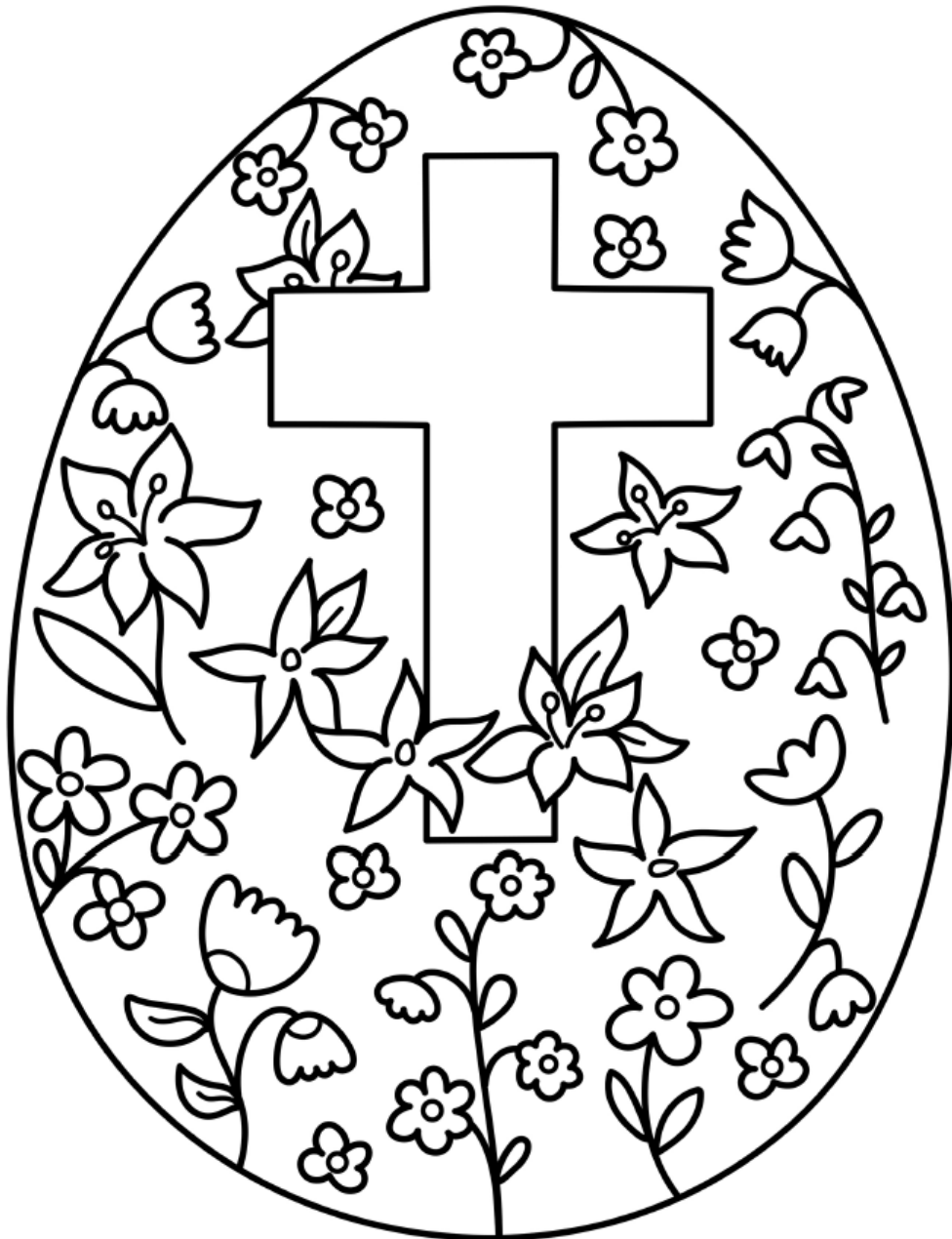


# VILLAGE NEWS

## APRIL 2026



# HAPPY EASTER

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## Grace, truth, love and courage

By **Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton**

Guilt, shame, mercy, and forgiveness. Four words all linked with Easter, which we shall celebrate this month.

The last two of those seem to be in short supply at the moment. The ‘gods’ of social media are ready instantly to punish all offenders, now and in the future.

