

# VILLAGE NEWS

## OCTOBER 2013

For Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington  
and Stoke Trister with Bayford



## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

### STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

Harvest Festival on 29<sup>th</sup> September 6.30 pm St Andrew's and  
Auction/Supper on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7 pm at Bayford Chapel

### CHARLTON MUSGROVE

6th October ... Harvest Festival at 11 am at St Stephen's  
Followed by supper at the Village Hall at 6 pm

### CUCKLINGTON

13<sup>th</sup> October Family Harvest Festival at 11am at St Lawrence's  
followed by lunch and auction at Arthur Morison Memorial Hall  
at 12.30 pm

### *Caterpillars and Twiglets*

Both are edible, as I now know since my visit to Zambia in July.

When presented with a tray of crispy fried caterpillars by Archbishop Albert one night in Kitwe, I had to go for a new experience. I have a rule never to turn down food offered, no matter how strange. The trick is not to look too closely, then equate the food to something you like. I love Twiglets, and happily the caterpillars had a similar texture and not much taste – apart from the fatter ones which were a bit bendy and chewy.

I had longed to visit Zambia, since being instrumental in setting up a link between Ilminster and Msoro in 1996. I thought I would never get there. So, when asked to go with the Reverend Simon Hill, our Diocesan Director of Clergy Training, to represent the Diocese at two conferences and to visit some key links, I jumped at the opportunity. Simon and I certainly worked for our passage and it was a privilege to spend time with so many Zambian Christians in very diverse settings, exchanging our understandings on ministry and mission, opportunities and obstacles. We have much in common and much which is incomparable.

The Zambians we met in over 15 urban and rural centres were not lacking in vision, ideas and plans. What I observed and am still working through in my mind is why so many projects appeared to get off to a flying start and then slow up or come to a temporary halt. Often the blockage is said by them to be caused by lack of funds and materials; but I also sensed a different feel about organisation, timescales, targets and urgency.

I am comparing this with what I often observe around the parishes of Bath & Wells. Many talk the talk about organisation, timescales, targets and urgency, but have less to say about vision, ideas and plans. And this is not my judgment: it is what Churchwardens have said to the Archdeacons in this year's Articles of Enquiry. 55% of parishes say that they do not have plans for the development of their churches – whether in worship, ministry, outreach, service or the buildings. I confess always to find this incomprehensible. But, then, parochial church councils can run out of ideas and be preoccupied with the immediate care and running of their churches.

This article may be read by those of a church congregation and people on the fringe of their local church who would not be inclined to offer their thoughts on how their church can serve Our Lord and local people in the future. But maybe you should.

In Zambia people eat caterpillars: catch a caterpillar and fry it. In England we eat Twiglets: buy a packet containing things made from wheat flour, yeast, vegetable and spice extracts and oil, niacin, riboflavin, salt and pepper. Quite a contrast. Do we here complicate things and miss the simpler questions and answers?

John Reed  
Archdeacon of Taunton

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## FROM THE RECTORY

One of the things that all the great religious traditions aim to encourage is a wisdom about how to spend our time. But in the twenty-first century, we, perhaps more than any generation of humans before us, have choruses of competing voices telling us what to buy, how to look, what to listen to, what to watch and what we ought to be doing in order to fit it. Sometimes it is hard to listen to our own voice and to take stock of all the discordant messages coming at us from all directions. Simply stopping and being quiet is one way of learning to listen to our deepest selves and to the God in whose image we are all made.

Learning to be silent is harder than you might think, even for those who live alone. We can be on our own and turn the tv, the radio and the ipod off, but it is harder to turn off the script inside our heads and to be at peace.

Strange as it may seem, being silent is easier to learn to do in company of others and so on **Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am in Wincanton Baptist Chapel, Mill Street,** there will be an opportunity to learn to be at peace, from the inside out.

Lady Julian was a nun who lived a life of quiet prayer in the 1400s. You can still visit the small room in Norwich in which she lived. In her life of silence, she learned to trust in the unfathomable love of God and people came to her for advice and help. All these years later, across the UK, small groups, named after her, meet to be quiet together. If you are intrigued, come and give it a try. We shall begin with a cup of tea or coffee at 10.00 am which won't be in the least quiet and then at 10.30 am, we shall sit quietly for 20 mins and then leave and take that quiet with us in the rest of whatever that day might hold. The Julian Group isn't something you have to sign up and join. It will be happening regularly on the first Monday of each month but no one will take a register. The time of quiet will be 20 mins for the first couple of times and then will be 30 mins as we become more used to it. As we learn to quieten ourselves in the company of others, we may be helped to try it on our own and as we learn to sit in silence, that stillness gradually takes root and becomes something in which we learn to live. If you would like more details, or can't come on a Monday morning but would be interested in learning more, do email me.

