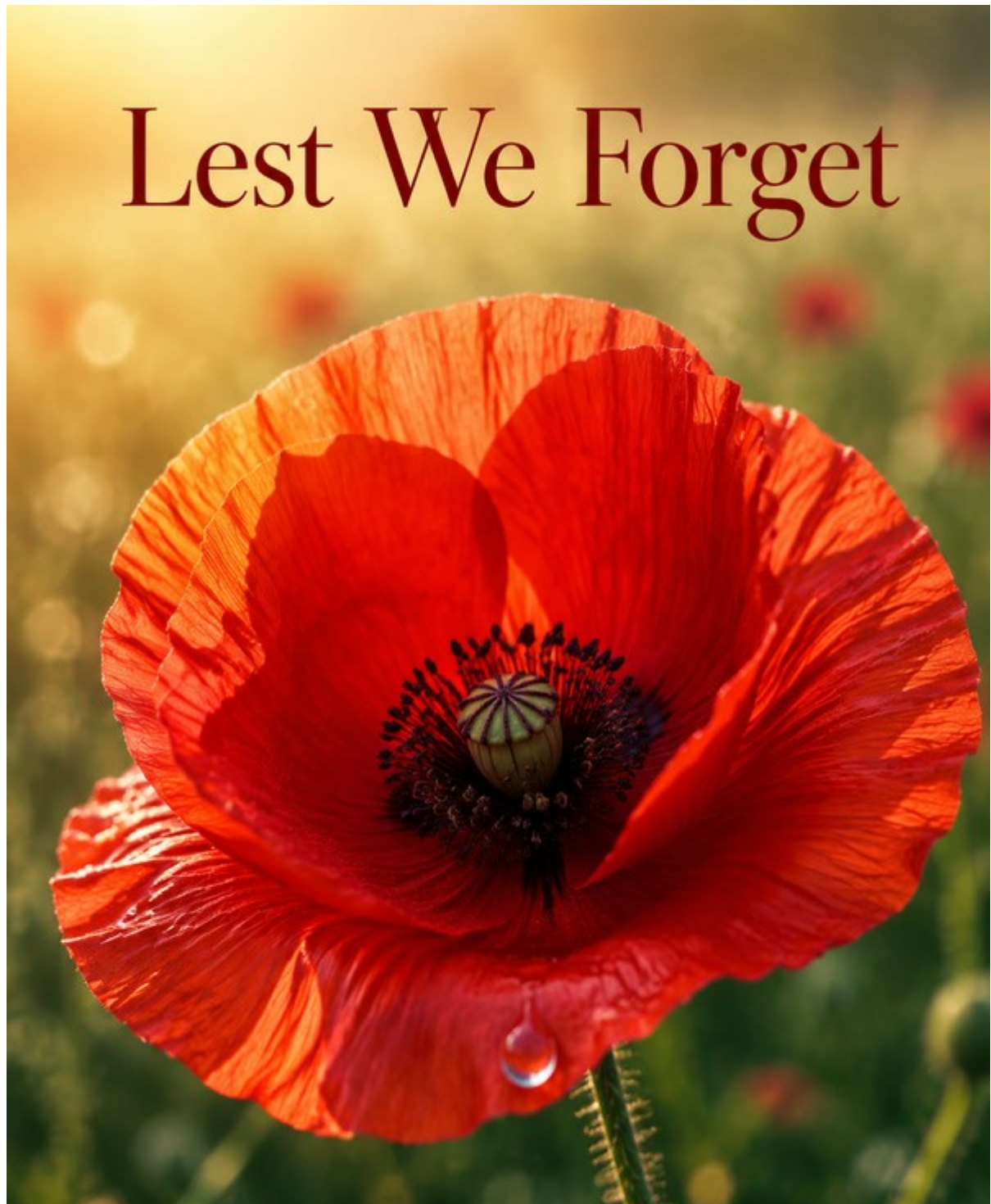


# **VILLAGE NEWS**

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## A journey with God

One of the most significant places in the UK for me is the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, and the pilgrimages I've made to and from the island walking barefoot over the sands have been holy moments.

Unlike other journeys, pilgrimages are deliberate journeys of transformation. I went on a pilgrimage from Watchet to Stogursey this year with a group of laity and clergy from Quantock Deanery. It had moments of challenge, and moments of joy. We were definitely changed as we travelled. It was a holy time.

