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A fond farewell

I'm writing this in my favourite place - the conservatory at the back of my house which is full of flowering geraniums, given to me when I arrived in May 2017. I had no idea what to expect when I started in the Benefice and was blown away by your welcome, kindness and generosity which has continued over the past seven years.

The time has now come for me to move on and I will be taking up a full time advisory role the Bristol Diocese in July. My move coincides with recent decisions taken by the Deanery to combine our village churches with those in Wincanton and Penselwood into one Benefice with one Rector and an Associate Priest.



This change presents our churches with both opportunity and challenge; the opportunities flowing from a larger group of Christians praying and worshipping together, and the challenge of ensuring that those needing visiting and spiritual support are not overlooked. And the church ultimately belongs to God - it's his Body and he will lead and guide his followers on into the future.

In fact, many churches and other institutions are going through similar transitions at the moment as we live through a time of huge change in the world. But the hope, joy and freedom that is available through Jesus Christ never changes - he is the only certainty in an uncertain world.

So we move on, secure in God's loving faithfulness, grieving what we leave behind, expectant about what is ahead and deeply grateful for what has been. I will leave with a heart full of thanksgiving and affection for all the lovely people of our villages who have been such an important part of my life for the past seven years. I do hope you'll join me on June 30th at St Andrew's Stoke Trister for my final service to celebrate all that God has done - and all that he is yet to do in our lives and our villages!

Rosy

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MAY THE 4TH
BE WITH YOU!
WARS

Bishop's letter.....

.....A challenge offered.



From Bishop Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

There's a fascinating exercise I've often undertaken with roomfuls of church members. I've asked them the question 'To what age do you trace back the beginnings of your Christian faith?' The results are almost always the same. About 40% of us think that our Christian journey started at some point before the age of four. Another 40% of us trace the beginnings of our faith back to when we were less than eleven. A further 20% say before we were eighteen. While only one in five of us report having embarked on the journey of faith as adults.

The findings I've described should give us all pause for thought. For most people, the start of our Christian journey (even if we've dropped out for a while in adolescence and early adulthood) starts in childhood.

So if we want to grow our churches and transform our communities this suggests that it's into the faith development of children and young people that we should be putting our energies, priority and resources.

Our data suggests that more than half our churches have no young person worshipping with them on a Sunday morning. I realise, of course, how hard it is for churches to compete with the demands of football, seeing the extended family, doing any of the many things that are otherwise crowded out of busy family lives. Yet experience shows that when we offer worship at other times and in formats that are attractive to children, young people and families they do come.

This year I'm challenging all our benefices to grow their average weekly attendance by one child (net). If we could sustain such an achievement over a number of years the impact would transform our churches, our lives and our experience. The support services of our diocese offer extensive assistance to enable local churches to think what could work with the resources you have, the passions and skills you possess and the reality of the situation where you are. Do ask for their help.

Are you willing to take up the challenge I've offered?

Bishop Michael

Benefice Services and Events

SSCM St Stephens, Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SJCM St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SLC St Lawrence, Cucklington

SAST St Andrew, Stoke Trister

MAY

4th	14.00	Wedding of Toby Allen & Trudie Gillard	SLC
5th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
	10.00	Rogation Sunday Blessing Walk dogs welcome	SJCM
9th	19.00	Ascension Day Service	
12th	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
19th	10.00	Pentecost Celebration	SJCM
	18.00	Pentecost Evening	SLC
26th	9.00	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion	SLC

JUNE

1st	14.00	Wedding of James Catley-Day & Jodie von Rorotz	SLC
2nd	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
	10.00	Café Church	SJCM
8th	11.30	Wedding of Thomas Howe & Shona Crawford-Smith	SLC
9th	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
16th	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
	18.30	Evensong	SAST
22nd	14.00	Wedding of Andrew Flude & Frances Holland	SSCM
23rd	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
30th	10.00	FAREWELL SERVICE FOR REV'D ROSY ASHLEY	SAST



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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 10th May.

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 25th of May



to include Plant Sale
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**Pop
up
Pub**

**Friday 3rd May
7pm**



Thank you to everyone that donated for the three new benches that have now been installed. It was nice to see so many people at the commemoration service.

