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*Please note that the deadline for
the next edition which will cover
both*

December and January

*Will be on the
18th November*

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

Let's walk into the light

A story that's often told in our churches comes from the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. It tells of Jesus, in the blinding heat of midday meeting a Samaritan woman at the well in a town called Sychar. The woman is hoisting up heavy buckets of water in the hot sun. She's there because she's a woman with 'a reputation' and it's the only time of day she can avoid the muttering of her neighbours who meet at the well at cooler hours.

In an extraordinary encounter, Jesus sees deep into the woman's heart. Through their conversation Jesus brings about her healing and restoration into the community from which she is estranged. It's a story of life, possibility, new beginnings and forgiveness.

The woman at the well is not the only Biblical story set in Sychar. There's another, contained in the 34th chapter of the Book of Genesis. This is a tale of terror that's never heard in our churches; the rape of a girl called Dinah. It's a dark, nasty tale of violence that wrecks the life of individuals, families and the entire community. So we don't speak about it. We keep it hidden.

Sometimes people say to me of safeguarding 'It's just a tick box exercise', an onerous compliance requirement. Rather I would say that our work in safeguarding asks fundamental questions about the kind of places we want our churches to be. Just like the Bible passages I've mentioned, we can be places of hiddenness, silence, and hurt. Or places of life, new beginnings and restoration.

Accounts like the Makin review have shone light on our story. We've also been working hard to bring about change. While we cannot be complacent, I am intensely proud of all that was revealed about safeguarding in Bath and Wells by our independent audit that happened earlier this year. This told us that we are moving towards a much better story. So let's build on the momentum we have created. Let's walk into the light.

Michael Beasley

Bishop of Bath and Wells



Benefice Services and Events

November & December 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

Nov	2 nd	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
		16.00	All Souls Service, Wincanton	SP&SP
	9 th	10.45	REMEMBRANCE	SSCM
	16 th	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		18.00	Evensong	SLC
	23 th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
	30 th	15.00	Christingle	SSCM
Dec	7 th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
	12 th		Christmas Tree Festival	SAST
	13 th		Christmas Tree Festival	SAST
	14 th		Christmas Tree Festival	SAST
		9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
	17 th	19.00	Carols and Readings	SAST
	19 th	19.00	Carols and Readings	SSCM
	21 st	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		19.00	Carols by Candlelight	SLC
	25 th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
		10.30	Holy Communion	SSCM
	28 th	10.00	New Year Reflection	SAST

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10AM-3PM

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The Bayford Inn Update

Over the last month, we have:

- connected an oil line from the tank, and fitted a hot water cylinder inside
- installed a vintage plow for outside decoration
- started cladding the outside walls of the cellar
- filled the unused fireplace with logs for the wood-burner
- launched a crowdfunder as an additional way to raise money for the pub - please do take a look, consider buying one of the "rewards", and share this with your friends and family! <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-bayford-inn>
- had the cellar fully fitted out (thanks, Butcombe!)
- engaged a bar manager
-

A couple of sparrows have also been spotted eyeing up one of nest boxes.

I'm pleased to be able to announce that we're now in the final stages of preparing to open - which we should be able to do within the next few weeks! Please keep an eye on our website (and the outside of the pub itself!) for details; the exact date is not yet finalised, while we complete the remaining essential tasks.

We will also contact the mailing list with an announcement once we are open. You can email info@bayfordinn.com if you're not on this list and would like to be.

We look forward to catching up with you all over a pint in the very near future!

Oliver Lockwood



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CUCKLINGTON

St Lawrence's Church

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Church Warden—Pip Loxton

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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 14th November.

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 29th November



10.00am- 12.00pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Pop
up
Pub



Friday 7th November

7pm at the village hall

TABLE TENNIS

At

**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 piploxtton677@gmail.com

before 18th of the month, please.

We had a bumper Harvest this year, so good there were 9 boxes filled to the brim with produce for Auction.

Many thanks must go to Zowie Crocker and the Crocker family for putting on such a splendid lunch after the Harvest Service and much fun was had with a Tombola and the Silent Auction.

