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A pastoral letter from the Bishop of Bath and Wells

We have all been shocked and upset by the recent pictures from Calais, Hungary and – most distressingly – the beach in Turkey where the body of little Aylan Kurdi was washed ashore.

It feels as if there has been a breakdown in the human race's ability to care for its weakest members. While the big picture of politics and civil war perplexes us, the individual tragedies go straight our hearts. We all want to do something.

The plans announced by the Prime Minister relate only to bringing to Britain refugees from the camps established in the countries surrounding Syria. With the vast numbers of refugees looking for support in Europe, I echo Archbishop Justin's comment that this is a slim response. There is human need on our doorstep as well. The United Kingdom could and should do more as a nation to help our European partners as they struggle to deal with all this. You may want to write to your MP about this.

Our churches have already been asking what they can do to help, and collections of money and goods have already been taking place on a more or less *ad hoc* basis. We see practical needs, and it is natural to want to help. However, rather than start up lots of small-scale collections, I would encourage churches to work through established agencies who are already working in the field. These agencies have the skills and experience to do this work – whether that be at Calais or in Jordan, the Lebanon, or Syria itself. As regards the people at Calais, the UK and France are well-resourced countries. The agencies on site can buy what they need if they have the money: collecting and delivering supplies may not be the most helpful thing unless it is known there are resources to deliver and distribute them fairly.

Some people have already expressed their desire to open their home to a refugee family, offering rooms or meals. This is a generous and hospitable gesture. The time is not yet right for this to happen – we will have to wait for the Government's relocation scheme to be worked out. When refugees arrive, churches will be in the forefront of those offering assistance, and we will need to do this well. It will not be an easy task. There will be issues of language, dealing with vulnerable and traumatised people, finding suitable schools, and so on. Again, we will do best to work with agencies who know what they are doing.

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Over the last two thousand years the Church has produced people from many walks of life and Christian traditions, who down the ages have been part of 'the great cloud of witnesses' who have enriched our understanding of the Christian faith. Their festivals, lesser festivals and commemorations are commemorated in the calendar of the Church of England. Each month in the magazine it is hoped to include some biography and perhaps prayers or sayings of these Christians and hope their examples might excite us to holiness.

4th October: St. Francis, Il poverello, the little poor man of **Assisi**, was born to wealth but gave it all up to follow Christ, after hearing a voice speaking to him from the Crucifix in the little church of San Damiano, saying 'Repair my church'. He came to realise it was not church buildings but the Church itself he was being called to rescue. He took a vow of poverty and begged alms for the poor. He began to preach Christ's message and was joined by other men, they called themselves the lesser brothers – friars minor. Francis drew up a Rule of poverty, celibacy obedience, which the Pope approved. With Clare of Assisi he founded an Order for women. His prayer 'Make me an instrument of your peace' is not born of mere words, for during the crusades he travelled to Egypt, where in what is claimed as the first instance of interfaith dialogue, he met with the Sultan in Egypt. Francis is associated with stories of preaching to the birds and taming the wolf of Gubbio. In the 20th century during works in the church there, the skeleton of a wolf was discovered buried in front of the altar. Francis patterned his life on Christ's, showed deep love and concern for the poor and created the first 'nativity play' at Greccio'...Whilst in severe pain and unable to see after an eye operation near the end of his life, Francis wrote the beautiful Canticle of Brother Sun. It is a song of praise to the 'Most high, all-powerful, all good Lord!' In turn he gives thanks for the sun, moon, stars, wind, air, Sister Water, Brother Fire and ultimately Sister Death 'from whose embrace no mortal can escape'. 'Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks and serve him with great humility.' He died on the evening of 3rd October 1226, by which time his Order had spread throughout Western Christendom.

Amongst some of the Holy ones remembered in October:

10th October Thomas Traherne the English poet died on this day in 1674.