People often offer George Orwell’s nightmare vision of Big Brother as a way to understand our times. I’m more drawn to the image of Jeremy Bentham’s Panopticon – a building where a watchman could observe all the inhabitants at all times but without the inhabitants knowing whether or not they’re being watched – which ensured compliance. When we hear about online data harvesting it can feel as if everything you say, or do, can be recorded and held against you, ready to be brought out and used if needed.

Where’s the mercy or the forgiveness in that? Where’s the grace that understands we all make mistakes and need second chances? There’s no possibility of wiping the slate clean and beginning again.

Which is where the astounding grace and mercy we celebrate on Good Friday and Easter Day comes in.

Mark Greene of the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity highlights how the wonder of Easter speaks words of grace and hope to our unmerciful world:

All this judgement serves to highlight the majestic, counter-cultural grace of the Christian gospel. Yes, God is a God of justice, opposed to the degrading of any human on any grounds. Yes, he has seen our every furtive action, picked up every sly whisper, logged every darkling thought ... yet his mercy flows from the cross like an ocean, drenching the universe. As today’s media Pharisees rage, God’s offer is ‘mercy, mercy, mercy’ to all who would repent and receive him. And our watchwords: grace, truth, love, and courage.

May this encourage us all as we continue through Lent, experience Holy Week, and finally reach the joy of Easter.

Fiona



# Benefice Services

## April 2026

St Stephens Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove  
St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove  
St Lawrence, Cucklington  
St Andrew, Stoke Trister  
St Michaels, Pen Selwood  
St Peter & St Pauls, Church Street, Wincanton

### Wednesday 1st April

7pm Compline St Peter & St Pauls, Wincanton

### Thursday 2nd April

7pm Maundy Thursday St Peter & St Pauls, Wincanton  
Simple Agape meal & Communion

### Friday 3rd April

2pm Good Friday Reflections St Michaels, Pen Selwood

### Sunday 5th April

6:15am Sunrise Service St Andrews, Stoke Trister  
9am Easter Holy Communion St Michaels, Pen Selwood  
9am Easter Holy Communion St Lawrences, Cucklington  
10am Easter Holy Communion St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove  
10am Easter Family Communion St Peter & St Pauls, Wincanton

### Sunday 12th April

9am Holy Communion St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove  
9am Holy Communion St Michaels, Pen Selwood  
10:30am Morning Worship St Peter & St Pauls, Wincanton  
6:30pm Evensong St Andrews, Stoke Trister

### Sunday 19th April

9am Morning Service St Michaels, Pen Selwood  
9am Holy Communion St Lawrences, Cucklington  
10:00am Morning Praise St Johns, Charlton Musgrove  
10:30am Holy Communion St Peter & St Pauls, Wincanton

### Sunday 26th April

10:30am-4pm Benefice Vision Day – Charlton Musgrove Village Hall Starting  
with Café Church at 10:30am, and ending with short Communion 3:30pm.

### Sunday 3rd May

9:00am Rise & Shine Families St Michaels, Pen Selwood  
9:00am Said Holy Communion St Lawrences, Cucklington  
10:00am Cafe Church St Johns, Charlton Musgrove  
10:30am Holy Communion St Peter & St Pauls, Wincanton



# first fridays

ft. **based**

**Friday 3rd April**

**From 7:30pm BA9 8HN**

First Fridays continues on Friday 3rd April, then every first Friday of the month, at 7:30pm.

This is a short run of 6 x sessions to lay down essential foundations of the Christian faith and challenge us to be bold and courageous in putting what we believe into practice.

Our desire is for this to be something like a sandbox and launchpad, both for new believers seeking to learn and apply the basics, as well as for old believers desperate to get back to their first love.

Everyone is welcome. With Marcus Letts and Clive Jackson.

Venue: Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

## Friday 10th April



**A Christian Education Project:**  
Using Agile Learning Tools

**Featuring:**  
Open The Book, Alpha Youth, Presentations, Bake-Off, Strategy Games, Ping Pong & more!

 Arthur Morison Village Hall, Cucklington BA9 9PZ

 Every 2nd Friday

 Starts: 3:30  
Ends: 6:30

Facilitated by:



 Join via  
WhatsApp:



Agile Learning Fridays (or ALF for short ) is a brand new Christian education project happening every 2nd Friday of the month 3:30 - 6:30pm.