**Jo**

# BENEFICE NEWS

## **BOOT TO BARN SALE**

**In aid of St Andrew's Bell Restoration Appeal  
at Culverwell Farm, Shaftesbury Lane, Stoke Trister**

**on SATURDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2013    10 am – 1pm**

***Bring your car boot with donated items: BY 10 AM  
Set up in barn or sell from your car boot  
Sale or return home please.***

**All money raised to bell fund.**

***(There remains a shortfall of £1,700. Considerable funds have so far been found  
by the PCC, donations and Ringers Fund.)***

***Hot drinks and cakes available    Donations very much appreciated  
We look forward to seeing you***

## **Kantara Group**

We were formed a few years ago and continue as a stable group who are keen to be of support to our Benefice in times of need. We would welcome hearing from more members of the benefice to join us. The commitment is to add to your own prayer list, any people who have approached us who wish to be included.

We have one or two social gatherings each year. I send an update each month, by email, to all members and again if a new person is to be added, or circumstances change. If anyone in the Benefice is aware of someone asking for prayer and/or if you wish to join our group, please call me on 01963 31634. Diane (Coe).

## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2013**

**There will be a Christmas Tree Festival on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister. The event will open on 13<sup>th</sup> December with a Cheese & Wine Evening at the church from 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm. All are most welcome to attend and start their Christmas celebrations in a traditional manner. The ticket price is £5.00 per adult; children are free and there will be soft drinks and mince pies for them!**

**On the Saturday and Sunday the church will be open from 1.00– 4.00 pm, when hot drinks and mince pies will be available. Entrance is free but donations will be most welcome. At 3.00 pm on the Saturday there will be congregational singing of advent carols. All are welcome.**

Individuals or groups (adults or children alike!) can decorate their own trees using any theme they wish. Trees can be real or artificial but in the case of the former we suggest the size is limited to make them easy to handle and set up.

Julian Shave's shop in Wincanton will be offering a discount on trees ordered via the entry form. He will deliver them to the church.

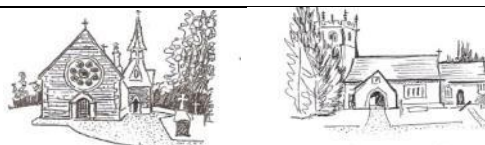
This year we would like the children (as well as the young at heart) to help make a 'Paper Chain Tree'! The chains can be any colour and decorated with stickers, glitter or pictures. The links should be approximately 30 cm x 4 cm and then stuck together in the normal manner. The paper chain can be any length you want – the longer the better!

Flyers will be appearing around the parish and in Wincanton. Look out for further details in the next edition of the magazine but anyone who is interested or who requires further information at this stage, please contact Diana Noble on 01963 31071.

This is a real fun event at Christmas, especially for children, and we hope the church will be full of beautiful trees and happy, smiling faces.

## **ST STEPHEN'S AND ST JOHN'S, CHARLTON MUSGROVE**

**Church Wardens:**  
**Veronica White 01963 32928**  
**Jonathan Hand 01963 828930**



**Our harvest service will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at St Stephens,  
followed by a harvest supper at 6 pm in the Village Hall.  
Everyone welcome (See page 8 for more details)**

## **ST ANDREW'S STOKE TRISTER AND BAYFORD CHAPEL**

**Church Wardens**  
**Alan Lyall Grant 01963 34178**  
**Nigel Noble 01963 31071**



**Our Harvest Festival will be held at St Andrew's on  
Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 pm**

Harvest produce, flowers, etc may be left at St Andrew's  
**on the morning of Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
*(before 10 am would be helpful as we will begin to decorate the church then)*  
if you would like to help please come along; you will be most welcome  
**and all donations of produce will be much appreciated.**

**The Harvest Auction and Supper will take place at Bayford Chapel the  
following evening, Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm (see page 6).**

## ST LAWRENCE'S CUCKLINGTON



**Church Wardens**  
**Karen Dunford 01963 34220**  
**Brian Trueman 01747 84101**

**Flower ladies** - we will be decorating St Lawrence for our Harvest Festival on Saturday **12th October at 10 am. Any produce**, preserves, jams, autumn coloured flowers and greenery and indeed assistance would be much appreciated. For further information, please contact Jan Sullivan 01747840014.

**Our harvest festival** will be held on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am**, followed by a harvest lunch and auction of produce at the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall – see page 6 for details.