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

10 am 25th May

Arthur Morrison Memorial Hall

Come along and enjoy the usual coffee and chat whilst stocking up some new plants for the garden.

Always a good turnout so don't miss it

See you there!



Thank You!

The Village AGM was well attended and highlighted the huge amount of work that so many among our community work so hard to make Cucklington the village that it is.

A massive thank you to each and everyone of you who helps organise, make cakes, eat cakes, donates, advertises or supports in any way!!

A rather belated thank you to Hugh Davies for an enjoyable talk on the 22nd March on Jim Corbett - who should be rather better known, as in Cucklington he now is! Jim was an avid hunter in India, well known for his daring exploits hunting lions, but then had an epiphany and became a passionate conservationist, first in India, and then in East Africa.

And thank you also to Anne for running the bar, an essential accompaniment to village event. Not only was this an informative and most interesting evening, it also raised a substantial sum for the church.





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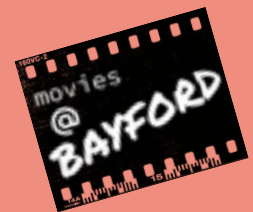


THE MIRACLE CLUB follows the story of three generations of close friends, Lily (*Maggie Smith*), Eileen (*Kathy Bates*) and Dolly (*Agnes O'Casey*) from Ballygar, a hard-knocks community in Dublin, who have a dream: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred town of Lourdes, the place of miracles that draws millions of visitors each year. The movie is about their journey to Lourdes in search of their own miracle.

**Bayford Village Hall
Film Night**

Saturday 11th May

7.00pm (doors open at 6.30pm)



Very many thanks to Dominic McCartney for his talk at St Andrew's on 13th April. It was a really interesting journey through some beautiful gardens and much enjoyed and appreciated.

Thanks again! Alison



COFFEE MORNING **Bayford Village Hall**



10am-12noon
Thurs 2nd May

**All
welcome**

Coffee, cake with friends, new and old.

Meeting and making friends over food!

JOIN US FOR LUNCH
ALL WELCOME
BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL
WEDNESDAY 15th May
12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30

*Please call Mary on 34420 by
Sunday 12th to book your lunch.*



Dear Residents of the Parish of Stoke Trister with Bayford,

Please join us for an informal get-together at
Bayford Village Hall, Bayford, Wincanton

Light refreshments will be provided, whilst
we celebrate the good work carried out in
our Parish by so many wonderful
volunteers!

Our community is AMAZING!

Stoke Trister with Bayford Annual Parish Meeting

Taking place, on Thursday the 9th of May

7pm until 8pm

***Everyone is welcome –
please spread the word!***





70'S NIGHT

3 COURSE MEAL

BAYFORD VILLAGE

HALL

SATURDAY

1ST JUNE 2024

Seating from 7.00pm for meal at 7.30pm
£12.50 per person, BYOB
70's dress optional.

Contact Mary on 01963 34420 to book a place.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

The PCC has been discussing ways of improving the space at the back of the church to provide more room for people to mingle when attending functions such as the Christmas Tree Festival, Church Festivals and other events.

We do not wish to do anything which would be detrimental to the church, its services or its atmosphere. Our plan is simply to remove two pews on the left hand side at the back of the church and possibly one on the right. To do this we must get permission from the Diocese.

If there is agreement one thing we would need help with is the temporary and secure storage of the pews. We have investigated commercial options but they are all extremely expensive. Should anyone have a dry and safe space for them for up to two years the PCC would be most grateful if you would let us know.

We would like to invite those interested to a meeting so we can hear your comments. This will be held on Tuesday, 14th May at 7.30 pm at St Andrew's. We hope to see you there.





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If you notice any issues with the defibrillator or the 'phone box that houses it, please email the clerk on
clerk@charltonmusgrovepc.org.uk

Plant Sale!



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!

Saturday MAY 11th

10.00 to 1.00

Charlton Musgrove
Village Hall

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)



10 till 12 noon
at St John's

All welcome

Do join us, even for a short time, you will always find a warm welcome! Tractor drivers, shepherds or home office workers, take a well earned break.



