

VILLAGE NEWS

March 2018

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

Benefice Fair

9th June is the proposed date as it is the Queen's Birthday and it would be fun to mark it in some way.

There will be a meeting on the 6th March at the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall in the committee room at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome to thrash out some ideas. Please let me know if you can come. Pip 07970009142 or pipl@nmr.co.uk



Mother's Day Family Communion

Sunday March 11th

9.30am at St Andrews, Stoke Trister
Posies, chocolate and craft for children
followed by Prosecco & nibbles

All welcome!

Questions that Easter Answers

Excerpts from a sermon by Revd Martin Luther King delivered on 21st April 1957 at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama

One of the first questions that we find ourselves raising, is the life of man immortal? If a man dies, shall he live again? This question is as old as the primitive gropings of ancient man and as modern as a morning's newspaper ... We try sometimes to be nonchalant about it ... we sometimes try to be agnostic about it and say we just don't know, it isn't important anyway. But then one day, death invades our home and snatches away from us a loving, devoted friend.

Then comes Easter to answer the question. Easter comes out ringing in terms that we all hear if we seek to hear it, that the soul of man is immortal. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have fit testimony that this earthly life is not the end: that death is just something of a turn in the road - that life moves down a continual moving river and that death is just a little turn in the river; that this earthly life is merely an embryonic prelude to a new awakening; that death is not a period which ends this great sentence of life but a comma that punctuates it to more loftier significance. That is what it says. That is the meaning of Easter. That is the question that Easter answers—that death is not the end.

For we have the testimony of reason on our side. Rationality tells us somehow that God would not make a universe and bring man across the centuries unfolding through the evolutionary process from a watery existence to the marvellous height of personality ... that God wouldn't cut it off now that he has planted within our lives an infinite responsibility and we need infinite time to fulfil it. Easter rings out and says to us with all of the rationality that can be mustered up that man lives on, that death is not the end, and somehow those who have left us along the way of life, those who have gone on into the distant eternities are not gone forever. We will see them again. And that is the marvellous and beautiful meaning of this faith. That is the first question that Easter answers—that life is immortal, that death is not the end.

There is another question that we like to raise, it is the question of whether life is doomed to futility and frustration. We wonder whether life has meaning ... and some people have concluded that it is doomed to final frustration and futility ... that life is nothing more than a pendulum swinging between frustration and futility and ultimately has no meaning. But then Easter comes to us and tells us that that isn't true. And one can discover meaning in this life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and that all of the disappointments of life can be transformed into meaningful experiences.

Are you disappointed about some experience that you've had in life? Well, don't give up in despair. You're just in Good Friday now, but Easter is coming. Are you disappointed about some great ideal that you had and you felt that you would have achieved by now, but you have not achieved it? You have somehow been caught in the moment. Well, don't give up in despair. If you will just wait, Easter will come. This morning, have you had some high and noble ideals? Have you had some high and noble hopes, and it seems that they have been blasted by the years? Well, don't give up. Don't despair, because Easter is coming. And this is the thing that men through the generations have learned when they live close to Jesus Christ, that Easter can emerge, and that all of the darkness of Good Friday can pass away.

This is the Easter message, this is the question that it answers. It says to us that love is the most durable power in the world, more than all of the military giants, all of the nations that base their way on military power. I wish this morning that you would go tell Russia, go tell America, go tell the nations of the world that atomic bombs cannot solve the problems of the universe. Go back and tell them that hydrogen bombs cannot solve the problems of the world, but it is only through love and devotion to the justice of the universe that we can solve these problems. And then we can go away saying in terms that cry out across the generations that "God reigns, he reigns supreme, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." He reigns because he established his universe on moral principles. And through the love that he revealed through Jesus Christ, things move on. These are the questions that Easter answers. God grant that as you seek to answer them you will catch the spirit of Jesus in Easter and live life with an exuberant joy.

