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OPENING UP TO EASTER!

Cracking open an Easter egg to reveal the treasure within is always a pleasure to my senses, if not my waistline! And just as the grey chrysalis cracks open to reveal a sparkling butterfly within, so Easter celebrates God opening up and pouring out all his treasure on humanity! For the great claim is that Jesus' death and resurrection has changed history, our present and our futures. The door to hope and to a different kind of life has been opened, never again to be shut!



Not merely a historical event, Easter celebrates a lifestyle of living in the power of the resurrection. The power of Christ vibrates in us and gives life to us as the power of sin is demolished by the same power that moved the stone.

The tomb is now open! The point of Easter is that God is in the process of clearing this world of all heartbreak. And opening the closed tomb of Jesus is the first step in a campaign to throw open 7 billion doors of hope for people who will trust him. And the implication for our lives is this: If you trust him, your enemies are his enemies and no door of disappointment can close you up in darkness. His endless life puts an end to despair and his triumphant power overwhelms tragedy. So let resurrection glory be your portion, not just on Easter Sunday but every moment you breathe here on earth! Jesus left the tomb for you so that you can now leave your tomb for him!

Rosy

Bishop's letter.....

.....New life for all the world

Sowing seeds, chitting potatoes, choosing varieties. Easter acts as starter's orders for the gardening year. Beds are cultivated, lawns mown, plans for all the growth and new life that spring and summer will bring made and then turned into action



There's a much greater connection between gardening and Easter than it merely being the time to dust off forks and spades. For in the Bible, a garden is the setting for Easter itself. In John's Gospel (Jn 20:1-18) Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus in a garden. Indeed, Jesus's appearance to Mary is so unexpected that at first she can't believe it's really him. So she mistakes the man she meets 'supposing him to be the gardener' (John 20:15).

In John's account, all the new life contained in the first Easter chimes with a much earlier story set in a garden too. This is of the new life of another man and woman, the creation story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and contained in the book of Genesis (Genesis 2:4- 3:24). In that story, Adam is the gardener (Gen 2:15), only for things to go wrong. In John, Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam – come to bring new life that has no end.

What would happen if we were to think of our churches as gardens, primed to welcome the spring that is the new life of Jesus this Easter? What would happen if we imagined ourselves called to be gardeners – like our father Adam and the new Adam, Jesus? What would we expect to grow? What might need pruning or weeding? What new plans for the coming season would we make and turn into action? What would be the harvest that we'd sow for, tend and then reap?

For I reckon we should see Easter as the starting point of all that God wants to do among us and with us. Jesus's resurrection opens us to being part of God's new creation. Easter offers us a fresh start for life, relationships and the life of our churches: new life for all the world.

Happy gardening and a very Happy Easter to you all.

Bishop Michael

Benefice Services and Events

March and April 2024

SSCM St Stephens Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove
 SJCM St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove
 SLC St Lawrence, Cucklington
 SAST St Andrew, Stoke Trister

MAR	3th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Café Church	SJCM
	4th	19.30	A Path to the Soul: Being Human	SJCM
	10th	9.00	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	SSCM
		10.00	Mothering Sunday Celebration with Buffet Breakfast <i>and quiz, songs, activities, prayers, bouquets and blessings for all the family</i>	SJCM
	11th	19.30	A Path to the Soul: Lessons from Nature	SJCM
	17th	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		18.00	Evensong	SLC
	18th	19.30	A Path to the Soul: From Darkness to Light	SJCM
	24th	10.00	Palm Sunday Walk <i>followed by simple lunch</i>	Venue TBD
	28th	18.00	Maundy Thursday Meal <i>Bring and share food</i>	Bayford Village Hall
	29th	15.00	Good Friday Reflection <i>Friends for the Journey</i>	SJCM
	31st	6.30	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service	SAST
		9.00	Easter Sunday Celebration	SLC
		10.30	Easter Sunday Celebration <i>followed by Easter Egg hunt</i>	SSCM
APR	7th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
	14th	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
	21st	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		12.00	Bench Commemoration Service	Cucklington View-point
		18.30	Evensong	SAST
28th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC	
	11.00	Baptism of Ruby Read	SAST	