Everyone was so generous in donating for the Gillingham Food Bank and £200 was raised for the Addington Fund.

The Church was decorated beautifully with flowers, fruit and vegetables

Pip Loxton



Everyone's invited (member or not) to our.....



***CLUB CHRISTMAS
PARTY (Entry free)....***



Cucklington Village Hall

on Friday 5th December doors open at 7.00pm

***Please bring a plate for the Sharing Buffet table
Cash bar and raffle***



Cucklington's Quiz night was a blockbuster success

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A host of tricky questions, much scratching of heads and a lot of laughter!

Thank you everyone who took part and congratulations to the winning teamand the many runners up !!!





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Lest we forget...

Will be reading the names of the fallen
from our two villages and laying a wreath
on the War Memorial at St Andrew's at
11:00am on 11th November

Remembrance Day November 11th @11:00

COFFEE MORNING Bayford Village Hall



10am-12noon

Thurs 6th November

**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 19th November
12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30**



*Please call Mary on 34420 by
Sunday 16th to book your lunch.*



"Gorillas in the Mist" released in 1988 stars Sigourney Weaver as Dian Fossey. The film is based on Fossey's autobiography and chronicles her journey from a Kentucky woman to a leading figure in wildlife conservation. It highlights her groundbreaking work with mountain gorillas, her efforts to combat poaching, and her deep emotional connection with these animals.

Bayford Village Hall
Film Night
Saturday 8th November
7.00pm
(doors open at 6.30pm)



Movies @ Bayford invites you to
afternoon tea at Bayford Village Hall
Thursday 27th November
2.00pm

Tea and cake will be served with light
entertainment included.



Please RSVP to Alice on 01963 33525

Note: Due to hall availability the November event will be on Thursday instead of Friday.

In aid of Stoke Trister & Bayford Church

Christmas Fair

Sat 29th November

Bayford Village Hall

10-12 noon

FREE ENTRY

Raffle, Cake, Gifts, Beyond the Stile Crafts,
Tombola, Books, Nearly New and all the
Usual Stalls



Christmas Fair

Sat 29th November

10-12noon - Bayford Hall

Please come and support us on Saturday 29th November at our Christmas Fair. Cakes, Gifts, Beyond the Stile Crafts (all good given) Nearly New, Tombola and all the usual stalls.

If you have gifts, cakes or food items, nearly new (not clothes or electricals) as well as prizes for the Tombola Stall, or Raffle Prizes please bring to Bayford Hall on Friday 28th November 2- 3pm

or contact Maggie Giles 01963 33147 (Bayford) or Christine Perrett 01963 32311 or 07790 786014 (Stoke Trister)

We look forward to seeing you there.



**Fresh christmas
wreaths
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before 29th November

Proceeds to go towards running costs of
Movies @ Bayford



Wreath Making Workshop

**Bayford Village Hall
Saturday 29th November**

2pm-5pm

£20/person

Materials supplied

Light refreshments included

Welcome to bring own
decorations

Contact Mary on 01963 34420
to reserve your place

Proceeds towards running costs of
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Get Ready to Shine at This Year's Christmas Tree Festival!



It's that wonderful time of year again — and we're inviting *you* to take part in this year's **Christmas Tree Festival**.

Festival dates: **Friday 12th – Sunday 14th December**

Location: **St Andrews Church, Stoke Trister**

Each year, up to 26 dazzling trees fill the church with creativity and Christmas cheer — and we'd love for your awesome tree to be one of them!

Your design is completely up to you — from elegant and traditional to quirky and fun. In previous years, we've seen everything from hand-knitted crochet baubles to a War of the Worlds trees. There's no limit to your imagination!



A few details:

Please bring your own tree - real or artificial — both are welcome. *If real, then please make sure it can stand by itself.*

A height of around 6 feet works best.

Battery-operated lights only, please — we'll take care of switching them on and off each day.

Once the festival ends at **4:15pm on Sunday 14th**, you're welcome to take your tree home, or leave it safely in the locked church until **after the Carol Service at 7pm on Wednesday 17th December**.

Let's make this year's festival our most magical yet — a sparkling display of community creativity and festive joy!

