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May 2016 parish magazines article

May is a special month. Not least because it is the month in which I was born. No special Birthday this year however and I'm not sure if I really want to keep counting! However it is also in this month that we mark the Birthday of the Church: the day of Pentecost, the day when the Spirit of God set his people alight with the wonder of what God had done for them. Those new believers couldn't help but tell their story.

During the week leading up to Pentecost (May 8–15) Archbishops Justin and Sentamu are calling on us all to pray in the words of the Lord, as he taught us to say, 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done'. They are encouraging us to pray for the evangelisation of the nation.

Within the diocese we are beginning to make our first strategic priority one of 'putting mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do'. This means that we want to make sure we stay true to that initial purpose of what the Church is all about, the same purpose as that small gathering of believers who wanted to share their story of faith with others.

'Mission statements' are common practice for most companies let alone churches these days. However the word 'evangelism' can make us feel somewhat uncomfortable. All the talk of radicalism and fundamentalism in the media can make us fearful of using the word. Perhaps some of us have even experienced an over-zealous believer seeking to browbeat us into thinking as they do. However it would be a shame to allow the baby to get thrown out with the bathwater.

Christ's last words to his disciples after his resurrection and before he left them to return to his Father, were "Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples." Evangelism means 'good news', or in its active sense, 'bringing or announcing good news'. So what's so wrong with that?

The Old Testament tells a wonderful story of four lepers who, during the siege of Samaria by the Syrian army, decided that as they were already rejected by their families and starving they might as well throw themselves on the mercy of the enemy. On arriving in the camp they discover it abandoned and so stuff themselves with the abundant food remaining and claim the spoils of war. And then they think, "We shouldn't be doing this! We have good news and we shouldn't keep it to ourselves." (2 Kings 7:9 GNB)

If we have discovered the life-giving bread of Christ then shouldn't we too begin sharing it?

+ Ruth Taunton

The Cost of Discipleship

9th April: Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-45), is commemorated by the Anglican Church on the date of his death, when he paid the 'ultimate price' of discipleship.

He was born in Breslau in 1906, the son of an eminent psychiatrist. Ordained into the Lutheran Church he believed that a transcendent God had revealed himself to the human race only through the life of Christ and the scriptures. When the Nazis took control in Germany in 1933, Dietrich opposed the persecution of the Jews, and was forced to leave Germany.

He had an international reputation as a Protestant theologian. He took a major lecture tour in the USA, becoming well-known in ecumenical circles as an interpreter of what was happening in Germany. He was asked to return home to lead a group of breakaway Lutheran theologians and students. He became one of the leaders of the 'Confessing Church' but was forbidden to preach in Germany by the Nazis. In 1937 he published 'The Cost of Discipleship.'

This book is still relevant today, sharing as it does the timelessness of other great Christian classics. It commentates on 'the most treasured part of Christ's teaching, the Sermon on the Mount, with its call to discipleship and on the grace of God and the sacrifice that it demands'.

He was lecturing in the USA just before WW2 broke out but caught one of the last ships back to a persecuted life and prepared for martyrdom. He was arrested and imprisoned in 1943 and wrote there 'Letter and Papers from Prison' – an eloquent testimony both to his faith and his suffering. He wrote a letter to a friend: "We must throw ourselves completely into the arms of God, taking seriously, not our own sufferings, but those of God in the World – watching with Christ in Gethsemane."

Paster Bonhoeffer was hanged at Flossenbergr concentration camp. His statue is among those of the 20thC martyrs on the west front of Westminster Abbey.

14th May: The church commemorates another theologian and spiritual great, our own Julian of Norwich. Her name is derived from the Church of St. Julian in Norwich, where she lived in her 'cell', as an anchoress (a woman dedicated to prayer). Here she was visited for help and advice by local people and others. We may not know her name or the exact dates of her birth in 1342 or death, but it was on 8th May, 1373 that Julian received a series of 16 'shewings' or visions of our Lord. It is significant that she meditated on these for twenty years before recording them and their meaning as *The Revelations of Divine Love*.