From the Organ Bench

Some hymns and songs that we think of as comparatively modern aren't as modern as they appear. *I danced in the morning when the world was begun* (better known as 'Lord of the Dance') was first published in the early 1960s. The words are an original work by Sydney Carter (1915-2004), but he acknowledged that both words and tune are indebted to something much earlier.

The Shakers, or 'Shaking Quakers' (in worship they were 'taken with a mighty trembling' or 'a mighty shaking') were a dissident group of Quakers who emigrated from Manchester in 1774 to what would become the USA two years later. They were led by Ann Lee (1736-1784), known as 'Mother Ann'. The Shakers were notable for using dancing as a primary expression of their faith, and the following song was written for them in the 1840s, probably by Joseph Brackett (1797-1882), who described it as a 'Gift Song from Mother's work'.

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,

'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,

And when we find ourselves in the place just right,

It will be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,

To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,

To turn, turn will be our delight

Till by turning, turning we come round right.

Aaron Copland used the melody in *Appalachian Spring* (1950) and then Sydney Carter adapted it (changing some notes in the process) for 'Lord of the Dance'.

As in the traditional carol 'Tomorrow shall be my dancing day', Sydney Carter cleverly traces Jesus's life (his birth, ministry, death, burial and resurrection) in the verses of the hymn, with the chorus:

Dance then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he....

reinforcing the message of Jesus's ultimate victory after each verse.

This is a song for everyone, even those of you who think you can't sing (and if you enjoy listening to music, you almost certainly can). If you start low enough, it's fun to go up a key for the last verse and another for the final, roof-raising chorus.

David Duvall



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Drop In Weekend

Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February 10.00am until 12.00pm

Come and tell us what you think about the hall, hear our ideas for a new canopy with storage, improved wheelchair and buggy access from the car park end and another disabled tarmac car parking space.

Members from the Management Committee will be on hand with loads of coffee on both days.

AGM

Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall – Tuesday 13th March 7.30PM

The Annual General Meeting is taking place at the Village Hall, all are welcome to attend. The agenda will be emailed to the village list and posted to the Charlton Musgrove Facebook page two weeks before the meeting. If you do not have a copy and would like one, please email cmvillagehall@gmail.com

Charlton Musgrove 100 Club Results

February Draw

No 37 Graham & Jess Kimber Danger

No 82 Judy Nathan

Village Coffee Morning

Friday 16th March 10.30 to 12 noon

Come along and join us for real Coffee and homemade cake and a chance to catch up with neighbours and friends.

A Date for your Diary

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

The England Family invite you to come and join them once again for our yearly Coffee Morning at Paradise Cottage, Charlton Musgrove, BA9 8HW on Saturday 17th March at 10.30am.

The Charity works tirelessly to support sufferers of Brain Tumours and their families whilst donating much needed funds for research into early diagnosis of this dreadful disease.

So do come along for coffee, tea and homemade cakes. There will be a raffle, Paula's egg game for the children and lots of good company. We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there.

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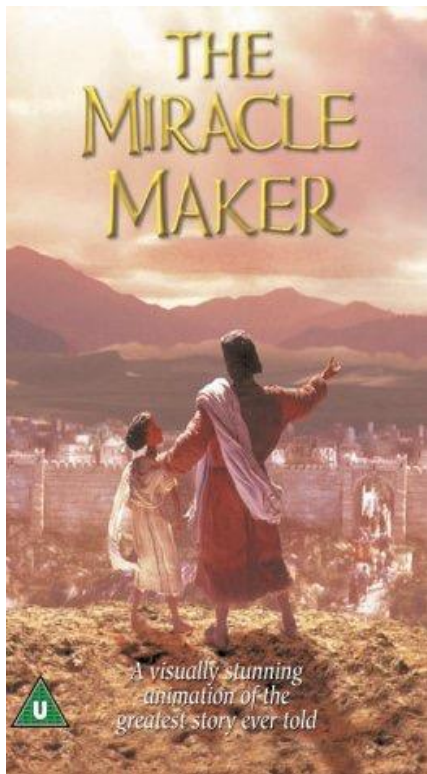
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In case of medical emergency ring 999 and ask for the Ambulance Service. The operator will then send a medic and inform there is a Defibrillator in Charlton Musgrove and will give the key pad entry number for access. There is a list of first responders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

Thank you to Brenda Ford and Geoff Syme for their kind donations to the Newsletter fund.