Easter Services

SUNRISE SERVICE

CELEBRATE HIS RESURRECTION

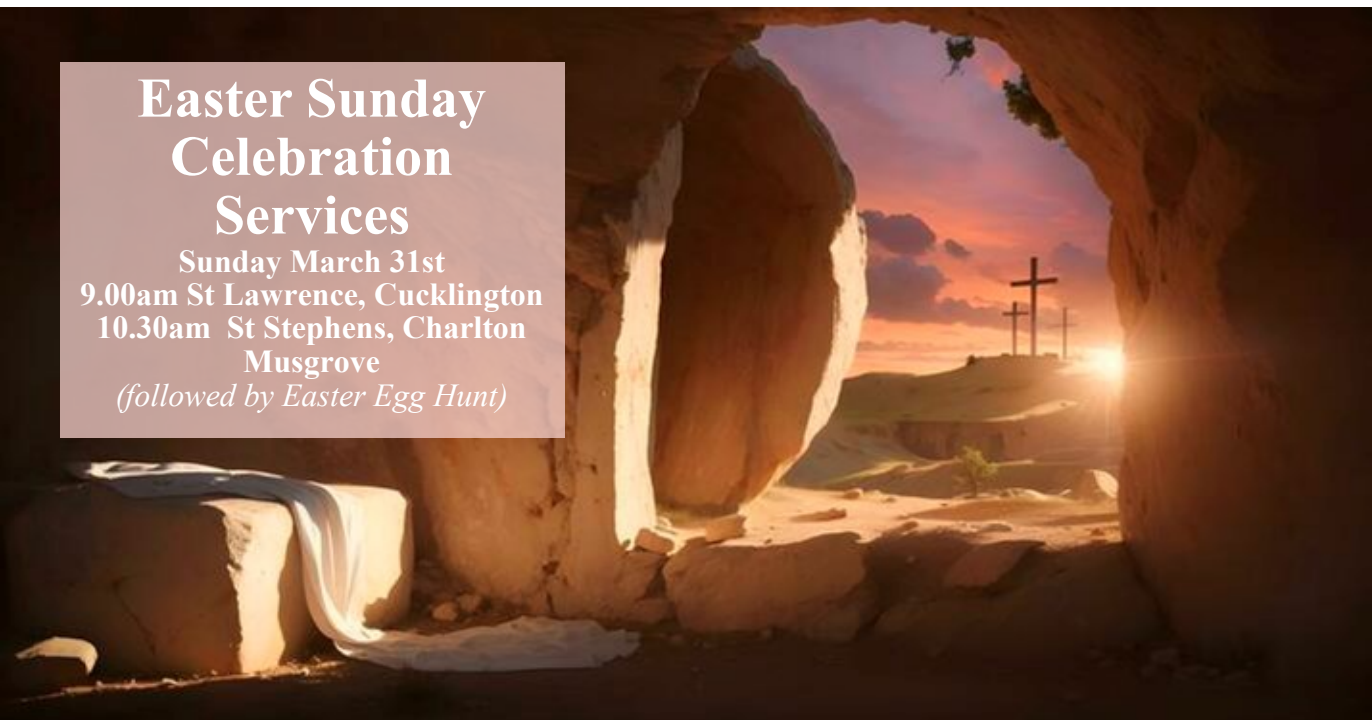
Easter Sunday March 31st, 6.30am St Andrew's Churchyard, Stoke Trister

