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## Benefice Services and Events June to August 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

June	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	New Benefice Service (St Peter & St Paul's Church Wincanton)	
July	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
	13 <sup>th</sup> 9.00		Holy Communion	SSCM
	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		18.00	Evensong	SLC
	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
Aug	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM

Beloved God, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be his body in this place. We give you thanks for all that has been and all that will be. We ask for your guidance as we work together in this time of vacancy: guidance to be light in our community, guidance to love and encourage one another and guidance to draw to us the person that is right for us and our community.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



Listening to young people

By Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

Later this month I shall be joining young people from around our diocese on a visit to the Taizé community in France. Taizé offers the opportunity to take a step back from daily life, meet people from around the world, join in a week of prayer, worship and Bible teaching, and reflect on our life of faith. In churches we often speak *about* God. To visit Taizé is to have a big encounter *with* God.

This will be the third time I have helped lead a Bath and Wells group on this pilgrimage. Some of our young people will be making a return visit, others attending for the first time. I am looking forward to seeing all they gain from the experience and to simply spending time listening to them and all they have to say.

The opportunity to spend an extended time listening to young people is an utter privilege. While more young people are showing an interest in faith, the Church of England is undeniably still dominated by the older generations. Whenever I can, I value immensely the chance to listen to young people – of their hopes and dreams, their fears and perspectives, their insights and understanding. Such listening is essential if young people are to be fully part of the life of our Church. It's vital if we are to continue to see the shoots of growth that are happening across our diocese and the wider church.

We're pursuing this challenge of listening to young people in lots of different ways. It doesn't just happen at Taizé! Our Young Leaders Hub is one arena. Elsewhere we are looking at how young people can play their full part within the life of our diocesan decision-making bodies and in the national church too. I urge you to do the same where you are.

'Nothing about us without us' is a challenge that's sometimes extended when discussing how young people can participate fully wherever they find themselves. What an aim and a prize this would be for us all to pursue.





The Filling Station is a network of monthly gatherings, where our focus is on worship, prayer, spiritual renewal, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

The Filling Station Bruton is getting together this month on

#### Wednesday 25th June

at the Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall, Shalford Lane, Charlton Musgrove, BA9 8HF

We start at 7.15pm for refreshments and homemade cakes and

will kick off at 7.30pm finishing at 9.00pm.

#### Our speaker this month is Simon Guillebaud.

Author, speaker, social entrepreneur, family man, cyclist and charity founder, Simon had a very clear call to Burundi in 1999, when it was regarded as the most dangerous country on earth. Having unexpectedly survived 7 years of genocide and civil war, he set up GLO with the vision to transform Burundi and beyond through holistic mission, working with gifted local leaders of integrity.

Simon is married with three children; he and his wife Lizzie have both been awarded an MBE for their services to Burundi.

Apart from having written various books and devotionals, he's also running his own podcast 'Inspired...' Upbeat and uplifting it introduces us to a stunning variety of people from all walks of life. It celebrates perseverance, overcoming, and costly faith. In a world full of bad news, these powerful, hope-filled stories of adventure and risk-taking will stir the imagination for new possibilities.

Please come along and bring any friends and family members too!

We are much looking forward to seeing you then.

Love,

Your Bruton Filling Station Team x

Mor information on The Filling Station can be found under

The Filling Station | About Us

# The Pilgrim Singers present A SUMMER SERENADE

A Charity Concert in aid of Médecins Sans Frontières

at The Dogs, Tout Hill, Wincanton, BA9 9DL Sunday 6 July 5pm Garden opens at 3pm for picnics

Tickets £15 (under 18s free) Available: on the door, from choir members, Wincanton Post Office, or contact 01963 33695

Strawberries & Cream and Pimm's included Marquee cover

#### VE-Day and D-Day Celebration

"Very many thanks to Alice, Mary and Janet for the wonderful tea party they arranged on the 6th of June. The food was delicious. The songs were great, as were the decorations. Much fun was had by all."

#### Yours, Alan and Felicity Lyall Grant

Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Flower Show 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Photographic Classes

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And though l'm ar away, I still can bear them say "thumbs up!" for when the dawn contes up

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





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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 11th July.

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 Gave on 01747 840450.





## EVERYDNE IS WELCOME



CUCKLINGTON VILLAGE HALL EACH TUESDAY 7.30pm - 10.00pm £2.50 including refreshments New members needed Please contact Celia or Richard 01963 32069 or text 07761355900



N'let point-of-contact.....send Cucklington copy to piploxton677@gmail.com before 18<sup>th</sup> of the month, please.