‘Miracle Maker’

U (2000)

**Good Friday March 30th at Common Farm, Barrow Lane, 10.00-11.30am
with Hot Cross Buns and Easter biscuits
All welcome!**

The Miracle Maker is a visually stunning animation of the greatest story ever told. It depicts the life of Jesus Christ through the eyes of Tamar, the terminally ill daughter of a priest in Capernaum. Hand-drawn animated cartoons are used to distinguish flashbacks, parables, stories, spiritual encounters and visions from the main plot which is all in stop motion. The film stars the voice of Ralph Fiennes as Jesus and numerous other well-known actors.

*‘One of the most entrancing pieces of storytelling’ The Times
‘An epic production which kids and adults alike should enjoy’ Sunday Express*

‘Risen’

12A (2016)

**Easter Saturday March 31st at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall, 7.00pm
Bring a bottle, popcorn provided!**

Inspirational and compelling, ‘Risen’ is a visionary film with a fresh new perspective on the death and resurrection of Christ. Powerful Roman military tribune, Clavius (Joseph Fiennes) and his aide Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) in the weeks following the crucifixion in order to disprove the rumours of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.



Making space

I remember my father once saying 'as you get older the seconds seem longer, but the years go by faster.' I think he was right. Perhaps that's your experience too? In March 2014 I officially became the Bishop of Bath and Wells and began to 'take up the reins' and it's two years since I was appointed the Lead Bishop for Safeguarding. The time has flown by. Even more amazing is that this year I shall have been ordained for 38 years and I thank God for all that he has enabled me to see and do through those years. In my study there's a picture of a much-younger me, taken at my ordination in 1980. Looking at it reminds me of the Lord's grace and goodness to me and to Jane through those years.

I will be taking some time some study leave in May and June this year. At one time these were called 'sabbaticals' and that word is from the same root as 'Sabbath', which means to take time to rest. I am particularly grateful to Bishop Ruth and the Bishop's Staff who have encouraged me to take this time, especially as it will mean they will have to 'keep an eye on the shop'.

This will give me an opportunity to spend time reading and reflecting on what God may be saying about the priorities and opportunities for the diocese and the wider Church - and time to pray and think more about the challenges which lie ahead of us. During this time Jane and I have arranged to go to Israel. Neither of us has been there before and that in itself will be a wonderful experience.

In the midst of busy, noisy and often crowded lives it is hard at times to make space to read and to pray, to make time to listen to God and to build our relationship with him. I am sure that having this precious gift of time will mean that I return renewed and refreshed for all that lies ahead as together we seek to live and tell the story of Jesus.

Taking care of our spiritual lives is something we all need to do and Jesus took time to be apart with his Heavenly Father. I know not everyone can take study leave, but even a half day will often help to charge the 'spiritual batteries'. I look forward to sharing with you some of what I have learnt when I get back to the desk.

