 10 am at Stoke Trister Church. Any questions please phone 01963 32311
Please note the April workshop is on the 22nd April at 10 am at Stoke Trister Church (the fourth Saturday) because Easter falls on the third weekend.

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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 VIEW

CHARLTON MUSGROVE

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

During Lent, there will be an opportunity for quiet reflection with prayers, music and meditation on the 6th and 13th April at St John's Church, beginning at 7pm

Summer Fair Planning Meeting In the Memorial Hall at Charlton Musgrove at 7.30 on Wednesday 8th March. Everyone welcome to come and help the planning of a great day out on SATURDAY 1st JULY. Please ring Veronica (32928) if you can't come but have some good ideas.

PLANT SALE AT COMMON FARM FLOWERS On Saturday 6th May Georgie and Mike Woods are holding an exciting plant sale in aid of St Stephens's roof at Common Farm, Barrow Lane, in Charlton Musgrove.

Village Coffee Mornings in the Memorial Hall Friday 17th March. 10.30 to 12.00.
Do come along & join us for Real Coffee & homemade cake.

A Coffee Morning to raise Funds for the Brain Tumour Charity.

The England Family invite you to join them at a Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th March 10.30 -1200 at Paradise Cottage, Charlton Musgrove to raise much needed funds for this very worthwhile Charity. The Charity work, not only to provide help & support for sufferers & their families, but also to fund much needed research into early diagnosis & treatment of this dreadful disease.

So Come along & join us for Coffee, Tea, homemade cake & a chat with friends & neighbours.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Charlton Musgrove 100 Club Results

February Draw

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Diane Coe



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The Church – St Lawrence's



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Quiz Night – in the Village Hall on Friday 24th February at 7.30 pm. Tickets £12 per table of 8 from Karen Dunford – karen@willowbarns.com

Talk by Sam Griffiths, international 3 day event rider and Olympian – Friday 3rd March in the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm. Please let Karen Dunford know if you would like to attend this exciting event – karen@willowbarns.com Tickets to include light refreshments, £12 in advance, £14 at the door.

Village Hall cleaning: The next cleaning session will be on Saturday 4th March starting at 9.30. This hall belongs to us all – come along and spend a couple of hours helping us to keep it clean and tidy.

Flower Rota Meeting - Monday 3rd April at 11 am at Orchard House for coffee and 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 15th April at 10 am, any white and yellow flowers, greenery and help is much appreciated. Jan Sullivan (Tel. 01747 840014)

Village Hall Coffee Mornings The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 25th February, which will include a 'Bring & Buy' of produce, and then 25th March, starting at 10 am. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat.

Cucklington 100 club

December - Mr W Rawlings, Miss P Loxton, Mr H Davies, Mrs J Rawlings

January - Mr C Stanford, Mr P Wilcox

February - Mrs H Woods, Mr J Gilbey

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Bayford Coffee Mornings

The next Bayford Coffee morning will be on Thursday 2nd March in the newly refurbished Bayford Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon. All are very welcome to come and there will be the usual Bring and Buy Table. Coffee mornings are always on the first Thursday in the month (unless elections prevent this happening, when plenty of notice will be given).

Stoke Trister Neighbourhood Watch. Following my request for contact details of those who would like to be in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme for the village just two have responded. You should be aware that if you do not let me have your details I will be unable to warn you off the appearance of miscreants etc. My email is petermunro20@live.co.uk and my phone number is 01963 33036.

Quiz Night in the Arthur Morrison Hall. There will be a quiz night on Saturday 5th May in aid of the Wincanton Live at Home Scheme. Doors open at 1900 and the quiz will start at 1930. Tables of up to 8 £10 a head including supper, The bar will be open, To book a slot please call 01963 33036.

Winibus. The appeal for volunteer drivers for the Winibus in the December issue fell on stony ground. I hope that someone will feel that they can give a few hours every so often to help out. This is not an arduous task by any means. Please contact either Andy Chilton on 01963 34594 or Peter Munro on 01963 33036.

We send our very best wishes to Niru Linsley who has been in hospital. Get well soon Niru

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South Somerset residents help shape the future of the census

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For more information on the 2017 Test: www.ons.gov.uk/census

Further on Archbishops and upon the Right Reverend Joanna Penberthy, consecrated, inducted, installed and enthroned.

The past few weeks have been historic times in the Church in Wales.

On 21st January, the day that our former Rector was consecrated Bishop, Llandaff Cathedral, with its clear glass windows was filled with light.

The service of Consecration was a moving and solemn occasion and for those of us who had looked forward to this day, it was an utterly joyful one. Before the General Confession, Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan asked forgiveness for the Church in Wales of its treatment towards women in the Church. He also praised them for their patience. Later, in the sermon, he reiterated that Bishop Joanna had been elected Bishop because she was the best person for the job.

At the celebration of Communion, Bishop Joanna communicated all those who came up to the altar and the other Bishops administered the wine. During the service Jo's crosier, cope and white mitre had been blessed. In the Church in Wales the Bishops wear white mitres when not in their own Diocese. The Archbishop wears a gold one. A week later, Archbishop Barry was to retire – as the longest serving Archbishop.

After the service he and the newly consecrated Bishop greeted the congregation as they streamed out into glorious sunshine and there was much rejoicing. Pictures of the occasion can be found on the website of the Church in Wales, which includes two of Bishop Joanna with three other women Bishops – of Gloucester and from New Zealand and Wales.

The weather had changed to a slaty Welsh grey, when on February 11th Bishop Joanna was enthroned in the highly significant and ancient Cathedral of St. Mary and St. David. The rain held off as the new Bishop knocked on the west door of the Cathedral and asked to be admitted. Again with many dignitaries and this time the Readers, Clergy, people of her new diocese present with her sister Dylleth and her new Chaplain Paul assisting her, the service was both impressive and moving. Both services were spoken and sung partly in Welsh and partly in English, with beautiful singing in both languages. During part of the service, Joanna disappeared from view into the chancel and choir, with Adrian and the family to witness as she was dressed in the sumptuous cope and mitre and holding a beautifully wrought crosier belonging to St. David's Cathedral. Her sermon can be heard and seen on the Church in Wales website and for anyone who cannot access it, I can provide a précis later. 'Growing Hope' is the diocesan motto and I would say that the nub of the sermon, which was full of the reality of our human frailty and of God's forgiving of us, is that with endurance and hope, we can hold out a gentle hand to others, not perfect but living out our faith in the steadfast love of God.

Through our lives we can bring the Good News of the Gospel to others. When I had an opportunity to speak to the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams before Christmas and say to him how lovely it was to have the good news of Jo's appointment to rejoice in; he agreed and reflected that there is not much good news these days!

How good it is for all of us, that there is the Good News of God's love brought to us through the life and death of his Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Elizabeth Learmond