## Come and join us for a **Summer BBQ....** with some fun and frolics at Cucklington Village Hall

You bring your own meat or veggies to pop on the coals
 We'll provide salad bar, bread, & a glass of <u>Pimms</u>
 Entry: £5 per adult

## Cash bar from 7pm



FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY

6.00pm



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"Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy" is a 2025 romantic comedy film.

Bridget (Zellweger), now a widowed single mother, navigates the challenges of parenthood, work, and modern dating with the support of her friends, family, and former partner, Daniel Cleaver (Grant). As she re-enters the dating world, she finds herself pursued by a younger man (Woodall) while also forming an unexpected connection with her son's science teacher (Ejiofor).

> Bayford Village Hall Film Night Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm ( doors open at 6.30pm )



#### COFFEE MORNING Bayford Village Hall



10am-12noon

Thurs 3rd July

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 16th July 12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30

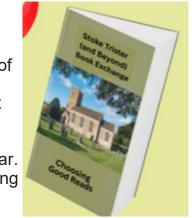


Please call Mary on 34420 by Sunday 13th to book your lunch.

#### Stoke Trister (and Beyond) Book Exchange

#### How do you define a good book?

For some, it might be a *classic* — one that has endured the test of time. Dickens, Hardy, the Brontës, and writers of that calibre are obvious choices. For others, it could be an obscure volume that unexpectedly captivated you, even if no one else has heard of it. Or perhaps it's a comforting favourite, the book you turn to when your mind is weary and all you seek is something light and familiar. All of these are *good books*, and we have plenty of them waiting for you in the church.



The **Stoke Trister (and Beyond) Book Exchange** is a welcoming community initiative. It isn't a formal *Book Club* where everyone reads and discusses the same title — it's a space where you can bring along a book you've enjoyed, and leave with a new one to discover at your own pace.

Our first **Book Exchange Event** on **10th June** at **St Andrew's Church** was a success. We exchanged well-loved books and left with fresh reading treasures, each carrying the personal recommendation of a fellow book lover.

The coffee was, I must say, particularly good! We gathered, shared conversations not only about books but about life in general. It was a relaxed, engaging, and warm-hearted community occasion.

Our collection is steadily growing, but we'd still love more contributions. Please come along to the next one on **Wednesday, July 9th from 10.30 to 12.00** 

For more information please contact Alison Dixon on 07855 548586.

#### SATURDAY, 5th JULY

5 pm to 7.30 (ish!)

#### ST ANDREW'S, STOKE TRISTER

#### SUMMER EVENING DRINKS AND SNACKS

IN THE CHURCHYARD

#### WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM CHRIS PAGE, (THE BASS MAN)

We look forward to seeing you there. Letting us know by 1st July if you expect to come please contact Alison Dixon on 07855 549586

Weather news: Shelter available!





#### The Bayford Inn Update

The sun's out and I'm sure many of you are wondering when you'll be able to get a drink at the pub. We are doing our collective best to make progress towards opening as soon as possible, but unfortunately we're not yet able to commit to an opening date. Please rest assured that you'll know a date as soon as we do!

Since our last update, the team has:

- made good progress in building the new internal front porch
- purchased internal and external doors for said porch
- replaced various flooring:
  - \* in the snug, with oak floorboards
  - \* in the bar area and cellar, with appropriate modern hygienic non-slip surfaces
  - \* in the rear entrance area, and the ladies' toilets, with a wood-effect laminate which matches well with the existing dark woodwork that has been retained in the main bar area

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Enjoy the photos, and the sunshine! Oliver Lockwood

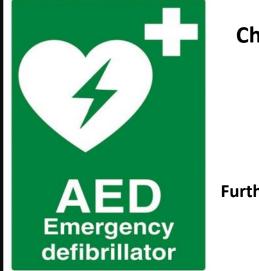




#### **CHARLTON MUSGROVE**

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#### **Charlton Musgrove Community Defibril-**

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Further information is available on the Parish Council website at <u>https://charltonmusgrovepc.org.uk/community-</u> <u>defibrillator/</u>

#### Defibrillator Awareness Session

The annual parish Defibrillator Awareness Session for Charlton Musgrove residents will take place on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June** at 10.00 am

All welcome – Free attendance

Hall open and coffee served from 09.00 onwards

Training Session from 10.00 until 11:00



## No service in July



Next service Friday August 1st

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!