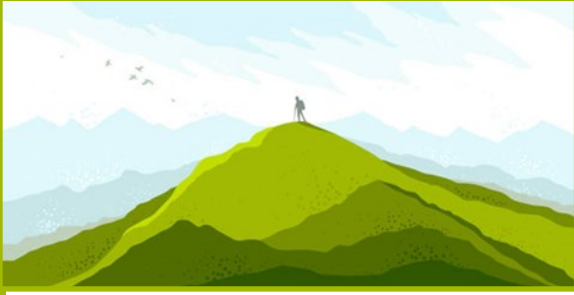
MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday March 28th. 6.00pm Bayford Village Hall

Easter Sunday Celebration Services

Sunday March 31st
9.00am St Lawrence, Cucklington
10.30am St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)





Benefice Lent Course A Path to the Soul

A pilgrimage through poetry

I am delighted to be leading this year's Lent course for our parishes and I hope you will want to join me. We will be taking a pilgrimage through poetry, exploring a theme each week with poems by a variety of authors. If you are not used to poetry, please don't worry, All the poems selected are very beautiful and very approachable – nothing high-brow – and I am really excited to have the opportunity to share them with you.

Each week I will offer a few thoughts about the poems and we will gently reflect together on their message and our own interpretation; how the poem speaks to our own individual souls.

We will end with a short, reflective time of prayer and music.

Details of the venue and dates are below - do come along!

Barbara Priest

St John's Church, Charlton Musgrove – 7.30pm

Monday 19th February - *The Pilgrim Way*

Monday 26th February - *Contemplation*

Monday 4th March - *Being Human*

Monday 11th March - *Lessons from Nature*

Monday 18th March - *From Darkness to Light*

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those parents, carers, relatives and friends, single or married, who have loved and cared for you!



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Mothering Sunday

March 10th, 10 am

St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove

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maintain the building - serve refreshments
fundraise - play the organ
serve on the PCC

It takes a team to run a church

Thank you!

Could you help?

More volunteers are always needed
Many hands make light work

Join the team!

If you think you could help in some way, however small, do please contact rosyashley@hotmail.com



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(01963 33320) who holds the keys.
If not available, ring Brian Trueman (07398980487) or Di
Hammet (01747 840770)
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SCRABBLE

We are playing Scrabble on the second Friday of each month in Cucklington at AMMH join us at 7.00pm Friday 8th March.

We would be delighted to welcome new members. We play a friendly game, Including many levels of ability. All you need to bring is whatever you would like to drink, 'nibbles' are provided!

If you would like more information please contact

Gaye on 01747 840450.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 23rd of March



10am at the Village Hall

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Is back for 2024!

**Friday 1st of
March
7pm
at the village hall.**

The Inspiring Story of Jim Corbett

Friday 22 March
7pm

Arthur Morison Memorial Hall



Hugh Davies is kindly talking of Jim Corbett, wildlife pioneer and humanitarian, who transitioned from a renowned killer of tigers and leopards across India and Nepal to become an admired proponent of conservation.

Tickets: £7 with light refreshments (under 16yrs FOC), paying bar

Proceeds to St Lawrence Church & Cucklington Village Hall

To book, contact Georgie: georgie@georgiehopkins.com / 07970 852504

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

10 am 25th May at the Arthur Morrison Memorial Hall

Please bear us in mind when dividing your herbaceous plants and sowing seeds.

Many thanks
Pip



Quiz Night success...

Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz night on Saturday 20 Jan last. Alongside it being a greatly entertaining evening (I'm still waiting to hear who the winning team was!), almost £500 was raised for our village hall. Personally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to the social team that pulled the event together. We're lucky to have so many willing volunteers who give their time and energy to make sure these events go ahead... thank you to each and every one of you!



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The Great Escaper is a 2023 biographical drama film starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. It is based on the true story of 89-year-old British World War II Royal Navy veteran Bernard Jordan who "broke out" of his nursing home to attend the 70th anniversary D-Day commemorations in France in June 2014.