15th October St. Teresa of Avila who became an indefatigable founder of religious houses, and reformed the Carmelite Rule helped by St. John of the Cross. Her spiritual writings include the 'The Way of Perfection' and 'The Interior Castle.' Her prayers and sayings are remembered and well loved. 'St. Teresa's Bookmark', "Let "nothing disturb thee, Nothing affright thee, All things are passing....."

26th October Alfred the Great King of the West Saxons. who chased the Danes from Penselwood and ended their threat to the British Isles. He founded and supported religious houses that were centres for education and care of the sick and poor. He translated into the vernacular and evolved a legal code based on common sense and Christian mercy. His life was marked by the compassion of Christ. He died on this day 899.



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From the Organ Bench

This month we'll do two hymns in one – but because a harvest festival service isn't the same without them, they're both worth a mention.

I can't imagine a harvest festival service starting with anything other than *Come, ye thankful people, come*'. This was written by Henry Alford (1810-71) who was an energetic Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. Alford was a considerable classical scholar and theologian who wrote a much-praised commentary on the New Testament; he died of overwork, uniquely among 19th-century deans. This triumphant hymn was much altered by the perfectionist Alford and also (against his wishes and for no obvious reason) by the compilers of the original Hymns Ancient and Modern. The glorious tune 'St. George' was composed by Sir George Elvey (1816-93), who was organist of St. George's, Windsor.

Another vigorous tune accompanies *We plough the fields and scatter / The good seed on the land*. Johann Schulz (1747-1800) managed to move away from his countrymen's rather ponderous chorale tunes and wrote the tune 'Wir pflügen' for the original German words *Wir pflügen und wir streuen* by Matthias Claudius (1740-1815). This quickly became popular in Germany, and was mentioned in a short story by the 19th-century English novelist Elizabeth Gaskell – although the festival watched by the English traveller in the story was giving thanks for the harvest of grapes. (Not so much ploughing and scattering as the subsequent refreshment of the ploughmen.)

Wir pflügen was translated rather cleverly in the same unusual metre by Jane Montgomery-Campbell (1817-78) and appeared in a collection of songs published by a Devon vicar. It's fun to go up a key (All together now....) for the final refrain (*All good gifts around us....*), and I hope that the cheerful, thankful people who gave us the words and tune would approve.

Let's raise the roof with both of these at our Harvest Festivals: by the time you read this we will have already done so at St. Andrew's.

David Duvall

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2015

26th September Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning
26th September Coffee Morning

Mulberry House
Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

October 2015

1st October Shakespeare in Love
1st October Coffee Morning
4th October Harvest Lunch
4th October Harvest Supper
10th October Table top Sale
10th October Hall Cleaning
10th October Garage Sale
16th October Coffee Morning
31st October Coffee Morning

Bayford Chapel
Bayford Chapel
Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
Bayford Chapel
Arthur Morison Memorial Hall
The Old Orchard
Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

November 2015

5th November Coffee Morning
7th November Cracker Workshop
13th November Quiz Night
20th November Coffee Morning

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December 2015

11th December Christmas Coffee Morning

Charlton Musgrove Village Hall



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CMSS – St Stephen’s Charlton Musgrove

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

SEPTEMBER 2015

27 th September	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	CMSJ
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OCTOBER 2015

4 TH October	10.00 am	Harvest Festival	CMSS
	11.30 am	Harvest Festival	C
11 th October	9.30 am	Benefice Communion	ST
	6.30 pm	Evensong BCP	C
18 th October	9.30 am	Morning Praise	C
	6.30 pm	Evensong	ST
25 th October	9.30 am	Benefice 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.

VILLAGE VIEW

CHARLTON MUSGROVE

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

Flower Show The annual Flower Show was a happy and successful event, organized by Nickie Mieville and her team of helpers. Many thanks to her and to Chris who gave such support, and made speedy and effective work of auctioning the produce. The welcome sum of £400 was raised and has been assigned by the PCC for necessary maintenance work at St John's.