This was the first book known to be written by a woman in English and is acknowledged the world over as a great classic of spiritual literature. The book vanished for hundreds of years but once rediscovered, it has remained in print throughout the entire 20th century to the present day even through the two World Wars. Several of her sayings have passed into common usage.

Julian's visions occurred when she was seriously ill and prayed that she might see Christ's passion. In spite of the pain and suffering inflicted upon Christ, she saw that God was primarily all loving. Although the times she lived in were full of suffering due to plague, hunger and war, her message like St. Paul's, was: 'suffering yet always rejoicing'. "Because of our good Lord's tender love to all those who shall be saved, he quickly comforts them saying, 'The cause of all this pain is sin. But all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.' These things were said so kindly and without a hint of blame to me or any who shall be saved. So how unjust it would be for me to blame God for allowing my sin when he does not blame me for falling into it." In these words, I saw the deep, high mystery of God, which he will show to us in his heaven.

Liz Learmond

From the Organ Bench

Let's start with a tune this month – a glorious, triumphant tune which is set to two Easter hymns and brings with it the joy of the risen Christ. It's called *Gelobt sei Gott* (God be praised) and it was composed by Melchior Vulpus (1570-1615), a German church musician whose original surname was Fuchs (Fox) which he Latinised to Vulpus. His final post was Stadtkantor (equivalent to Precentor) at Weimar.

By the time that you read this, I hope that we'll have filled the church on Easter Sunday with singing, to this great tune:

The strife is o'er, the battle done:

Now is the Victor's triumph won:

O let the song of praise be sung:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is a translation of an anonymous Latin hymn (*Finita iam sunt proelia*) translated by Francis Pott (1832-1909), clearly in a happier mood than when he wrote *Forty days and forty nights*. It's a great hymn which finishes by reminding us of the whole context of the Resurrection:

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,

From death's dread sting thy servants free;

That we may live, and sing to thee:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

During Eastertide we also sing *Gelobt sei Gott* to an equally triumphant celebration of the Resurrection – *Good Christian men, rejoice and sing* ('men' of course meaning the whole of mankind, not just the male half of the population!). This is the work of Cyril Alington (1872-1955) whose last two posts were as Head Master of Eton College and Dean of Durham Cathedral, and who by all accounts was greatly admired in both.

This tune gets a third airing whenever we celebrate Jesus's final triumph as King. *Christ is the King! O friends rejoice* seems to have been the only hymn – but what a great one – written by George Bell (1883-1958) who was successively Dean of Canterbury Cathedral and Bishop of Chichester. He is best-known for having commissioned T.S. Eliot's play *Murder in the Cathedral* (1935) and for his friendship and collaboration with the heroic German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

As we rejoice and sing, let us be thankful for all these writers, but especially to Melchior Vulpus whose tune brings their words to life.

David Duvall

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April 2016

30 th April	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
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May 2016

7 th May	Superfast Broadband Meeting	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
12 th May	Bayford Coffee Morning	Red Brick House, Bayford
15 th May	Immortal Half Iron Man	Stourhead
20 th May	Scrabble Night	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
21 st May	Coffee Morning	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
22 nd May	Sausage Breakfast	St Johns, Charlton Musgrove

June 2016

2 nd June	Coffee Morning	Highfield House, Bayford
12 th June	HM The Queen's 90 th Birthday	
18 th June	Summer Fair	Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
25 th June	Stoke Trister Social Group	Stoke Trister Church


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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

May 2016

1st May	11.30 am	Rogation Sunday Service Followed by Lunch	Church Farm Dairy Cucklington
8 th May	9.30 am	Growing Faith	CMSS
15 th May	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Morning Prayer Evensong	ST C
22 nd May	9.30 am	Family Communion	CMSJ
29 th May	11.00 am	Matins BCP	ST
5 th June	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Family Communion Evensong	ST C
12 th June	9.30 am	Family Communion	CMSS
19 th June	6.30 pm	Evensong	ST
26 th June	9.30 am	Family 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 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.