We use Agile Learning tools to support local families seeking a faith-based and community-rooted approach to learning. This project is intentionally made accessible to both home-schooling families and families interested in extra-curricular activities.

ALF is intentionally:

- \* Relational – learning happens in community
- \* Participatory – children and adults co-create the experience
- \* Liturgical – a rhythm of prayer, devotion and fellowship frames the day
- \* Experimental – open to iteration, feedback and growth

Everyone is welcome, so please tell your friends. Hosted by Marcus and Emily Letts.

**Please note change of venue Cucklington Village Hall**

## Wincanton and Pen Selwood Diary Dates

**Black Bin Café** Held in **Pen Selwood Village Hall** every other Friday **10:30am – 12:30pm** a great social event and well worth a visit. Tea, coffee and wonderful cakes. **April 10th & 24th.**  
Please check [www.penselwood.ning](http://www.penselwood.ning) for more details.

**Mobile Library** Visits Pen Selwood at the **Old Orchard lay by** in **Queens Grove** monthly **12:30-12:45pm** on April 24th.

**11th April** **Coffee Morning in Wincanton Church 10:00am – 12:00 noon.** Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Bookstall &, Refreshments. **Everybody welcome!**

### Wincanton Churches Together

On



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**3rd April**

*There will be a*

**United Act of Worship**

*in*

**The Wincanton Methodist Church**

**at 10.30am**

*Hot Crossed Buns will be shared*

*at the close of the Service*

James Markam will be speaking on **Wednesday 22nd April 7.15pm at the Charlton Musgrove village hall**, James' heart is to see disciples grow in confidence and become equipped for the unique missional moment we find ourselves in today. He longs to see followers of Jesus deepen their trust in the Spirit's leading and stay firmly rooted in God's word.



James lives in Frome with his wife Rachael and their two children. He serves as the South & West Church Relationship Manager at Bible Society and is part of the leadership of 'The Place,' a Christian community in Frome. Outside of ministry, he's a big fan of football and enjoys photography.

Please join us.

### Prayer for the Benefice

*Beloved God, guide us as we work together at this time of change, to love and encourage one another in Faith. Bless Reverend Lydia as we support her in bringing together our parishes of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Charlton Musgrove and Stoke Trister with Bayford into one Benefice to worship you. Amen.*



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### CUCKLINGTON

St Lawrence's Church  
[www.cucklington.org.uk](http://www.cucklington.org.uk)  
Church Warden—Pip Loxton  
Tel: 07849329727

## SCRABBLE

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

**7.00pm Friday 10th April.**

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 April*



10.40am- 12.00pm

**Following the CVH AGM 10:00am**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

# Pop up Pub



NO Pop up Pub on Good Friday  
Next planned for 1st May

## 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](mailto:piploxtton677@gmail.com)

before 18<sup>th</sup> of the month, please.

**FOR YOUR DIARY !!**  
**Cucklington Parish Annual Meeting**  
**Friday 15th May'26**  
7pm @ the CVH

**COMING UP NEXT**

@

**CUCKLINGTON VILLAGE  
HALL**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY'26**

**Keep a lookout for more  
details ....**

**PLANT SALE and Coffee Morning**  
**30th May 10:00am**  
**in the Cucklington Village Hall.**  
**Donations of plants gratefully received.**



Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Flower Show

Photographic Classes

- 1 A Cold Frosty Morning
- 2 Spring is in the air
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JOHN HEWSON who died recently, aged 87 years, was born in Cucklington and lived in the village all his life. In earlier years he worked on the land, and also kept pigs, before later working for Cow and Gate in Wincanton.

Although John was Cucklington born and bred his parents had moved from the Middlesborough area, and John retained a life-long interest in Middleborough FC (and enjoyed their current challenging for the EFL Championship title!). He was also a keen follower of Wincanton Town FC.