With warm Christian greetings,

Rt Rev Peter Hancock

Bishop of Bath and Wells

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2018

1 st	Coffee Morning	10.00am Bayford Village Hall
4 th	Friends and Heroes Sunday Club	9.30am St John's Charlton Musgrove
6 th	Planning meeting for Benefice Fair	7.30pm Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
9 th	Scrabble	7.00pm Cucklington Village Hall
13 th	AGM	7.30pm Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
16 th	Coffee Morning	10.30am Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
16 th	Film Night	7.00pm Cucklington Village Hall
17 th	Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Brain Tumour Charity	10.30am Paradise Cottage, Charlton Musgrove, BA9 8HW
17 th	Coffee and Crafts	10.00am Stoke Trister Church
24 th	Coffee Morning	10.00am Cucklington Village Hall
26 th	Flower Rota Meeting	11.00am Orchard House, Cucklington
28 th	Bayford Village Lunch	12.30pm Bayford Village Hall
31 st	Decorating St Lawrence's	10.00am St Lawrences

April

5 th	Coffee Morning	10.00am Bayford Village Hall
20 th	Quiz Night	Cucklington Village Hall
21 st	Coffee and Crafts	10.00am Stoke Trister Church



Short Mat Bowls at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

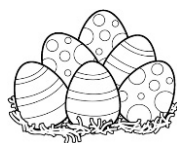
WE MEET ON THE 2nd AND 4th TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
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Please bring along smooth soled shoes to wear for the sake of the mats.

Brian & Stella Wheeler – 01963 34331

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

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS

for March and Easter 2018



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.

March

Sunday 4 th	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Friends and Heroes Club Evensong	CMSJ C
Sunday 11 th	9.30 am 6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Mother’s Day Family Communion followed by posies, Prosecco & Nibbles Evensong Quiet Hour	ST ST CMSJ
Sunday 18 th	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Evensong	ST C
Sunday 25 th	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Walk	Meet at St Lawrence, Cucklington
Maundy Thursday 29 th	6.30 pm	Maundy Thursday ‘Last Supper’ meal and prayers	CMSJ
Good Friday 30 th	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Easter Family Film ‘Miracle Maker’ U (2000) with hot cross buns And Easter biscuits	Common Farm, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove
Easter Saturday 31 st	7.00 pm	Easter Film ‘Risen’ 12A (2016) starring Joseph Fiennes	CM Village Hall
Easter Sunday 1 st April	9.30 am 11.00 am	Easter Sunday Communion Easter Sunday Communion	CMSJ C

Gain an out of this world experience at stargazing events

The Cranborne Chase AONB's stargazing is always popular and this winter's season is no different, the opening event at Semley Village Hall was full to capacity with night sky enthusiasts.

If you missed the Semley event, there are plenty of others in various locations in our special stargazing series, during which astronomer and Cranborne Chase AONB Dark Skies advisor Bob Mizon regales the audience with stories of the astronomical wonders above their heads, while the AONB's director Linda Nunn details developments concerning the Cranborne Chase AONB's bid for prestigious International Dark Sky Reserve status. Afterwards, the audience join Bob and members of the Wessex Astronomical Society outside for a spectacular stargazing experience.

The next stargazing event will be on:

- **Thursday 15 March at Sutton Veny Village Hall (High Street, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire BA12 7AP)**

All events commence at 7pm and last for around two to two-and-a-half hours, depending on weather conditions. The cost for adults is £5 each (cash or cheque on the night/includes a free tea or coffee), with no charge for children. Please book in advance, tel: 01725 517417, or email: info@cranbornechase.org.uk.

For more information on stargazing in the Cranborne Chase AONB, log on to www.chasingstars.org.uk.

Spectra Musica in Wincanton

Spectra Musica will be singing 'Motets, Madrigals and More' at St Luke and St Teresa's Church, Wincanton on 17th March, in another lively concert led by their very talented Musical Director, Peter Leech. The group's programmes are always a colourful mix of words and music from many eras and styles. Vautor and Bassani were 17th century composers, and Brahms 19th century, Villette, Lloyd Webber and Seiber 20th century, all adding to the evening's variety.

The talented pianist Caroline D'Cruz 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.