Defibrillator Awareness Session

*The annual parish Defibrillator Awareness Session for Charlton Musgrove residents will take place on **Saturday 29th June** at 10.00 am in Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall.*

All welcome – Free attendance

Hall open and coffee served from 09.00 onwards

Training Session from 10.00 until 11:00

Coffee continues afterwards until 12:30



MEMORIAL HALL COFFEE MORNING



A once-a-month coffee morning is held on the 3rd Friday of each month. There will be an opportunity to catch up with neighbours. All this for £2.00. Any surplus monies made will go to local charities.

*The next Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall coffee morning will be held on
Friday 17th May 10.30 to 12.00*

An additional coffee morning will be held on Saturday 29th June to coincide with the annual parish Defibrillator Awareness Session (session starts at 10:00 - see separate AED advert)

UDDER FARM



to sow it.

You may remember that last month I was complaining about all the rain we have had over the winter period, well it hasn't disappointed, and it has continued to rain. We have however managed to plough and work the soil down to something resembling a seed bed and managed to get the spring barley planted, this is about a month later than we were expecting

This crop is going to be harvested before it reaches complete dryness, to make whole crop silage and will be fed to the cows as a high energy /starch silage, to balance the hopefully high protein grass silage that we are going to try and make in the summer if the rain stops.

The other crop that we are hoping to grow is maize, which is another high energy/starch crop that will be made into silage for the cows. This is a later harvested crop than the wholecrop spring barley. So we will have to keep our fingers crossed that we can get the field ploughed and the seed planted. When there was a less wet spell than we have been having we managed to spread slurry and rotted down farmyard manure onto the ground, this will act as a compost and organic fertilizer for the maize crop, when it is ploughed in.

The other thing that was a relief, was it is now just about dry enough for the milking cows to go out into the fields to graze. This years lockdown has been about two months longer than usual, so they were very glad to go out. It is always nice when the cows start to go out and the other youngstock follow later on in the month, the main reason for us is that the routine work of scrapping yards twice a day and feeding all the stock, is reduced by a great amount, so we have more time to do other jobs.

This includes going around the farm and making sure the fences are in good condition and have not been broken since the last grazing season.

Can I ask on behalf of all the farmers in the parishes that own livestock that are out in the fields at the moment, that if you are going to walk the footpaths with your dogs that you respect that the animals in the fields are our livelihood, and it would be very much appreciated if dogs were kept on leads. Also, can you please make sure you clean up after them and take it home, as livestock can pick up some very serious diseases from dog poo.

It may be nice to see your dog running around in a field with livestock in it, but ask yourself would you like to see our livestock running uncontrolled through your property?

Respect the livestock and the wildlife that live in and make the countryside the wonderful place it is.

Thank you

By John Crocker

Age UK Somerset is looking for friendly people in our area who would like to get involved with making life happier for local older people.

As we get older, living alone and lacking the confidence or mobility to get out of the house can lead to anxiety, low mood and devastating loneliness (and as if that wasn't bad enough, this has been linked to an increase in health problems).

To solve these issues local charity Age UK Somerset have two wonderful free schemes running here - Walk and Talk which matches a volunteer with an older person for a weekly gentle walk and chat, and Wellbeing Friends where a volunteer visits each week to offer some friendly company.

However, they are desperate for volunteers to lend a hand and be matched with the older people they have on their waiting lists for both services.

If you can spare an hour a week (flexible) and would like to feel like you are making a difference in your community they would be very happy to hear from you -

volunteers@ageuksomerset.org.uk or

01823 345627.



VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – MAY WALK.

Friday 24th May – just prior to half-term – is proposed for our Villages' Walking Group's ramble in May.

At present we have no location firmly in mind, but it might be good to try one of the planned local walks which we couldn't do during the past two winters because of rain, mud, and water-logged ground.

If the ground has properly dried out by the end of May – let's hope so! - we may be able to walk in the Charlton Musgrove area, starting from the Village Hall. So we shall **meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall ready to set off at 10am on Friday 24th May.**

Details will be confirmed nearer the time to all on our VWG mailing list; if you would like to know more about this walk on 24th May, do please get in touch. It will be very good to have you join us for this walk.