**Bayford Village Hall
Film Night
Saturday 9th March
7.00pm
(doors open at 6.30pm)**



COFFEE MORNING **Bayford Village Hall**



10am-12noon

Thurs 7th March

**All
welcome**

Coffee, cake with friends, new and old.

Meeting and making friends over food!

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12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30**



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Church mice needed.....

Help is needed getting St Stephens church ready for Easter.



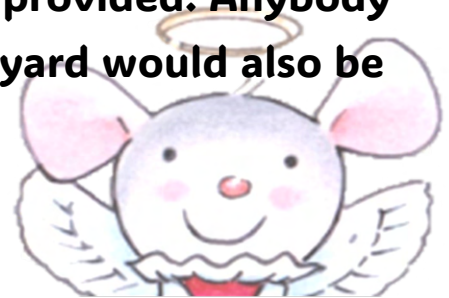
Our beautiful church needs a little TLC.

If you are able to help just for a short time or for a hour and a half on march 23rd it would be such a help.

Nothing to arduous .

10am—11.30.

Refreshments and all cleaning things will be provided. Anybody who could also help with tidying the church yard would also be appreciated. Many thanks. Jean



PLANT SALE

Charlton Musgrove village hall 11th May.

Funds raised to be split between the hall, the village churches, Maymie White's charity for supporting people with cancer 'The Treatment Bag', and our local horticultural charity 'The Growing Space' which is associated with The Balsam Centre in Wincanton.

As you dig over your gardens and sow seeds for the summer please pot up any spare plants or sow a few extra seeds with this plant sale in mind. We've always run the plant sale as a bring and buy and plan to do the same again in 2024.

If you have time/energy/enthusiasm and would like to help in any way please do get in touch with me via georgie@commonfarmflowers.com – And here's looking forward to 11th May!



Charlton Musgrove Short Mat Bowls

The Bowls Club is held in the Village Hall on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month. We start at 2 pm until 5 p.m. Tea and coffee are provided half way through the meeting. Fees are £3 per session.

If you are at all interested, please come along and join us. We are a very friendly group and have room for new members.

Janet and Tony Cole (01963 31739)



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at St John's

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Once again, lots of fun on Pancake day (shrove Tuesday) when the church held it's annual Pancake Party. There was a wonderful selection of savoury and sweet pancakes and egg shackling, a long Somerset tradition, that started here in the 90s by the Rev Rod Thatcher. This year Dange did the honours of tipping the eggs. Great excitement, to see whose survived!!

Jenny led the Game's accompanied by a great team of servers, Pancake Makers, washer uppers, ticket seller's and of course the Kitchen at kimbers' who let us use their wonderful facilities.

Thank you so much one and all.

This year we definitely reached full capacity!!

148 Savory Pancakes were so ld and about 100 sweet.

A great success!

The result was Approx £350 some of which will be going to MIND, towards Naomi and Darren's sponsored walk in the Himalayas. A very BIG thanks to Everyone who helped in any way.



Memorial Hall Coffee Morning



Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall Coffee morning, will be held on **Friday 15th 10.30 - 12.00**. A once a month coffee morning is held on the 3rd Friday of each month There will be coffee, tea and cake with the opportunity to catch up with neighbours and friends. All this for £2.00. Any surplus monies made will go to local charities at the end of the year.

UDDER FARM

You may remember last month I was writing about the snow and cold weather we have had to deal with in the past. I mentioned about getting the milk away from the farm and the problems that arose from this, luckily then there was a transport centre in Wincanton, the situation now would be very different as the milk from this area goes all over the south west to be bottled or used to manufacture food products, some from this village goes to Davidstow in Cornwall, a long way on a tractor!

Not only did the milk have to be moved but the cattle had to be fed and watered, the feeding in 1978 was not that difficult as the cows could eat their silage straight from the clamp, very few mixer wagons were around then, then an electric fence was put across the face of the clamp and the cows had free access to the silage. The youngstock were mostly fed on small bales of hay and it was quite easy to carry these around and feed them.