If you or a member of your family would like home communion, please contact our Benefice Lay Reader, Liz Learmond on 01749 812354. For further details of services and Parish life please visit our website -



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A DATES FOR THE DIARY!

SUMMER FAIR – ARTHUR MORISON HALL, CUCKLINGTON

SATURDAY 18th JUNE 2016 2.00 p.m – 5.00 p.m

Under Maggie Giles's expert leadership an afternoon full of fun is being planned.

Amongst other things there will good company, a raffle, lots of attractive stalls & bargains, a children's area, scrumptious teas and cakes, games and other delights – some firm favourites and some new!

The proceeds will be used to help maintain our three parish churches, which are available to all members of our communities and used by many at times of great joy and sorrow.

We need your support if they are to remain as part of our village life.

At this stage we ask that families:

- **Put the date in your diaries (written or digital!).**
- **Retain jam jars (with lids) – about which more next month!**
- **Offer to bake cakes, make preservatives/chutneys etc, for sale on the day.**
 - **Start assembling all those unwanted items for the Bric-a-Brac stall.**
- **Consider how you might help the organisers e.g. help with the children's area, help with a stall, organise your own stall or game, provide tentage/gazebos, help to set up and clear up afterwards, help sell raffle tickets in your village, car parking etc.**
 - **Consider helping in any other way.**
- **We are hoping to have a massive plant stall so please start potting up!**

If you have any questions or want to volunteer for any of the above please contact: Maggie Giles on 01963 33147 (Stoke Trister & Bayford), Veronica White on 01963 32928 (Charlton Musgrove), or Pip Loxton on 01747 840947 (Cucklington).

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



On Sunday 22nd May, for the end of Christian Aid Week, we are having a SAUSAGE BREAKFAST after the 9.30 service at St John's Charlton Musgrove.

Coffee, Sausage and /or Bacon Butties will be served.

Val and David Rushmere would like to thank their kind neighbour, Clive Coe who responded to calls for help, after David had fallen and injured himself.

This is a reminder and a plea to all our cooks: WE NEED LOTS OF DELICIOUS HOME-MADE GOODIES FOR THE SUMMER FAIR ON 18TH JUNE.

If delivery is a problem, call your parish rep for help.

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

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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

With Spring around the corner now is the time to be planning for your triumphs at the Village flower Show. This year it will be held on 20th August in Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall at 2.30 - please make a note of the date in your diary. The Schedule is included with this Newsletter: We hope you find the classes inspiring and that you are encouraged to enter as many as possible. This year we are acknowledging 'new' exhibitors, so have a good look through the Schedule and please 'have a go' at something that you have never tried before; however varied the results, they will have their time in the limelight. The proceeds from the Show will be used for community projects.

Pauline Bastable and Ceri Izard.

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The Church – St Lawrence's



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Village Hall Coffee Mornings The next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 21st May, starting at 10 am. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat.

Village Hall cleaning: The next cleaning date is 4th June, starting at about 9.30 am. The Hall belongs to us all, so do come along and lend a hand. All equipment (plus coffee and cake!) provided!

Superfast Broadband. There will be a briefing session at the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall in Cucklington at **10 am on Saturday 7th May** to further discuss the Wessex Internet solution to deliver Superfast Broadband to Cucklington, Stoke Trister and some of the surrounding area.

SCRABBLE evening on Friday 20th May at 7pm. HUMOROUS - NOT SERIOUSLY COMPETITIVE! If you enjoy company and making up words you are welcome. Please bring your Scrabble board if you have one, just in case we do not have enough for all. We will find a team for you if you do not have one. We aim to meet for a game on the last Friday of every month. £5 per person includes nibbles and a slice of cake. Bar will be open for a glass of wine. Money raised will go to the church and village hall funds. Looking forward to your company! Please contact Mariella on mariellapolignano@gmail.com or text on 07752 965378 for further details

At the Cucklington Parish Meeting on 22nd April, Sarah Dyke-Bracher resigned as Chairman due to pressure of work. Hugh Davies was elected Chairman by a unanimous vote.