If you'd like to enter or have any questions, just drop me a line:

Email: gabaker@pm.me

Mobile: **07595 411212**

Looking forward to seeing your festive creations light up the church!

Warm Christmas wishes,



Gary

One Final Push Before Winter!

Come and join our cheerful Churchyard Clean-Up Crew for one last tidy-up of the year! Let's get St Andrews looking spick and span before the winter sets in — with plenty of tidying (and a well-earned sandwich at the end!).

When: Saturday, 8 November - 10 am – 12 pm

Where: St Andrews Church, Stoke Trister

Reward: Choose your favourite — a sizzling bacon or sausage sandwich, freshly made for every volunteer!

If you can make it, please let me know so I can get the frying pan ready!

Gary 07595 411212 gabaker@pm.me



Church Cleaning - Tuesday 2nd December - 10 - 11am

I am looking for volunteers to help clean the church on Tuesday 2nd December 10-11, in readiness for the Christmas Tree Festival. Dusting, brushing cobwebs down and brushing up, Vacuuming the carpet. Refreshments provided. Many hands make light work.

Please can you let me know if you can help, or would like to help another time contact Christine on 01963 32311 or 07790 786014

COFFEE AND BOOKS **St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister**

Does school reading help or hinder? *'Doing'* a book at school isn't quite the same as reading it for pleasure. In class, we expect students to say something profound about a novel — but not everyone has something profound to say (or the desire to say it).

Back in the early 2000s, I taught a middle-ability English Literature GCSE class.

One boy — pleasant enough, if terminally uninterested — stayed resolutely silent for two whole years. Then, one day, he raised his hand.

"Yes, Travis?" I said, with wild optimism.

"Miss," said Travis, "I think you've got your cardigan on inside out."

He was right. He'd spotted something, just not the *literary* detail I was hoping for. Still, observation is observation — perhaps not quite what the exam board had in mind, but progress nonetheless.

Reading at school wasn't a joy for Travis, and I doubt there was much I could have done to change that. Talking about books can be a wonderfully intellectual business — or it can be gloriously simple. One person's page-turner is another's sleep aid, and both responses are perfectly valid.

If Travis wandered into *Books and Coffee* at the church, I like to think we'd have a good chat. He could browse, sip his coffee, and perhaps — finally — find something he actually wanted to read. It's never too late.

Everyone's welcome at our event. The biscuits have seen a remarkable upgrade, and we've even had three gentlemen brave the company of ladies to enjoy a coffee and a natter.

The next gathering of **Stoke Trister (and Beyond) Book Exchange** is on **Wednesday, November 12th, 10.30 –12.00** in **St Andrew's Church (second Wednesday of the month)**.

We'd love to see you there.

Penelope





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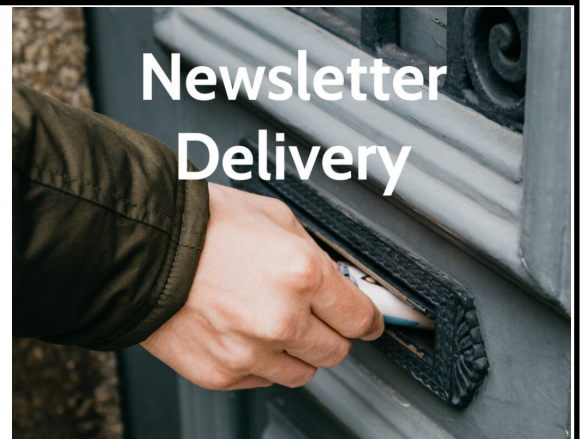
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at


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**morning
praise**

**every 3rd
Sunday**

Starts 10am BA9 8HN

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.

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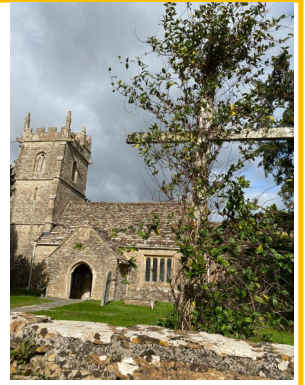
*The next Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall coffee morning will be held on
Friday 21st November 10.30 to 12.00*



Harvest Service at St Stephen's church -

What a wonderful morning and a packed church excellently led by Marcus.
Thank you to those who provided the refreshments and everyone who brought gifts for the food bank, they were delivered to the Lord's Larder the following day.
The Church looked beautiful, thank you to Bex and team.
Thank you Keith who is our IT champion and to Darren and Jenny, our readers for the service and to everyone who came!
It was lovely to see St Stephen's church so full.