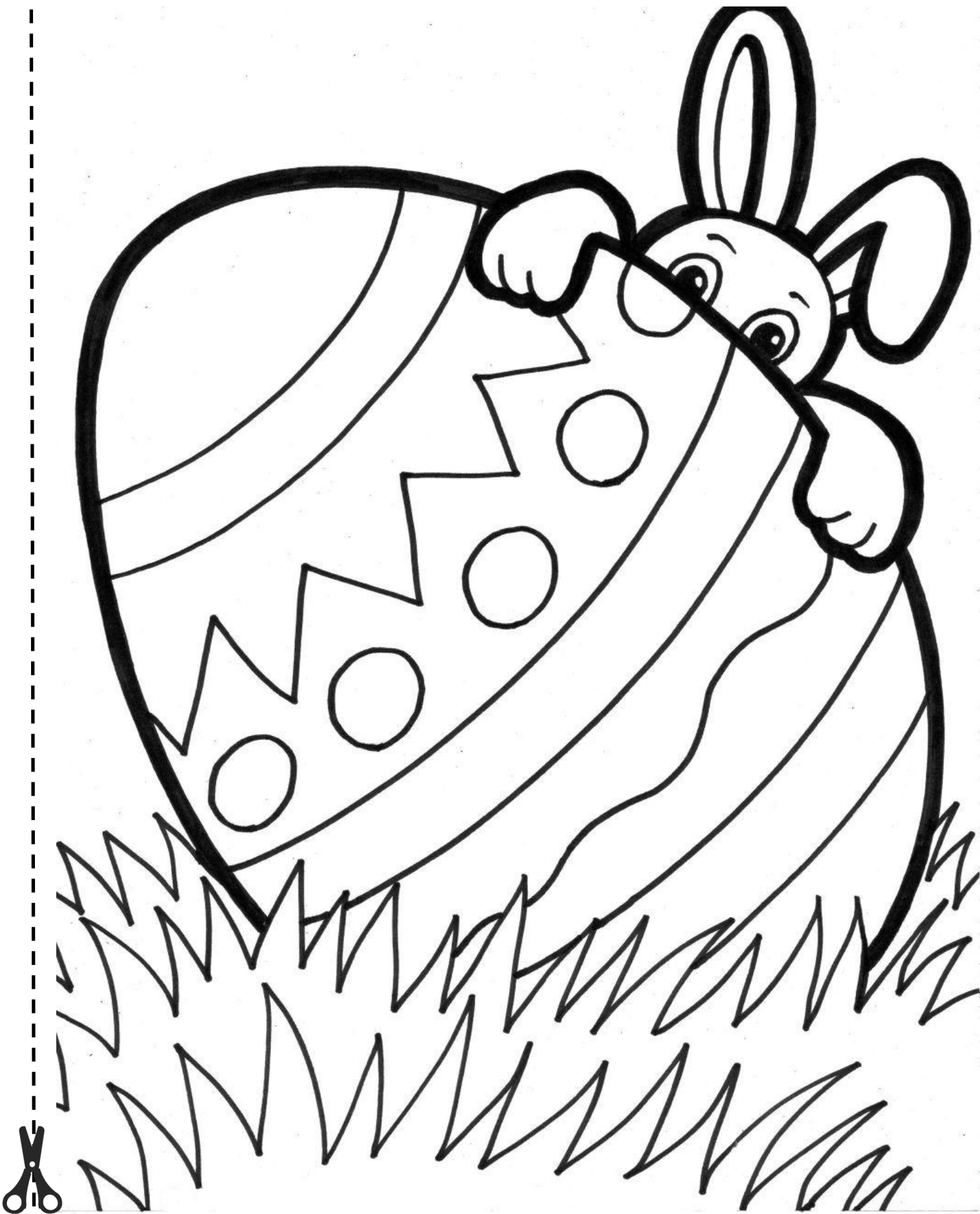
Another problem was the freezing temperatures, which meant that a large part of the day was spent going around the water troughs and thawing them so the cattle could drink, this was done mainly by filling watering cans with hot water and pouring onto the pipes, one wasn't that popular walking into the farmhouse with mucky snow on your boots that would thaw as you were waiting for the watering can to fill with hot water in the utility room. Some of the more exposed troughs that were on the outside of buildings had the pipes that fed them covered in rotting manure, which would heat up and keep the incoming water liquid, but the ball taps and the top would still ice up and must be thawed.

