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Living together beyond polling day

In my early twenties my Christian faith was shaped by a holy, wise and kindly vicar of my local church in central London. Week by week, I absorbed his engaging sermons and inspiring bible studies and looking back I'm so thankful for the seeds of faith sown in that particular lively Anglican Church. But I remember being disappointed when I asked him how a Christian should engage with politics. His measured reply: 'I don't bother much – General Elections only vote one lot of sinners out – and another lot of sinners in!'

Well, whatever 'lot of sinners', local or national, are in or out of office come the 8th May, I believe we have a duty and responsibility to support and pray for them while using our hard won democratic freedom to continue in dialogue about the issues we care deeply about. From education and health to opportunities for the young, the fragmentation of communities or the protection of those most vulnerable, the list goes on because we hold before us a vision of nothing less than the Kingdom of God. As someone has said simply, 'Politics is the art of living together. It's a moral enterprise'. So let's join in enthusiastically with this art of living together, making the intercessory prayer from *Common Worship* heartfelt: 'Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and seek the common good.'

We do so as we move through to Ascension Day on 14th May. The strange, dramatic story of Jesus' taken into heaven celebrates our crucified, risen and ascended Lord. Far from detaching himself from our flawed, sinful and suffering world, he wonderfully takes his humanity and our humanity into the very heart of the divine life. As Rowan Williams has said: '...the humanity we all know to be stained, wounded, imprisoned in various ways; this humanity – yours and mine – is still capable of being embraced by God, shot through with God's glory, received and welcomed in the burning heart of reality itself.' Whatever challenges we face in our communities and nation, our prayer, concern and longing must always be to help make God's world one where the true value, worth and potential of every human being is welcomed, embraced and held dear.

Archdeacon Nicola

From the Rectory

As well as giving things up for Lent (the 40 day preparation for Easter), Christians often take things up too. I took up the ancient practice of St David in reading through the whole of the book of psalms (the ancient hymn book in the bible) every week. You may think, how on earth does reading 3000 year old poems help anyone today. For a start, while technology is unimaginably different, people's emotions are remarkably similar. The human heart hasn't changed much and it was reassuring to find my hopes and fears given voice by these ancient words. Secondly, the way the world works hasn't changed one bit either, might is still right and people who have, want more and throughout these ancient hymns, God's call for justice and righteousness rings loud and clear. It's for that reason that the Church can't stay out of politics. Not because Vicars ought to tell people how to vote or because Christians should all belong to the same party. We have seen what happens in one party states and it isn't pleasant. Christians don't all have to agree on what party to vote for or what policies are best but Christians have a responsibility to take God's call for justice and righteousness into the public area. Christians have the right and duty to say to all our politicians, the quality of a society is measured by how it treats its most vulnerable members, the sick, the elderly, children, the disabled and the financially disadvantaged. In my weekly reading through the book of psalms, I was struck again by the promise in Psalm 9, verse 18 "For the needy shall not always be forgotten nor the hope of the poor be taken away". Before this promise is finally and forever fulfilled in the kingdom of God, it is up to us to make it real in the way we order our common life. So let's learn to be the sort of electorate that enables our politicians to fulfill their responsibilities towards the most vulnerable, that all of us can work together for the common good.

Jo



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From the Organ Bench

I hope it will be of interest if I write a short piece each month about people who wrote the words or music to some of the hymns we sing. Let's kick off with one of the best-loved of them all.

*'Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.'*

In some hymn-books you will find this in the section 'Evening Hymns'. Actually, although the Biblical inspiration for the hymn may have come from the end of the natural day, the true 'eventide' here is the close of a human life.

Henry Francis Lyte (1783-1847) was a quiet, gentle man with a strong triumphant faith (one of his other hymns is 'Praise, my soul, the King of heaven'). He was a hugely popular priest in charge of the parish of Lower Brixham in Devon; but he suffered from tuberculosis and knew that at the age of 54 he had not long to live.

In September 1847, after preaching what he knew would be his last Sunday sermon, he walked in his garden overlooking the sea, and then went to his study, emerging later with 'Abide with me'. It may have been a revision by Lyte from an earlier draft, but there seems no doubt that although he approached the premature end of his earthly life with sadness and regret ('Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away'), he progressed, verse by verse, towards a glorious hope of the next life ('Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee').

Many of us find the idea of the 'next life' hard to comprehend: but Henry Lyte's tremendous courage in the face of adversity can only help us along the way. It's particularly appropriate to sing this hymn at Eastertide, as Lyte surely had in mind the story of Cleopas and his companion inviting the unknown stranger in to their house when they arrive in the evening at Emmaus: 'Abide with us' (St. Luke 24, 29).

