

VILLAGE NEWS

MAY 2025



Thank you to our farmers out in the fields planting seed.

Trusting that God will provide ideal growing conditions.

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It's sowing time!

By Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

It's sowing time! My greenhouse is currently full of seedlings pushing their way towards the light. Soon all this new life will be big enough to be planted out into the garden. Peas and courgettes, dahlias and zinnias; all ready to grow, blossom and be fruitful.

It's not only seedlings that grow. Churches do too! Just like all that's happening in my greenhouse, this doesn't happen by accident. Evidence shows that churches are most likely to grow when they plan and prepare for this to happen. Church growth is intentional.

This article of Manna contains stories about how churches in our Diocese have planned for growth and of the fruit they're seeing as a result. There's no 'one size fits all' for how this has happened. Just as in our gardens, what grows in one place won't necessarily thrive in another.

Important as planning and preparing may be, these things aren't the vital ingredient for growth. Growth comes when God is alive and at work within us and our churches. In his first letter to church he's helped establish in Corinth, St Paul also uses a gardening metaphor to describe the growth he's seeing. Paul says 'I planted, Apollos [Paul's co-worker] watered, but God gave the growth.' (1 Cor 3:6).

Without God's input, any plans we have to grow our churches will be little more than strategy, our efforts like those of ants running frantically to and fro. This is why our prayer for growth is essential. Prayer invites God to give us wisdom about what to do. It opens our treasure stores to resource the plans we want to put in place. It asks God to go before us to touch the hearts and minds of those we'd like to reach. It invites God to bless and prosper the work we do.

So be inspired! The accounts contained in this edition of Manna show what can happen when we ask God to grow our churches, offering God our prayer, our faith, our effort and our trust.

Let the sowing time begin!



Benefice Services and Events

April to June 2025

SSCM St Stephens Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SJCM St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SLC St Lawrence, Cucklington

SAST St Andrew, Stoke Trister

April	27th	9.00	Holy Communion with Baptisms	SLC
May	4th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
	11th	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
	17th	2.30	Iona Mckechnie Wedding	SLC
	18th	10:00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		18.00	Evensong	SLC
	25th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	APCM	SLC
	29th	19:00	Ascension Day	TBC
June	1st	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM



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SCRABBLE

We are playing Scrabble on the second Friday this month in Cucklington at AMMH join us at

7.00pm Friday 9th 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 31st May



10.00 - 12.00am

Including Plant Sale

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

TABLE TENNIS

At

CUCKLINGTON VILLAGE HALL
EACH TUESDAY 7.30pm - 10.00pm

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New members needed

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01963 32069 or text 07761355900

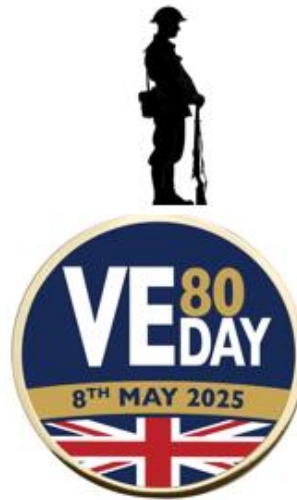




Pop up Pub

play old traditional pub games

Bring a bar snack to share



. . . . Sing-a-long

with old favourite war songs

Beacon lighting 9.30 pm

Thursday 8th May

Cucklington Village Hall

Come join in & bring the family

..... ALL WELCOME

PLANT SALE and Coffee Morning 31st May in the village hall.

Any plants and seedlings gratefully received.



23 May RACE NIGHT POSTPONED...



Watch This Space !!

Note ... NEW POINT-OF-CONTACT for Cucklington N'let copy

Send your copy to Pip Loxton (piploxtan677@gmail.com) who will collect village notices or articles for inclusion in the monthly Village News for submission to the Editor by the deadline of 18th each month. Please do NOT send your copy direct to the Editor. Preferred format is in either .jpg or Word .docx

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julie walters
michael caine
educating rita



Educating Rita (1983) is about Rita (Julie Walters), a married hair stylist in her 20s, wants to go back to school. She begins studying with Dr. Bryant (Michael Caine), a professor using alcohol to cope with his divorce. Despite his personal problems, Dr. Bryant helps Rita realize her academic potential. In turn, her passion for learning revitalizes his love of teaching.