When you have got cattle housed you also have to deal with the 2 P's, POO and PEE, the 3rd P is not necessary. These 2 P's freeze as well so the yards get iced over and it is very difficult to scrape it off as is usually done, as the cubicles or housing area are under cover and normally warmer this slurry stays liquid, which doesn't help matters at all as when it is scraped out it just leaves a thicker layer on the outside yard, hopefully if we get low temperatures again with the roof now over all the yards it won't be a problem.

In 1978 we had been warned that there was a high risk of low temperatures, so it was decided to put the then two-wheel drive loader tractor in the shed with the large bucket on the front, so that if any snow needed moving the next day it would be ready. This was a good idea at the time, but that night it snowed and snowed and snowed. The next morning there was a snow drift in front of said tractor that was up over the bonnet. The only way to get it out was to find a shovel and dig it out, luckily for me one of our neighbours, Micheal Livesay, was taking a walk around the village looking at the amount of snow that had fallen. He saw me shovelling snow from in front of the tractor and asked if I would like a hand. I quickly found another shovel and we started to clear the snow, eventually after about an hour the tractor could be got out of the shed. The moral of this story is, that if you see a farmer with a shovel in his hand do not offer to help, because the situation is going to be hard work, he would be using a tractor and hydraulics if he could!!!

By John Crocker

Colour me.....



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Fri 1st	Pop Up Pub, Village Hall, Cucklington. 7pm
Sat 2nd	Litter Pick, Bayford. 10am
Mon 4th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Mon 4th	A Path To The Soul, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 7.30pm
Thurs 7th	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Bayford. 10am
Fri 8th	Scrabble, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm
Sat 9th	Film Night, Village Hall, Bayford. 7pm
Sun 10th	Mothering Sunday with Buffet Breakfast, St Stephens. 10am
Mon 11th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Mon 11th	A Path To The Soul, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 7.30pm
Tues 12th	Short Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm
Fri 15th	Coffee Morning, Memorial Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10.30am
Fri 15th	Paint and Sip, Village Hall, Bayford. 7pm
Mon 18th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Mon 18th	A Path To The Soul, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 7.30pm
Wed 20th	Lunch, Village Hall, Bayford. 12.15pm
Fri 22nd	Story of Jim Corbett, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm
Sat 23rd	Tidy Up, St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Sat 23rd	Coffee Morning, AMMH, Cucklington. 10am
Sun 24th	Palm Sunday Walk, TBD, 10am
Tues 26th	Short Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm
Thurs 28th	Maundy Thursday Meal, Village Hall, Bayford. 6pm
Friday 29th	Good Friday Reflection, St Johns, Charlton Musgrove. 3pm

MARCH 2024

GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD ●

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 X	2	3
4	5 +	6	7	8 X	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 X ●	16	17
18	19 +	20	21	22 X	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 X	31

This collection calendar is correct (according to SSDC) for all of Charlton Musgrove, Bayford, most of Stoke Trister (BA9 9PJ, BA9 9PQ) and part of Cucklington (BA9 9QH, BA9 9QJ, BA9 9QY, BA9 9PW, BA9 9PU, BA9 9QN)

For other postcodes in Stoke Trister and Cucklington the recycling and garden waste is the same but refuse is on the 8th and the 30th

DEADLINE

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