The standard of flowers, fruit and vegetables was as high as ever, in spite of the tricky growing season; there were wonderful cakes and goodies for tea – and even some we didn't manage to eat there and then but could buy as take-outs – thanks to Helen Bristol and her team.

Welcome to David and Indre Roberts who have come to Somerlea Farm, and also to the new family who are moving into New Park Farm. We hope you will enjoy life in Charlton Musgrove and soon find friends here.

Farewell and all good wishes to Sally and Nick Amery who are leaving the village after many years of being involved, particularly with the building of the new Hall. We couldn't have done it without you, Sally.

Harvest will be celebrated on Sunday 4th October. We will be decorating the parish church, St Stephen's from 10 am on Friday 2nd October. Everybody who would like to help or bring fruit, flowers and vegetables would be most welcome to come along.

The Service of Thanksgiving will be at 10 o'clock on Sunday 4th October.

Then later on Sunday at 5.30 for 6 pm, there will be a Harvest Supper/ High Tea in the Memorial Hall, where after a delicious meal of home-made cottage pie / fish pie, salad and apple puddings, the produce will be auctioned. Tickets (for supper and one drink) are available from any member of the PCC and Kimbers' Farm Shop – £7.50 and £3 for under 12's, or ring Veronica (32928) to book a place and pay at the door.

Save this date: Quiz Night in the Memorial Hall on Friday 13th November.

Pilates: Contact Mo for details on: 07815 748518
mospilates@yahoo.com Wednesdays at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
6.30pm – 7.30pm (Intermediate) 7.30pm – 8.30pm (Beginners)
Thursdays 9.30 – 10.30am (all levels)



Short Mat Bowls at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

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Charlton Musgrove 100 Club results for August

No. 22. Jean Sellick. No. 32 Nick Amery.

September

No. 21. Mark & Paula England. No. 79. Nigel Case.

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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**

Coffee mornings at our hall, the third Friday of every month at 10.30am until 11.30. Real coffee and tempting cakes.

Friday 18th September
Friday 16th October
Friday 20th November

A Christmas special coffee morning will be a week earlier on Friday 11th December

Community events at Charlton Musgrove are listed on our website and on the notice boards along with contact numbers. However, of course not everyone can access this information so this is a round up of what's on:-

Pilates - weekly on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Thursdays at 9.30am contact Mo 07815 748518
Zumba - weekly on Mondays at 7.00pm contact Chantelle 07590326292
Bridge classes - vary - Thurs 12pm - contact Booking secretary Chris 07708 087005
Short mat bowls - fortnightly Tues 2.30pm- contact Brian Wheeler 32635
Wine club - quarterly in March, June, Sep and December - contact Kate McCarry 31433
Tuesday painters - Tuesdays in term time at 9.30am - contact Biddy Moreton 33256
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

CUCKLINGTON

The Church – St Lawrence's



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Cliff Davis 1926 - 2015

Cliff moved to Cucklington with his wife Sheila in the early 1980s, spending 20 happy years at the Rising Sun. Blessed with a friendly and enthusiastic nature, Cliff quickly embraced village life and soon became a familiar and popular figure at local events. He played major parts in the pantomime, was a stalwart of the table tennis club and a regular at quiz nights. A keen gardener, he won many prizes at the annual flower show, notably with his home-made wine. He was a dedicated family man, passionate about classical music and cricket, a loyal friend to many and would lend anyone a helping hand. He will be missed by those who knew him.

Flower Ladies, we will be decorating St Lawrence for our Harvest Festival on Saturday the 3rd October from 10am in the morning. Any offers of fruit, vegetables, jars of chutney or jam, autumnal flowers and greenery are always very welcome. If anyone else has time help to decorate the church then, this is also much appreciated.