Mike and Eileen Vockins
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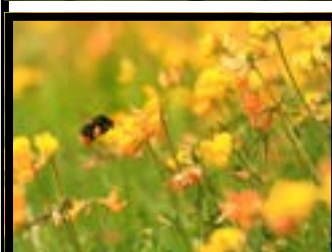
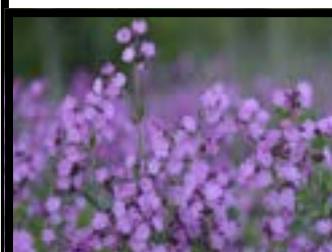
Many these days want nice neat verges and hedges, and are all to quick cut grass as soon as possible keeping the countryside looking manicured and tidy. But how many have stopped to think of the effect that is having on our countryside and wildlife?

Road verges are home to almost half of the UK's wildflower species (that's over 720 different flowers), from the vibrant white oxeye daisies brightening motorways and junctions, to the red campion, bluebells and lesser celandines adding colour to country lanes. In turn these flowers are home to hundreds of species of pollinators, from beetles to bumblebees.

Verges support an amazing diversity of plants and animals and often have archaeologically-important old banks, ditches and hedgerows associated with them. Many road verges are home to remnants of once widespread flowers found in meadows fenlands and farmland long since lost as land-use has changed with increases in residential developments and farming. Road verges are particularly important during the spring and summer when a huge range of wildflowers and grasses provide a rich habitat for wildlife including insects, spiders, snails, small mammals and birds.

While some road verges - particularly at junctions, certain bends or on busy roads - need to be trimmed for driver and pedestrian safety, many can simply be left to grow and remain uncut until late summer when seeds have set and insects have benefitted from the nectar and pollen. On broader verges it is important not to touch the 1-2m of 'back verge' until after bird nesting season, and then only to top it in most years without removing important cover for small mammals.

Please just think before you reach for the strimmer or moan about untidy country lanes, we live in the countryside because we love it....let's protect it.



For anyone who has got this far through the newsletter, congratulations, but hopefully you have realised that the Rev Rosy, is leaving us in a couple of months. In the time she has been with us she has certainly made her mark and has offered a hand of friendship and support to anyone who wanted or needed it, church goer or not.

I personally have been lucky enough to have been on the receiving end of Rosy's warmth and compassion and have had endless support, firstly when I took over the editing of the Village News but as with everyone once welcomed into her heart, Rosy has been a tower of strength and I hope I can now call her a friend. There is a farewell service for her on the 30th June.

As always the deadline for the June edition of the Village News is the 18th of May and I look forward to getting all your input, Just email me on tristerncottage@hotmail.com

Thank you to a wonderful team!

All who volunteer and:
clean churches - arrange flowers
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ring bells - act as church wardens
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

For those of you who would like to keep abreast of our MP's activities on our behalf, please note & use this link to access Sarah Dyke's monthly update,



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Thurs 2nd	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Bayford. 10am
Fri 3rd	Pop Up Pub, Village Hall, Cucklington. 7pm
Sun 5th	Rogation Walk, St Johns, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Mon 6th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Thurs 9th	Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Meeting, Village Hall, Bayford. 7pm
Fri 10th	Scrabble Club, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm
Sat 11th	Plant Sale, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove 10am
Sat 11th	"Miracle Club" Film Night, Village Hall, Bayford. 7pm
Mon 13th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Tues 14th	Short Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm
Tues 14th	PCC Public meeting, St Andrews, Stoke Trister. 7.30pm
Wed 15th	Lunch, Village Hall, Bayford. 12.15pm
Fri 17th	Coffee Morning, Memorial Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10.30am
Mon 20th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Fri 24th	Walking Group, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Sat 25th	Plant Sale and Coffee Morning, AMMH, Cucklington. 10am
Mon 27th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Tues 28th	Short Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm

MAY 2024

GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD O

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

DEADLINE

The deadline for the march issue is as always the 18th.

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