John loved being part of the Cucklington community, and was a perpetual supporter of the village's plant sale and the Flower Show, and was a regular at the pop-up pub and village hall coffee mornings. He was a longtime regular at the Unicorn, Bayford, too. As a keen gardener he was a prize-winning grower of dahlias and had retained most of his prize certificates. He was generous to friends and neighbours with his garden produce. On the day he died Cucklington's Whats App included a flurry of tributes; *a lovely delightful man; a great character, one of life's gentle gentlemen; with a gentle sense of humour; we shall all miss him.*

St. Lawrence's Church was packed for his Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

One story told at that Service related to John's stammer. On one very wet night John was pulled over by Police carrying out car checks. Asked for his details John struggled to provide the requested information though, as he sought to do so, he noticed the heavy rain dripping down the policeman's collar and down his neck. Eventually the police officer lost patience with John and told him to get on his way, whereupon John, perfectly clearly and unhesitatingly replied: *"OK officer. Thank you and good night!"*

MDV

## Supporting our local communities.....

Cucklington Social Group in cooperation with the Village Hall committee have decided to trial a food bank project to help those less well off than ourselves



### Urgently needed food items:

- Jam
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned meat
- Tomato ketchup
- UHT fruit juice

All dry goods, tins and jars are always welcome but must not have been previously opened or exceed the sell by date. For obvious reasons they cannot accept fresh produce of any kind.

Please bring along any contributions to the Hall on the **last Saturday of each month** - conveniently also **Coffee Morning** in case people want to stop for a chat and some delicious cake with a coffee !!!

**PLEASE NOTE**....For safety reasons contributions **cannot** be left in the Hall other than on the **last Saturday of each month**. Food gifts can be left in the porch at Longhill Cottage if you are unable to take it to the Hall on the specified dates.

Should you have any comments or queries please contact [nonilowney@hotmail.com](mailto:nonilowney@hotmail.com)

## St Lawrence's, Cucklington and St Andrew's, Stoke Trister with Bayford Electoral Roll is now under review.

Those already on the Roll do not need to do anything at this time. Anyone wishing to be included on the Roll can find application forms for completion by ?? May in either church.

Please place completed forms in the box in either church porch.

### WHAT IS THE ELECTORAL ROLL?

The Electoral Roll is the register of voting members of our two churches, St Lawrence's and St Andrew's. It is a register of those entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Council.

### WHO CAN BE ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL?

Baptised residents in the villages who are: members of the Church of England or a Church in communion with the Church of England;  
over 16 years old, *(those who will be 16 during the next 12 months can be entered on their next birthday);*

Or

non resident but have worshipped here regularly for the last six months *(or who would have attended had ill health not prevented them).*



## STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

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## COFFEE MORNING



Thursday 2nd April

10:00am to 12noon

at The Bayford Village Hall

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 April**

**12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30**



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



**Bayford Village Hall  
Film Night  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
7.00pm  
( doors open at 6.30pm )**



**Gosford Park** is a 1930s-set satirical murder mystery in which wealthy guests and their servants gather for a weekend shooting party at an English country estate, only for a sudden death to spark an investigation.

More a richly observed study of class divisions and intricate personal dynamics than a straightforward whodunit, it features a stellar ensemble cast, sharp writing making it a witty, layered, and rewarding watch.

**BAYFORD  
VILLAGE  
LITTER PICK  
KEEP OUR VILLAGE  
TIDY**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30am**

**Meet at the green next to the  
bench by Love Lane**



**EQUIPMENT WILL  
BE SUPPLIED IF  
YOU HAVE NOT  
GOT YOUR OWN**

**Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Flower Show**

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# Bayford Friday Afternoon Teas



We have decided during Spring and Summer to no longer have monthly Friday afternoon teas. Providing there is sufficient interest we will restart in the Autumn.



Dear Residents of the Parish of Stoke Trister with Bayford;

Please join us at Bayford Village Hall, Bayford, Wincanton whilst we celebrate the good work carried out in our Parish by so many wonderful volunteers!

## Stoke Trister with Bayford Annual Residents Meeting

*Taking place on  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
7pm until 8pm*

*Everyone is welcome – please spread the word!*

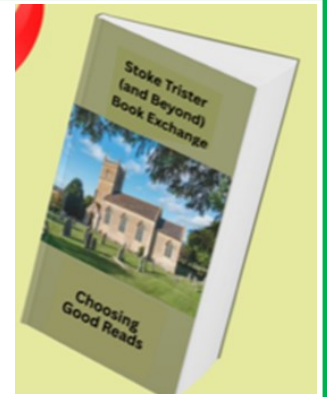
Light refreshments will be provided.