Bayford Village Hall

Film Night

Saturday 10th May

7.00pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)



COFFEE MORNING

Bayford Village Hall



10am-12noon

Thurs 1st 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 21st May

12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30



*Please call Mary on 34420 by
Sunday 18th to book your lunch.*



We would love to invite you to Bayford Village Hall on **Friday 6th June at 2.30pm** to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE day and the 81st Anniversary of D-Day.

A selection of WW2 songs will be shown on film (sing along optional) followed by **tea and cake.**

The afternoon is free of charge so please
RSVP to Alice on 01963 33525
Look forward to seeing you.



Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Flower Show
16th August 2025
Photographic Classes

- 1 My favourite view
- 2 Portrait of an animal
- 3 A family event



Thanks to everyone who helped clean and tidy St Andrews churchyard and church cupboard! The sun was shining, and our bellies were full from the bacon and sausage butties and the amazing coffee that Jane brewed.

We are planning to do it all again on Saturday, May 24th, from 10 am to 12 pm.

Don't worry if it's raining as we'll still meet up because we can clean the inside of the church.

Please let me know if you can make it, and most importantly, if you'd like a sausage or bacon butty.

Hope to see you there, come rain or shine! Gary: 07595 411212 or gabaker@pm.me



The Bayford Inn Update

We held an open afternoon on Monday 21st April, to give interested parties an opportunity to have a look at the work done so far, and to chat about what's coming next. For those of you who weren't able to come, here's a summary.

**The
Bayford
Inn**

The overall plan (unchanged):

- Open as a wet pub with bar snacks on the ground floor, as soon as possible (perhaps June or July?)
- Create manager / tenant accommodation on the 2nd floor, to make management / tenancy much more attractive
- Create two good-quality en-suite inn rooms for overnight accommodation on the 1st floor, augmenting the income so as to be less reliant on bar takings
- Make the Bayford Inn a thriving community hub for generations to come!

What's happened since Christmas:

- Annexe refurbished, now generating a rental income, helping to offset costs
- Significant demolition works upstairs - removing an incredibly steep staircase to the 2nd floor, removing very aged bathroom fittings (that had in a number of cases been leaking)
- Initial construction works upstairs - new steel beams and a load bearing wall

What's going to be worked on over the next month or two (the critical path to initial opening):

- Replacing the front door and building an internal porch
- Finishing decoration of the bar area & toilets
- Installing a boiler for heating and hot water
- Fitting out the cellar and bar itself
- Putting up a sign!

On the financial side, the original share offer deadline has passed. This had been put in place as the point to make an overall decision of whether to continue or abandon the project.

The good news is that we have been making good progress towards the £350,000 target; almost £100,000 has been raised already - thank you to all of you who have already invested - so project Bayford Inn lives on!

The share offer will remain open until the funding target has been achieved; please do help to spread the word.

If you would like to receive updates by email then please send a note to [`info@bayfordinn.com`](mailto:info@bayfordinn.com) and we can add you to the list. (Please check your spam folders from time to time, as people have reported messages falling in there.)





CHARLTON MUSGROVE
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Charlton Musgrove Community Defibril-
stored inside the old Phone Box
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What3 Words: doubt.fields.bottom

Further information is available on the Parish Council web-
site at

<https://charltonmusgrovepc.org.uk/community-defibrillator/>

Defibrillator Awareness Session

The annual parish Defibrillator Awareness Session for Charlton Musgrove residents
will take place on **Saturday 28th 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



worship
& prayer

There will no meeting in May.
Next meeting Junes 6th

On the 1st Friday of each Month, at 7pm,
we are having a time of worship and prayer in St John's,
with a group of young people,
led by Marcus Letts.
Do join us!