CUCKLINGTON

The Church – St Lawrence's

The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington – Management Committee

Committee members include:	Telephone Number
Campbell Dunford (Chairman)	01963 34220
Jenny Rawlings (Booking Secretary)	01963 33320

Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings who also holds the keys. If not available, ring Brian Trueman (07398 980487), or Di Hammett (01747 840770)

Flower Rota Meeting

Monday 26th March at 11.00am 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 31st March from 10am, any white and yellow flowers, greenery and help is much appreciated. Jan Sullivan (Tel 01747 840014)

Cucklington Village Hall 100 Club results

December - Mrs V Davies, Mrs M Coulber, Mr P Wilcox, Mr W Rawlings.

January - Miss P Loxton, Mr E Parsons

February - Mr D Inns, Mr D Jordan.

Cucklington Village Hall is a registered charity for the use of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

This is why a social committee has been formed to try and organise different events in the hall throughout the year, it has been agreed after the survey that was done that, an event will be organised on the third Friday of each month.

The events already planned are a Film night on the 16th March starting at 7.00 pm cost £5.00 including a free drink and popcorn.

A Fun Quiz night on the 20th April starting at 7.30pm cost £5.00 including a free drink and snacks. We are hoping to organise an event on the 19th May to celebrate the Royal Wedding details to follow. There will be a cash bar at all events.

If anyone wants more details or would like to help on the social committee, please contact John Crocker (jacrocker@btconnect.com)

Coffee Mornings. The next coffee morning in the Village Hall will be on Saturday 24th March, at the usual time of 10 am.

Scrabble: The next Scrabble evening in the Village Hall will be on Friday 9th March at 7pm. They will continue on the second Friday each month.

Village Hall cleaning - the next cleaning session will be on Saturday 10th March, starting as usual at 9.30 am.

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The Church – St Andrew's

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Fred Watson on 2nd February and send our condolences to Grace and the family.

Bayford Village Lunch

The March lunch will be held on Wednesday 28th March at 12.30. p.m. It will have an Easter theme. Do come and enjoy this freshly cooked meal, and the sociable occasion it has become. All welcome, but, please let Dorothy Goldsack on 01963 32176 know a few days beforehand for catering numbers.

Bayford Coffee Mornings

The next Bayford Coffee Morning is on Thursday 1st March in the Village Hall from 10 am – 12 noon. All are very welcome to come, young or old. There will be the usual Bring & Buy table.

Moving on from the Bayford Memories Exhibition, October 2017.

The interest and enthusiasm that was created by the Exhibition led to the suggestion that a group should be set up to carry on more historical and social investigations of the village. A small group from the village had a first meeting on February 5th. It is hoping to find more interested Bayford and Stoke Trister residents to join this group. It was agreed that it would be good to have regular Bulletins to keep everyone informed on what had been discovered, and other suggestions for projects such as a "Village Dig" with appropriate professional advice.

Please contact Brian Garton (sbgarton@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to join the group or have any other suggestions.

The Bayford Book.

Preparation is going well on producing the "Bayford Book", with much of the information and photographs from the October Exhibition that was held in the Village Hall. If you have any other materials that you would like included, please get in touch with us (Sid and Brian Garton on sbgarton@hotmail.co.uk). We are particularly interested in getting more information on Stoke Trister School (on the corner of Devenish Lane), photos of the construction of the A303 Bypass, and any famous people who have lived/stayed in Bayford or Stoke Trister in the past. Many thanks.

Coffee & Crafts at Stoke Trister Church 10.00 am Saturday 17th March, come and join us, refreshments available more info ring 01963 32311

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St Margaret's Support Groups

OCTAGON THEATRE, YEOVIL BA20 1UX

Wednesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm

St Margaret's Support Groups are open to anyone affected by a life-limiting illness – patients, their families and friends

As well as providing an opportunity to meet others in similar situations, our trained volunteers can offer visitors:

- a listening ear
- provide free information
- help signpost to other services

The groups are run on a drop-in basis – there is no need to book or to be referred

Or perhaps you would like to become a volunteer to help run these groups?

For further information please contact Lesley Burgess

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