# COFFEE AND BOOKS

## St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister

### Stoke Trister (and Beyond) Book Exchange

Would you like to browse our books without actually coming to the church?



Good news: you can. Every book in our collection is a good one — mainly because someone recommended it, and we trust their judgement.

So how do you find the list? There are **three ways**. We'll start with the easiest: **the QR code**.



The **second way** is to copy and paste this link into your device:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tU\\_QRGxuMLhos7PzwxavMi-8zzQd0G2N4wxaE8AO-yY/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tU_QRGxuMLhos7PzwxavMi-8zzQd0G2N4wxaE8AO-yY/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

This is slightly awkward if you're reading the **paper version** of *Village News* (unless you're very good at typing long links), but extremely easy if you're reading it online.

The **third way** is simply to email me:

[penelopepip@icloud.com](mailto:penelopepip@icloud.com)

I will happily send you the list. You will then face the next technological challenge: **opening the file**. But we will cross that bridge together.

You can also email me just to say hello, and I'll make sure you get a reminder when the next event is coming up.

And if you see a book you'd like but can't get to the church, let me know — I'm very happy to **drop it round**.

Our next Books and Coffee event is **Wednesday April 8th, at 10.30 to 12.00, St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister**. All welcome, of course. You don't have to stay long. Just enough time to have a cup of coffee and a quick browse of our books.

We'd love to see you there.

**Penelope**

(Book Exchange, Stoke Trister and Beyond)

## The Bayford Inn Update

We've had a great run of events recently at The Bayford Inn, including food pop-ups and Bosh It On, which have both been really popular. Our monthly quiz night also continues to be a great success — thank you to everyone who comes along and supports these events.

As always, we still need to raise more funds, so please consider becoming a shareholder, purchasing some merchandise, or looking into sponsorship if you or your business would like to support the pub.



### Some highlights and thank yous:

A big thank you to Ben and Joly for putting up the new porch, and a shout out to Dan at Focus Roofing for the fantastic new slate roof. The kitchen is looking completely transformed, and we're hopeful that food won't be too far away now. Thanks again to all the volunteers who have been working so hard on this — Phil, Peter, Joly, Ben and Roger. Outside, we've acquired some new benches, so as the weather starts to warm up, everyone can enjoy a bit of sunshine with their favourite beverage. Also thank you to Marcus for getting some troughs for the front which will soon be planted up.

Will and the team look forward to seeing you and your families at the pub soon.

Ben Giles



### Upcoming Events

16<sup>th</sup> April  
18<sup>th</sup> April  
2<sup>nd</sup> May

Bayford inn quiz night - starts 7.30pm (Full)  
Hidden pizza food pop up - 5.30pm onwards  
Full Yuh Belly Jamaican - food pop up - 6pm onwards



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## Charlton Musgrove Community Defibril-

stored inside the old Phone Box  
on Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove  
(opposite Nos 3 and 4 Dibbens Row).

Postcode: BA9 8HQ  
What3 Words: doubt.fields.bottom

Further information is available on the Parish Council  
website at

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

# BRING & BUY Plant Sale!



AT  
CHARLTON MUSGROVE  
VILLAGE HALL. BA9 8HF

MAY 9

9.30 TO 12.30

ONLY £2.00 PER PLANT!

Raising money for our 2  
churches, our village hall  
and local charities



## 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**

EVERY MONDAY MORNING  
- 10AM-12PM

ST. JOHNS CHURCH  
CHARLTON MUSGROVE



COME ALONG FOR CAKE AND  
COMPANY!



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 17<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 to 12.00*



Charlton Musgrove Church Electoral Roll is now under review. Those already on the Roll do not need to do anything at this time. Anyone wishing to be included on the Roll can find application forms for completion by 3rd May in either of our churches or contact Jean Sellick on 01963 32174 [jeansellick@icloud.com](mailto:jeansellick@icloud.com)

## VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – APRIL WALK

We've got the walkers, we've got the dates - if only it would dry up!

The better, and warmer, weather we've enjoyed of late, give rise to high hopes, yet many of our fields and footpaths are *still* squelchy underfoot and, in some places, *still* a quagmire. Oh dear! However, by the end of April - and by Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April in particular - it *must* be better underfoot and offer better walking.