You are invited to
Cucklington Harvest Lunch and Auction of Produce
On Sunday 4th October 2015 at The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington
Bar opens at 12.30pm
Please come and enjoy celebrating Harvest with a delicious 2 course lunch
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Any gifts of fruit, vegetables, jams, pickles, wine etc. to auction would be very
welcome either to the church from 10am Saturday 3rd October or to the hall on the
day.
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The Harrisons are downsizing and prior to moving, have items of garden furniture, machines, tools and equipment for sale. Also paddock maintenance equipment and fencing. Proceeds to St Lawrence church. Come along and see what is available.

Village Hall Coffee Morning The next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 26th September, and then 31st October, starting at 10 am. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat.

The Cucklington Art Group reconvenes on Tuesday 29th September 2015, meeting in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall at 9.30am and working until 12.30pm each week. This friendly, supportive Group welcomes artists of all abilities working in any medium. Further details from Lachlan Fraser on 01747 840018.

Congratulations to Liz and Richard Glover on the birth of their twins on 17th September: Molly May Primrose and Jack John Richard.

Village Hall cleaning. The next cleaning morning will be on Saturday 10th October, starting at 9.30 am.

Talk: 'Cuba not so Libre' - a really interesting and topical illustrated talk by Hugh Davies on his visit to Cuba – in the village hall on Friday 23rd October, at 7 pm. Tickets £7.50 from Brian Trueman or Karen Dunford. Cash bar and light buffet. In aid of St Lawrence Church

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

Parish Democracy. At the village meeting on the 11th September, Gordon Czapiewski announced his decision to resign as Chairman of the Village Meeting. The meeting thanked Gordon for his work for the village. It agreed that a small group be set up to manage., with Gordon's assistance, village affairs until the election of a new chairman This group is to be composed of Phil Crawford Smith, John Crocker, Campbell Dunford, Sarah Dyke-Bracher, Lachlan Fraser, Chris Stanford and Brian Trueman. It also agreed that the job of chairman was too big for a single individual Therefore there should be a non executive advisory group of five people to assist him or her, although the chairman would remain the legal representative of the village. Please register your name with Lachlan Fraser (01747 840018) if you would like to be considered for this advisory group.

The next parish meeting will be held in the Arthur Morison Memorial Hall on Friday October 30th at 7.30pm. It is hoped to elect a new parish chairman at this meeting.

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Chair of Village Meeting: Vacant

Spectra Musica

The Chamber group Spectra Musica begins its new season on 15th September. It promises to be an exciting time as they have been invited to sing at The American Museum in Bath on Saturday 5th December as part of the Museum's Christmas festivities. In the New Year there will be another lively Singing Day in February followed by a concert at the beginning of April and another at the beginning of July – more details nearer the time.

The Group, which rehearses in Wincanton under the musical direction of Peter Leech, aims to set a high standard of musical performance of music of all genres and to provide a stimulating and friendly environment for experienced singers.

If you are a bass or tenor and are interested in auditioning for this enthusiastic Group in September please contact Elizabeth Carter on 01747 841431 or email her at lizcarter.pen@btinternet.com.

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THANK YOU

Thank you very much to all our friends at the Bayford Coffee morning for their good wishes, flowers and garden vouchers on the occasion of our 60th wedding anniversary. Moving to Bayford almost 40 years ago is one of the best decisions we have ever made. Thank you all again
Brian and Averil

We welcome two new couples who have recently come to live in Bayford: Brian and Sideney Garton and Tony and Trisha Parker. We hope they will be very happy in the village.

The Village Flower Show held on 8th August was a great success and this was mainly due to Pip's superb organisation and hard work. Congratulations Pip and your helpers on a most successful event.

Janet Smith is now home again and would love visitors as she is still very housebound.

Many congratulations to Brian and Averil Ellard who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary on 3rd September. They very kindly hosted the Bayford coffee morning in their house and garden on that day and it was a lovely occasion. Thank you both and many happy returns!

The next Bayford Coffee morning will be held on Thursday 1st October in the Chapel with a Bring & Buy from 10 - 12, and all are very welcome. You don't have to live in Bayford! The November one is Thursday 5th November.

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