TABLE TENNIS EVERY TUESDAY

<i>AT THE ARTHUR MORISON HALL AT 7.30pm all welcome</i>

Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Flower Show will be held on the 13th August.
Photography subjects will be Humor, Night picture, A favorite View and Birthday celebrations!

Cucklington celebration of HM The Queen's 90th Birthday: Sunday 12 June

A small planning group met on 12 April to begin early preparations for the above. They have concluded that provided there is sufficient interest among residents, a traditionally-themed Tea Party should be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 12 June, the day selected for national celebrations of The Queen's 90th Birthday. This is in addition to the country-wide Beacons on 21 April.

The proposal at present is:

- The afternoon Tea Party to be a free event for all
- The Hall to be decorated: bunting, portraits of The Queen etc
- Appropriate music to be arranged to mark the special occasion
- A certain stock of food to be provided as usual by volunteers
- But individual contributions of cakes, scones etc very much appreciated
- Depending on weather, additional fun events possibly to be held outside
- The health of Her Majesty to be toasted
- A special Commemorative Mug to be sold to families if sufficient demand

In order to progress these ideas, the planning group needs to know from you:

- Do you plan to come to the Tea Party? Reply please BY 1 JUNE.
- Would you like to buy a Cucklington Commemorative Mug (about £8.00 provided at least 36 are ordered)? ORDERS BY 10 MAY ESSENTIAL.
- Can you offer help with preparing and decorating the Hall?
- Can you offer to help prepare food and/or help serve on the day?
- Do you have ideas for activities for the children?

Hugh and Virginia Davies have agreed to act as Clearing House for replies. They also need email addresses for anyone who wishes to be kept informed.

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Coffee Mornings – Please note change of venue for the May Coffee morning on Thursday May 12th. This will now take place at Maggie Giles's house, The Red Brick House, Stoke Lane, from 10 – 12. All are most welcome and there will be a Bring & Buy as usual. The June coffee morning will be on Thursday 2nd June at the home of Sid and Brian Garton, Highfield House, Bayford.

Welcome to Georgina and Brian White and their family who have recently moved into Bayford Lodge East. We hope they will be very happy living in the village.

Sheila Lyons died on 11th March and her funeral was held on 6th April at West Mendip Crematorium. We send our condolences to Ron and the family.

David Lloyd died on 7th April and a Thanksgiving service is to be held at 3pm in Wincanton on 28th April. We send our condolences to his family.

Thelma Trett died on 21st April. She was a long standing resident of Bayford and she and her late husband Ted ran the Unicorn pub for many years. We send our condolences to her family.

The next Stoke Trister Social Group get together is on the 25th June at 10 am at Stoke Trister Church, this is an Art Workshop, bring your drawing things with you. There will then be a break for the summer and we will start again in September. Hope to see you all there!

Community buys Mission Hall

Bayford has bought its former Mission Hall for use as a community facility. A grant from Viridor Credits Environmental Company greatly assisted in securing the purchase along with legal assistance from Battens solicitors. Plans are now in place to carry out the necessary repairs to the building prior to its conversion into an eagerly anticipated community Hall. Substantial grants and donations to complete the costs of conversion and fitting out are still being sought. Several local events are planned, the proceeds from which will go towards the project.

Monies raised from the Bayford Bombers' participation in the Immortal Half Ironman Event at Stourhead on 15th May are also going towards the work on the Hall. Donate at - mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/bayfordbombers

The Hall will be used as a Polling Station for the Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner on May 5th, after which it will be closed for work to begin. On June 23rd voting in the EU Referendum will take place in Lodge Farm premises in Love Lane. Directions will be clearly signed.

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