Jean Brown





Thank you everyone for making the Coffee morning such a success again. It was a wonderful atmosphere with amazing cakes donated by generous people. This was our 13th annual Coffee morning and we raised £750.00. We all know someone who is suffering, it all helps! Many thanks to all concerned.

Jean Brown

Samaritans Shoe boxes -

Yes it's this time of year again!

Last year we managed to send about a hundred from Charlton Musgrove.

We have boxes in both our churches and at the farm shop, thank you Naomi for facilitating this for us.

It would be wonderful if this year, we could all work together again to bring some joy to children who

otherwise would not have a gift this Christmas.

Jean Brown



VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – NOVEMBER WALK

For those who receive their Village News early, a reminder that Steve and Sara Jarrett are leading our walk on Friday 31st October, for which we shall meet, as is our custom, at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall, ready to set off by 10am.

In November our walk is planned for the last Saturday in the month, Saturday 29th November. It would be good to walk in the Castle Cary area, a new location for us, and we shall be recce-ing some possible rambles in coming days. Again we shall meet at CM Village Hall ready to depart by 10am, which will also allow car-sharing for those who would welcome this.

Since the group was founded (our first walk was on New Year's Day 2022), to offer monthly walks for parishioners in Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington, and Stoke Trister with Bayford it has been our custom not to arrange a walk in December. This recognizes that most of us have more than enough to do this month, and also takes account that it has become our tradition to walk – usually a shorter walk - on New Year's Day. So the Group will begin New Year 2026 with a walk on Thursday 1st January, again meeting at CM Village Hall at the usual time.

Do join us for all or any of these walks – you will be most welcome. It is a very friendly group; we don't yomp and we don't dawdle, just walk at a good comfortable pace, so do come along – it will be good to see you. If you intend to join us on these walks it is always a kindness to let us know beforehand, please, so we don't set off without you.



Mike and Eileen

Mike and Eileen Vockins

mdvockins@btinternet.com

01963 34837

Editor's Message

Welcome to the Reverend Lydia Avery as our interim Benefice Development Priest.

Please pray that the Lord will guide us all at this time.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Blessings one and all.

Keith Stroud

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EVENTS FOR YOUR NOVEMBER DIARY

Cucklington

4th 11th 18th 25th	Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH
7th	Pop up Pub 7.00pm
14th	Scrabble, 7.00pm AMMH
29th	Coffee morning 10:00am—12:00pm AMMH

Stoke Trister & Bayford

6th	Coffee morning, 10am Bayford village hall
8th	Movie night "Gorillas in the Mist" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford village hall
11th	Reading the names of the fallen 11:00am St Andrew's Churchyard
12th	St Andrew's Church Book Exchange 10:30am to 12:00pm
19th	Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford village hall
27th	Movies @ Bayford 2.00pm afternoon tea at Bayford village hall
29th	Christmas Fair 10:00am to 12:00pm Bayford Village Hall
29th	Wreath Making Workshop 2pm—5pm Bayford Village Hall

Charlton Musgrove

3rd 10th 17th 24th	St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am CM
11th 25th	Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall
21st	Coffee Morning 10:30am Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall
29th	Village Walk 10:00am meet at Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall car park

Somerset Council are making changes to Garden bin collections which may affect you.

You can download your new collection dates online from Monday 24 November using the Check my collection days feature on the Somerset Council website:

www.somerset.gov.uk/collection-days

NOVEMBER 2025

GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD O

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

This collection calendar is based on the postcode BA9 9NH
When I have more information on other postcodes I will update you.

DEADLINE

The deadline for the December & January combined issue is the 18th December but please feel free to send it earlier! Send to MrKeithStroud@Gmail.com