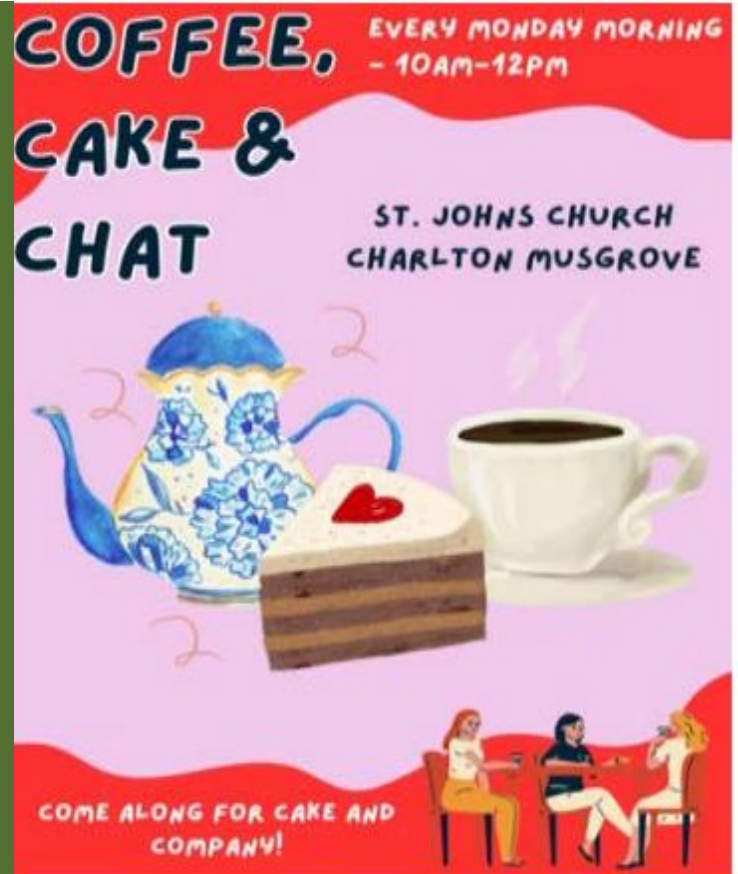
Charlton Musgrove Short Mat Bowls

The Bowls Club is held in the Village Hall on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month. We start at 2 pm until 4p.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)



Coffee, cake & chat has been running for a while now, it's a lovely time, it's run by the church as an outreach to our community & also provides finance for our church, which in turn helps to pay for the Village news!!



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 16th May 10.30 to 12.00

***An additional coffee morning will be held on Saturday 28th June
to coincide with the annual parish Defibrillator Awareness Session
(session starts at 10:00 - see separate AED advert)***





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Our Speaker on May 28th, is Marcus Letts. Marcus is leading the Service's at St John's church in Charlton Musgrove during the Interregnum on the 1st & 3rd Sunday's of the month, all are welcome, please do join us.

He has spent 6 years in Greece working with refugees prior to coming here, a local lad who grew up in Wincanton, he's married to Emily and they have 3 young boys.

Come and hear his story of how he met God, he's an excellent speaker!

ALL are welcome.

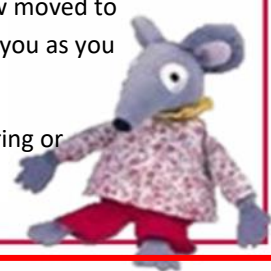
CHURCH MICE

Amongst the lovely band of helper's, we are so grateful to those who Lock and unlock our churches faithfully each day. Not all churches are open but we do our best to give people the opportunity to come, either to pray or just enjoy our beautiful buildings in peace.

We thank Natalia at St Stephens and Eileen, Jenny and Dennis at St John's.

We have had to say a sad Goodbye to our faithful helper Jo King, who has now moved to Gillingham, Many thanks Jo for your help over the years, our prayers go with you as you settle into your new home.