That's the day for our April walk. This, we expect, will be our "Bluebell Walk". Duncliffe Hill is sure to be carpeted in blue towards the end of April, and will produce such a delicious scent when the sun comes out, but we're exploring bluebell woods nearer home too. Eileen and I did a recce a couple of days ago in a local wood and it was encouraging to see bluebell plants aplenty pushing their leaves through in profusion. And also close to home there is Bonham Wood too - deemed to be one of the best bluebell woods in Wiltshire.

So we shall keep our eyes peeled to see which of these offers the best bluebell experience on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Whichever it is we shall meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall for a 10am start - and will hope to see you there. Do join us if you can. It will be good to see you. A call or message beforehand to say you are walking with us would be kind, and would ensure we don't set off without you.

And some dates ahead: our May walk will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, and our Mid-Summer Evening walk is to be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.



*Mike and Eileen*

Mike and Eileen Vockins

[mdvockins@btinternet.com](mailto:mdvockins@btinternet.com)

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## Aid for Ukraine

After Jean Sellick and Jean Brown had a cup of tea one morning, both had heard of two charities providing aid to the Ukraine. One for Candles to provide heat and light and the other aid was providing clothes and warm blankets, providing hope for all those suffering in the cold, in these dark days. Both have been very successful, we have been so pleased with the response.

We have been able to send a huge amount of clothes and bedding due to the generosity of everyone, we have sent two shipments. One load has already arrived in the Ukraine, the other will be on its way on the 27th March. We will have a break now but thank you everyone who has helped in anyway.

There is an opportunity for us to collect summer clothes. A wish list will be circulated later. The candle collection will continue at the moment.

Most sincerely, thank you everyone once again. Special thanks go to the coffee, cake and chat group for so much help with the sorting and packing.

Jean Brown



## United Service

We had a lovely service at St Stephens' church in Charlton Musgrove, Led by Archdeacon Anne Gell, for our new Benefice, with friends from each church of the new Monarch Way Benefice, followed by a lovely lent lunch at the Kitchen at Kimbers provided by Naomi and Darren, Bex and Danger. It was a lovely morning. The daffodils along the entrance, planted a couple of years ago, given by Helen and Andy Smith, looked beautiful, as if they were blooming for the special service.

## Mothering Sunday

Lovely to see a full church again at St Johns' church, in Charlton Musgrove. It was such a meaningful service, flowers and gifts were given to all the Mums. The service was led by Marcus Letts.

Thank you again Keith for all your IT skills, providing us with worship & sound etc. great to see so many young folk.

Our services at St Johns' church have been a joy, with so many young folk coming together for Cafe church and Morning Praise, do join us, all are welcome.

Jean Brown

## Church Safeguarding

There is a lot said about Safeguarding, our churches are taking this very seriously. It is the law, that all church PCCs and anyone with a role within our churches are trained and DBS checked. This is to ensure that our churches are safer places for all people. Bath and Wells have been working hard to ensure that this is the case (in line with the charity commissioner) which covers our churches. There is information in each church with contact details. More information next month.

Jean Brown

## Editor's Message

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

*John 11:25-26*

Blessings one and all this Easter.

**Keith Stroud**



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8.30am-5pm Mon - Fri

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## Cucklington

7th 14th 21st 28th	Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH
10th	Scrabble, 7.00pm AMMH
25th	CVH AGM 10:00am AMMH
25th	Coffee morning 10:40am to 12:00pm AMMH

## Stoke Trister & Bayford

2nd	Coffee morning, 10:00am to 12:00pm Bayford Village Hall
8th	St Andrew's Church Coffee & Book Exchange 10:30am to 12:00pm
11th	Movie night "Gosford Park" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford Village Hall
12th	Village Litter Pick 10:30am meet at the green next to the bench Love Lane
15th	Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford Village Hall
16th	Quiz night - starts 7.30pm Bayford Inn (Full)
18th	Hidden pizza food pop up - 5.30pm onwards Bayford Inn

## Charlton Musgrove

6th 13th 20th 27th	St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am to 12:00pm CM
14th 28th	Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall
17th	Coffee Morning 10:30am to 12:00pm Charlton Musgrove Village hall
25th	Village Walk 10:00am meet at Charlton Musgrove Village hall car park



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27 X	28	29	30			

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