## OUR VILLAGES

**THE CUCKLINGTON ART GROUP** reconvenes on **Tuesday 8th October 2013**, meeting in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall at 9.30 am and working until 12.30 pm each week until 10th December. This friendly, supportive Group welcomes artists of all abilities working in any medium. Further details from Lachlan Fraser on 01747 840018.

### **Moira Bartlett**

Moira was a well-loved member of the community. When she and her first husband, Ken Ohlsen, had the White Horse Inn, all the Young Farmers and Young Conservative dances were held there in the Deansley Hall and she kept an eye on us all! She was a staunch member of the Mothers' Union and the church and was a member of the Local Ministry Team. She was also a founder member of the WRVS Luncheon Club in Wincanton and the WI Market in Wincanton. She will be remembered mainly for her work with the Cancer Campaign charity, and she was awarded the MBE for her charity works. She was also a trustee of the Wincanton United Charities for several years.

Above all, she was young at heart! And a loyal and caring friend to many, and will be sadly missed.

*Maggie*

*Moira's funeral will be held at 2.30 pm on Friday 4th October at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Wincanton.*

**Lost Cat:** Has anyone lost a white and black cat which has been in Stoke Trister over the past couple of months? It is very shy indeed and hungry, but not feral – we believe the cat was originally wearing a collar.

Alison Dixon (01963 32447)

## STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

### HARVEST SUPPER and AUCTION OF PRODUCE

This is very much a village event for Bayford and Stoke Trister - **all** are welcome at the annual Harvest Auction and Supper at Bayford Chapel on **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September** starting at **7.00 pm**. The Auction is always a fun occasion and is followed by a delicious ploughman's supper prepared by Maggie and Diana. There is no charge for this meal – just come and enjoy the cut and thrust of the auctioneer's quips and be prepared to bid yourself for vegetables, fruit, homemade preserves etc.

**Newsletter Fund:** Very many thanks to Hazel Hawes for her generous donations to the Newsletter Fund and the Bayford Coffee Morning Fund.

We are delighted to hear that **Win Ward** is now home after five weeks in hospital (Yeovil and Verrington) and doing well. We send her our very best wishes for her continued recovery.

**We welcome Jeannie and Martin Howard and their family** to Bayford and hope they will be very happy living in the village.

**The next Bayford Coffee Morning** will be on **Thursday 3rd October** from 10am to 12noon, and all are very welcome to come and share coffee and biscuits and a chat.

**Advance Date:** **The Stoke Trister with Bayford Christmas Fair** will be held on Saturday, **30<sup>th</sup> November** from 10 am – 12 noon at Bayford Chapel.

## CUCKLINGTON

### Harvest Lunch and Auction of Produce on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013

All are invited!  
Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington  
Bar opens at 12.30pm

Please come and enjoy celebrating Harvest with a delicious 2 course lunch followed by locally produced cheese made with milk from Cucklington!  
Gifts to be auctioned of fruit, vegetables, jams, pickles, cakes etc would be very welcome either to the church from 10am Saturday 12th October or to the hall on the day.

Offers of help with cooking, serving etc also much appreciated.

Tickets available from Julia Crawford-Smith 01747 841045  
£10 adults, £3.50 Children 16 and under. Free 2 and under.  
Money raised will be donated to our church and a farming charity

**Cucklington NHW co-ordinator - Brian Trueman 01747 841014.**

**THE ARTHUR MORISON MEMORIAL HALL**  
(Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford)

**On 4th October –**

Sadly, the talk by Roland Rudd has had to be postponed to 29<sup>th</sup> November. Instead, there will be an illustrated talk by Brian Trueman on his recent visit to Zambia - in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall at 7 pm. Tickets £7.50 from Brian Trueman or Karen Dunford, to include small eats. Cash bar. All proceeds to St Lawrence Church.

**Fun Quiz night**

No encyclopaedias needed!

**Friday 25 October at 7 pm**

at the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington

**SUPPER & BAR**

Proceeds to Village Hall

Further details from Pat David on 01963 33342

**Coffee Morning:** The next Village Hall coffee mornings will be on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**, starting at 10 am.

**Cleaning date:** The next Village Hall cleaning day will be **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, starting at 9.30 am. The same few will turn up, but the odd new face would be much appreciated! Coffee and Jacky's delicious cake provided!

**On 1 November 2013: "A True Account of a Voyage to the Indies – with New and Authentic Views of the Mysteries and Novelties to be Discovered in those Parts"**  
An illustrated talk on the recent trip by Hugh and Virginia Davies to revisit those areas of the Raj where Hugh's family lived in the 1930s and 40s. In the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall at 7 pm. Tickets £7.50 from Brian Trueman or Karen Dunford, to include small eats. Cash bar. All proceeds to St Lawrence Church.