Also we mention a big thank you to Joan England who is forever tidying, hoovering or dusting. What a Team! Sincerely we thank you all.



REMINDER— CHARLTON MUSGROVE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

Our Church Electoral Roll is the register of voting members of Charlton Musgrove parish.

The preparation of a new roll involves all existing members who have to reapply and is an opportunity to encourage those new to church life, or to the community, to join the roll, as a practical symbol of commitment to the church. It allows us to take part in decisions which affect the church and parish, to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and to stand for the Parochial Church Council.

Those eligible to be on the Roll are baptised residents in the parish aged 16 or over (or who will be 16 in the next 12 months) who are members of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) OR baptised non-residents who have worshipped here regularly in the last 6 months.

Forms will be available in both churches and will be delivered to all who are on the current Roll. Please return completed forms to either church or to PCC members or Jean Sellick at The Bakery in Barrow Lane by 4th May 2025.

It is available to download: -

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HALL



VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – MAY, AND JUNE WALKS.

Mark the dates in your diaries! We're able to flag up the dates for the Group's walks for the next two months.

Friday 30th May Barrie and Ceri Izard have kindly volunteered to lead a walk in the Pen Selwood area. . They plan to take in the nature reserve, a castle and fort, and a ridge walk on this walk. Again we shall start off from CM Village Hall for 10am.

Steve and Sara Jarrett established the pattern of our Group having a Mid-Summer Evening Walk. This summer's will be on Thursday 26th June. For this walk we shall meet at CMVH, but on this occasion ready for a 7pm departure.

So, some good rambles to look forward to in the coming months. And there's one more too. Tony and Janet Cole kindly have agreed to lead their planned walk in North Cadbury (postponed from end of March) in late July, and we await confirmation of the date for that walk, which will be new walking territory for many of us, and so a walk to look forward to.

Do join us for one or all or any of these walks – you will be most welcome. The group is intended for all walkers in our three villages, and will find you are joining a friendly group enjoying splendid countryside and scenery, and getting gentle exercise. If you are able to join us it would be a kindness to let us know beforehand, as it would be a pity to set off without you!

Mike and Eileen

Mike and Eileen Vockins

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Editor's Message

This month's quick note from me, your Editor, many thanks for the information received this month, it is making my job in collating and producing our village news an easy and enjoyable one! Could I just remind everyone to contact me via my new email address as follows: **MrKeithStroud@gmail.com**

I had the blessing of assisting with communion at St John's church in Charlton Musgrove on Easter Sunday, what a privilege that was, there was standing room only! Thinking of the wider church and the communion of Saints, as the greatest gift is offered, reminding us that forgiveness and the Grace and the love of God is offered to us all.

We live in a wonderful community, Praying for our benefice as a whole, looking forward to what the next month has to offer.

Blessings one and all. Keith Stroud

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EVENTS FOR YOUR MAY DIARY

Cucklington

6th 13th 20th 27th	Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH
8th	Pop up Pub 7.00pm with VE 80 Day Sing-a-long
9th	Scrabble, 7.00pm AMMH
31st	Hall AGM & Coffee morning, 10:00am AMMH and Plant Sale

Stoke Trister & Bayford

1st	Coffee morning, 10am Bayford village hall
9th	Youth Alpha 7.30pm Bayford village hall
10th	Movie night "Educating Rita" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford village hall
21st	Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford village hall
24th	St Andrew's Church Grounds Tidy Up 10:00am to 12:00pm

Charlton Musgrove

5th 12th 19th 26th	St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am CM
10th	Plant Sale 9.30am to 12:30pm Charlton Musgrove village hall
13th 27th	Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall
16th	Coffee Morning 10:30am Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall
30th	Village Walk 10:00am meet at Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall car park

May 2025

GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD O

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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19 X	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 X	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 16th

DEADLINE

The deadline for the June issue is as always the 18th but please feel free to send it earlier!

Send to MrKeithStroud@Gmail.com