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 to 12.00



#### VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – JULY WALK IN NEW TERRITORY

In July our Villages' Walking Group returns to its usual day-time slot with a walk on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July. This will follow our now traditional once-a-year evening walk around Mid-Summer's day, when Steve and Sara Jarrett took us rambling on a different part of the Stourhead estate, near Alfred's Tower.

Our July walk, to be led by Tony and Janet Cole, will be in new territory for the group, in the North Cadbury area – new territory but not far from home. It's always good to explore pastures new!

For this walk on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July we shall, as usual, meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall, ready to leave by 10am. This will allow us to arrange car-sharing for those who would welcome this.

Do join us for – 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, please, so we don't set off without you!

Mike and Fileen

Mike and Eileen Vockins mdvockins@btinternet.com 01963 34837



#### A FEW POINTS TO NOTE:

<u>St Stephen's tidy up outside</u> - could anyone who is free to help clear the channel's around the church and weed the path etc. come along at **9.30-11am on 19th July**. Help is also needed to clean the brass. Please do bring along your own tools however if you prefer there are some at the church. Coffee and cake will be provided. Many thanks in advance.

#### Church Mice

Thank you to all our loyal cake maker's for their contribution to our coffee, cake and chat on Monday mornings in St John's church, it wouldn't happen without you all. This group provides help to support our churches but also the lovely group of people who come along week after week enjoy the conversation and fellowship this group has to offer. Ruth's Book stall at the Farm shop (Kimbers) also supports our churches so if you have any good condition books you no longer need, please do let her have them.

#### <u>Silent Revival</u>

You may or may not be aware of the revival and church growth nationally, especially amongst the young men? We have been encouraged to see what has been happening. Nationally there are 2 million more people going to church than last year. Bishop Michael has asked that our churches prepare to welcome them and embrace what the Lord Jesus is doing! If you are interested, do look at the Report from the Bible Society, 2025.

Please continue to pray about the Vacancy for our new Incumbent (Priest). The closing date for applications this time is 26th June. We are so encouraged with the families attending church currently and for the Youth Alpha which has been running in our benefice, thank you Marcus for running this course.

#### Filling Station

Christian meetings/Informal expression of the Christian Faith, you may wonder what this is! Please check it out on the web site.

Rev Richard Fothergill from Bath was praying for our nation, when he saw a picture of people from different denominations or none, coming together for Fellowship and worship, this has grown across the nation and abroad. Local churches meet monthly in our village hall here in Charlton Musgrove, there is a worship band made from many different churches. Speakers are from various places, this month is Simon Guilleband who is a missionary in Burundi, (his story is amazing). Please join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Future Speakers: Rev George Beverley from Kings School, Rev David Good Enough, (who has been working in the Middle East), Andrew Baddeley, (Martyn & I travelled with Andrew to India, Africa, Europe) he is very inspiring. There is always coffee and an array of delicious homemade cakes! ALL WELCOME.

Submitted by Jean Brown



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#### **Editor's Message**

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Scriptures often emphasize the importance of expressing gratitude to God, recognising Him as the source of blessings and good gifts. Verses encourage giving thanks in all circumstances, even when facing difficulties and view gratitude as a key to joy and peace.

So in that vein, many thanks to the clergy who have taken services during our interregnum, for giving us their time, dedication, love and guidance. Our thanks goes to Mike Vockins, Barbara Priest, Diane Barrett, Stuart Thomas & Mark Ellis to name but a few. Blessings one and all and thanks again for your support in getting the news to me in good time. Keith Stroud

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1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th	Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH					
4th	Summer BBQ 6:00pm Cash Bar from 7.00pm					
11th	Scrabble, 7.00pm AMMH					
26th	Coffee morning AMMH					
Stoke Trister & Bayford						
3rd	Coffee morning, 10am Bayford village hall					
5th	Summer Evening Drinks and Snacks St Andrews Churchyard 5:00pm to 7:30pm					
9h	St Andrew's Church Book Exchange 10:30am to 12:00pm					
12th	Movie night "Bridget Jones Mad About The Boy" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford village hall					
16th	Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford village hall					
Charlton Musgrove						
7th 14th 21st 28th	St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am CM					
8th 22nd	Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall					
18th	Coffee Morning 10:30am Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall					
25th	Village Walk 10:00am meet at Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall car park					

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#### DEADLINE

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

Send to MrKeithStroud@Gmail.com