**100 Club. July winners:** A Hopkins; L Masters **August:** M Parsons; S Harrison  
**September:** Mr & Mrs M Grant; J Dyke Bracher

**Advance Notice: The 100 Club Xmas Party** will be held on the 20th December in the village hall.

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

**Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings (01963 33320)**  
**who also holds the keys.**



# CHARLTON MUSGROVE



Come and celebrate harvest at the  
**HARVEST SUPPER and AUCTION OF PRODUCE**  
**In our Village Hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**

Cottage Pie or Fish Pie/Delicious puddings



FIRST DRINK INCLUDED



Tickets: Adults £7.50, Children £2.50

Tickets from Jeremy 01963 32174, Jonathan 01963 828930,  
Veronica 01963 32928, Kimbers Farm Shop or on the door.

## **CHARLTON MUSGROVE COUNTRYSIDE GROUP** **Spinney Wood All Weather Path Project**

Will all volunteers wishing to help the CM Countryside Group  
in clearing a path area through the small wood meet at the village hall car park  
at **9.30 am on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. Please ensure to bring gardening gloves and  
wear suitable clothing. Pruning secateurs, clippers and rakes would be handy. We have  
one experienced bow saw person for logging up please let me know if you have skills  
and are willing to help contact Bob Parker 07769913475.

## **Charlton Musgrove 100 Club**

**100 Club Winners for September:** No 3 Robert & Jackie Parker; No 6 Biddy Moreton.

## **Coffee Morning in the Village Hall**

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am**

Real coffee and homemade cakes and a warm welcome to all!

## **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 – Fun Matches**



**Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> & 22nd October 2013 – 2pm to 5pm**

**WE MEET ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 4<sup>th</sup> 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 : Robert & Jackie Parker – 07769913475

**CHARLTON MUSGROVE TREASURES at the VILLAGE HALL  
7.30 pm THURSDAY, 21st NOVEMBER 2013**

You may have seen John Ball walking around the village fields with his metal detector. Well come and see the amazing things he has dug up - many dating back hundreds of years!!

The **Countryside Group, Play Area Group and the Walkers, Riders, Cyclist Group** would also like to let you know what we have been doing over the last year as a result of the Parish Plan. There will be photos and illustrations to look at and an opportunity to give us your ideas.

**Bar serving wine and beer and tea and coffee will be available**

**COUNCIL NEWS**

**Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council**

The Parish Council will lay a Remembrance Day Wreath at Stoke Trister Church at **11.00 am on 11 November, 2013.**

The next meeting of the Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council will be held in Bayford Chapel at **7.30 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. All residents of Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish are welcome.** *Agendas will be posted on village notice boards at least 3 days before the meeting.*

**Cucklington Parish Meeting**

**On behalf of the village** I would like to thank the people who pick up litter around the village and also those who maintain common areas. It makes a big difference and would become a major problem if not addressed.

**I am advised by Highways** that in April Somerset County Council withdrew funding for road signs. This is being followed up with SCC. Village name plates have always been the responsibility of the Parish but the responsibility for road signs generally is a new responsibility for the Parish. We have retrieved the Shanks sign, formerly located at the end of Lears Lane, from SCC and Mark David has kindly taken on the job of restoring and reseating it.

**Long Hill Closure** - Work will commence in October on the drains running from the end of Babwell Road down Long Hill. Long Hill will be closed commencing 8<sup>th</sup> October for up to 3 weeks.

**There have been 2 road traffic accidents** in the Parish during the past month. A number of residents assisted in both incidents so thanks to them for their help. It quickly became clear that mobile phones are important in reporting some incidents promptly to the emergency services. As part of emergency planning we should all note where our mobile phone signals have good and poor reception and remember to carry them with us when out and about.

**Numbers to report incidents:** Fly tipping: 01935 462462: Highways (potholes): 0845 345 9155: Police (non-emergency):101. Non urgent calls to police – 101.

**There will be a Parish Meeting on Friday 18th October in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm**  
Provisional Agenda: 1. Introduction and apologies: 2. Previous Meeting minutes: 3. Chair's report: 4. Finance 5. Planning applications: 6. Road signs 7. Any other business

If you have any items to add to the agenda then please contact  
**Gordon on 01963 32076.**

All are welcome but only residents are eligible to vote.

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The Willows Health and Beauty Clinic,  
Willow Cottage, Leigh Common BA9 8LE  
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**Tel: 07545842050**



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