The tune that *Abide with me* is always sung to was written for the words by William Henry Monk (1823-89) who was musical editor of the first edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern. Its simple dignity has ensured the lasting popularity of both words and music.

David Duvall

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2015

25 th April	Coffee Morning and AGM	Arthur Morison Village Hall
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May 2015

7 th May	Election Day	
9 th May	Maintenance Morning	Arthur Morison Village Hall
13 th May	First Aid Training	Arthur Morison Village Hall
14 th May	Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
15 th May	Cucklington Parish Meeting	Arthur Morison Village Hall
19 th May	The Future of Bayford Chapel	Bayford Chapel
23 rd May	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Village Hall

June 2015

7 th June	Coffee Morning	Bayford Chapel
12 th June	Theology/Quantum Physics	Arthur Morison Village Hall
20 th June	Stavordale Gardens open	Stavordale Priory
27 th June	Defibrillator Training/coffee morning	Arthur Morison Village Hall

July 2015

4 th July	Summer Fair (Independence Day)	Arthur Morison Village Hall
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CMSS – St Stephen’s Charlton Musgrove

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

APRIL 2015

26 th April	9.30 am	Family Communion	CMSJ
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10 th May	9.30 am	Rogation Service and walk to the Kimber’s’ Farm	CMSJ
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17 th May	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Family Communion Evensong	ST C
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24 th May	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSS
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31 st May	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	C
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Service of Thanksgiving for Frank.

On 18th April a service was held for family and friends to celebrate the life and music of Frank, our late organist. A benefice choir formed by David and Diana performed two pieces, The Gaelic Blessing and Schubert’s Holy Holy Holy, and sang beautifully. Franks niece, Rosalind gave an insight with amusing memories of her uncle, and our previous vicar Hugh, spoke of his recollections of Frank and read his poem, leaving us all with happy memories of a delightful and gentle man, one of the nicest people one could meet. Reminiscences were continued with delicious refreshments in the Arthur Morison Hall.

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VILLAGE VIEW

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

Many thanks to the people who decorated the churches so well for Easter. We are very grateful to Georgie and Mike Woods of Common Farm Flowers for the beautiful lilies in St. Stephens.

The memorial tree, carried 45 names of people we especially wanted to commemorate. If, next year, anyone would like to sponsor a lily in someone's memory, please get in touch with the Churchwardens before Easter. St John's was looking wonderful to celebrate Easter too.

Stavordale Priory Garden Opening 2015

Michael and Cameron have kindly offered to open their garden again for our local community on Saturday 20th June 2015 between 2.00pm and 5.30pm.

The garden has continued to develop since the last village open day and this year featured in the January edition of Gardens Illustrated.

As usual it is a fundraiser and all money raised will go to two charities: Horatio's Garden and The Dorset Air Ambulance.

Places will be allocated to local residents and their guests on a first come, first served basis. Local residents are those living in the wider benefice of Charlton Musgrove, Bayford, Stoke Trister and Cucklington. Local residents will be able to bring named guests with them.

Ticket Prices are as follows:

Residents £5.00

Guests £10.00

This includes admission to the garden and Lyn's wonderful teas. As in previous years there will be donation boxes in case you feel inspired to further support the chosen charities.

Wristbands rather than tickets (for easier identification) will be issued in the week preceding the opening.

If you would like to apply for places then please contact:

1. Sue Parroy sue@parroy.co.uk
 2. Cash or cheque sent or delivered to Sue Parroy, Gooselands, Charlton Musgrove, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8HA will secure your place.
 3. Please make cheques payable to: Sue Parroy
- Remember to enclose a contact phone number, your name, address and the names of your guests.

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Defibrillators can save lives

Charlton Musgrove 100 club results for March

No Mr Mike White and No 81 Mr Stephen Nathan

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

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The Church – St Lawrence's



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Many thanks to the flower ladies of Cucklington, the church looked beautiful for Easter.

Many thanks to Michael Legge for a really interesting, well delivered and amusing talk on 'Teach First' on Friday 17th April. For most of us there, it was our first chance to hear what it's really like to teach in an inner city comprehensive., rather than reading the lurid headlines about indiscipline and near chaos. Michael's school is 80% ethnic minority with most of the learners having English as just one of their languages. Yet life there, while certainly challenging, sounds not terribly different from life at school as we all knew it. A committed, competent teacher will usually deliver the goods! And the evening raised £260 for Church funds!

Village Hall

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Cucklington Parish Meeting: to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 15th May 2015 in the Village Hall. All residents of Cucklington are encouraged to attend.

Village Hall AGM and Coffee Morning. The AGM will be held at 10 am on Saturday 25th April at 10 am, and will be followed by the usual Coffee Morning. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat. The next coffee morning after that will be on Saturday 23rd May.

Village Hall maintenance. – the next maintenance day is Saturday 9th May, starting at 9.30 am. If you can spare a couple of hours to help keep the hall in good shape, do please come along. The next cleaning day will be on Saturday 13th June.

First Aid Training. A one day (9.30 am – 4.30 pm) course will be run at the AMMH by a fully qualified instructor on Wednesday 13th May. The maximum number on the course will be 12. There are still a few places available. **Please let me know ASAP if you would like to attend.** The cost will be £7.50. (Brian Trueman, 01747 841014)

Defibrillator training at Cucklington coffee morning on Saturday 27th June

A date for the diary – Jo is to give a talk on the subject of her PhD thesis – something to do with theology and quantum physics – but she has promised to make it comprehensible (and interesting!) for ordinary mortals – so, not to be missed. Cucklington Village Hall, Friday 12th June at 7 pm. Please let Brian (briantrueman100@gmail.com) know if you plan to come.

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Reminder that the next Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 14th May **not** 7th May as the Chapel will be set up for Election Day on 7th and you might find yourself drinking coffee in one of the polling booths!

The next coffee morning will be on Thursday 4th June. All are very welcome to join us from 10 - 12 in the Chapel.

Brian Ellard spent Easter in Yeovil Hospital but was discharged after a clear MRI scan to everyone's relief. Stay well Brian as we shall need you as Father Christmas this year!

Janet Smith

Sadly Janet had a further fall at home and broke her left leg. She has returned to Yeovil District Hospital for the time being and is in Ward 6B. Visits are always welcome.

The Future of Bayford Chapel

The Bayford Chapel Working Group will present their proposals at a public meeting to be held in the Chapel on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.30 p.m. Please note this date is a change to the 12th May as published in the last edition of Village News. All residents of Bayford and Stoke Trister are welcome to attend and add their voice to this important issue.

THANK YOU

"Thank you to everyone who attended and/or supported the Horsington Moonlighters Barn Dance held at Cucklington Village Hall on Saturday 21st March. It was sold out and we were overwhelmed to have raised £1,425 towards the "Walk the Walk uniting against breast cancer charities". The Ivythorn Band and their caller enabled all ages to learn or brush up on their country dancing skills, with lots of smiles and laughter all round."

Jo Garrett

"Saoirse, Rose, Bee, Henry and Iona would like to thank everyone so much who came and so generously supported their cake stall in Stoke Trister. We raised an amazing £102.78 which will go to Lejeune Clinic, a charity that does wonderful work in supporting children who have Down Syndrome."

Bayford Outing

Thank you to Maureen Parsons for organising a lovely day out. We all enjoyed the "King and I" at the Octagon and the wonderful meal later at the "Bull Inn". Your efforts are much appreciated by us all.

Welcome to

Kim, Tim and Thomas Couzens who have moved to "Apple Tree House" (formerly Gracelands) and a big hello to baby Emily Elizabeth born on 2nd February. A very warm welcome to the village

Also Norma (Tristern Cottage) and family, Andy and the Sheepdogs! Hope you will enjoy being in the village

Congratulations to Heather and Sam (Milestone Cottage) on the birth of their baby daughter Grace

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SUMMER FAIR – ARTHUR MORRISON MEMORIAL HALL, CUCKLINGTON

SATURDAY 4th JULY 2015

The summer fair will take place on USA Independence Day and there will be an American theme to the day. As in recent years families, and in particular children, will be at the centre of events. For the latter, some of the fun events currently under consideration include: Chuck-a-Cowboy Boot, Feather Headdress Design, Homemade Western Fancy Dress, Paint-a-Cowboy, Crush-the-Critter, Cactus Trail Quiz, Cactus Hoopla, Find-the-Cowboy and a Bicycle Rodeo! All the more normal attractions i.e. face painting, ice cream etc. will also be on offer.

These events together with a range of enticing stalls will start at 2.00 p.m. and continue until 4.45 p.m. when the Grand Raffle will be drawn. The star prizes will be three hampers full of food and goodies. At 5.00 p.m. the bar will open and be followed by a family BBQ. Further details will appear in the June edition of Village News but for the moment please note the date in your diary and come along ready for an afternoon of fun and good company!

At this stage we have two pressing issues. The first is for several gazebos or small tents for use on the day, ideally with the owners putting them up on the Saturday morning. Secondly we need volunteers for an hour or so during the afternoon to help with children's events, stalls and to sell raffle tickets. If you can help in either instance, or both, please make contact with Pip Loxton, Veronica White or Nigel Noble, whose contact details are at the front of this magazine.