In Christian teaching, pilgrimage has long been seen as a form of martyrdom. Not the martyrdom of shedding our blood, but the martyrdom of shedding our preferences, our self-centred desires.

The psalmist wrote, "Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on a pilgrimage." Those words show a yearning to be with God in his dwelling place, and that's a yearning we can all mirror in our prayers, whether we can physically undertake a pilgrimage or not.

One of the most famous stories of a pilgrimage is, of course, Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. I find the closing words of the book among the most moving in literature, as they link our lives in this world to our journey's end with God. "I cannot describe what Christian felt when he came face to face with the King ... I woke too soon. And besides, no one can dream the Unimaginable. I shall have to cross the River myself before I can say exactly what the City of Gold contains. I would not have chosen to wake. But I did. I am awake now. Time to get up, then, I suppose, and continue the journey. I am on a pilgrimage, too, you see. Everyone is."

May God bless you on every step of your pilgrimage, and may you find your rest in him.

Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton



# Benefice Services

## October 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

### Sunday 1st November

|                                  |                                        |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>9am</b> Rise & Shine Families | St Michael's Church, Pen Selwood       |
| <b>9am</b> Holy Communion        | St Lawrence's Church, Cucklington      |
| <b>10am</b> Café Church          | St John's Church, Charlton Musgrove    |
| <b>10:30am</b> Holy Communion    | St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton |
| <b>6pm</b> All Souls Service     | St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton |

### Sunday 8th November

|                                    |                                        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>10:45am</b> Remembrance Service | St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton |
| <b>10:45am</b> Remembrance Service | St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister      |
| <b>10:55am</b> Remembrance Service | St Michael's Church, Pen Selwood       |

### Sunday 15th November

|                               |                                        |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>9am</b> Holy Communion     | St Lawrence's Church, Cucklington      |
| <b>9am</b> Morning Service    | St Michael's Church, Pen Selwood       |
| <b>10am</b> Morning Praise    | St John's Church, Charlton Musgrove    |
| <b>10:30am</b> Holy Communion | St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton |

### Sunday 22nd November

**10:30am** Whole Benefice Communion—St Stephen's Church, Charlton Musgrove

### Sunday 29th November

**10:30am** Whole Benefice Advent Service—St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister

### Sunday 6th December

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>9am</b> Rise & Shine Families | St Michaels, Pen Selwood       |
| <b>9am</b> Holy Communion        | St Lawrences, Cucklington      |
| <b>10am</b> Cafe Church          | St Johns, Charlton Musgrove    |
| <b>10:30am</b> Holy Communion    | St Peter & St Pauls, Wincanton |
| <b>4pm</b> Christingle           | St Peter & St Pauls, Wincanton |

## 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. **November 13th & 27th.**  
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 **12:25-12:50pm** on **6th November**

**14th November** **Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00 noon.** Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Bookstall &, Refreshments. **Everybody welcome!**

### Prayer for the Benefice

We continue to pray for a new Priest, the advert has been out for a while and it closes on 9th November.

We are grateful for Rev Lydia Avery for her tireless work amongst us.

Wincanton Parish Church

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 14th November**  
**10am – 12noon**  
**In the Parish Church**



- Christmas Gifts
- Decorations
- Cakes & Produce
- Raffle & Books



**Everyone Welcome!**

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton



CASH  
ONLY!

## CHRISTMAS BINGO!

CASH  
ONLY!

**Friday 20th November**  
**The Memorial Hall, Wincanton**

**Doors open 6.30pm**  
**Eyes Down 7.30pm**

**Lots of fantastic prizes to be won!**  
**Come along for an evening of FUN!**



# Change of speakers..

**Wednesday 28th October  
7.15pm – 9:00pm at the  
Charlton Musgrove village hall**



This month we're delighted to welcome back once again **Andrew Baddeley**.

Andrew and Helen Baddeley are the senior leaders of Father's House in Shaftesbury.

The story of Father's House Shaftesbury started with ordinary people from many backgrounds united by a hunger for more of God. As they sought Him together, lives were transformed, with many coming to know God's fatherly love and Jesus as the way into a deeper relationship with Him.

**Andrew's passion is to see revival, healing, and the presence of God filling our communities.**

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

**Wednesday 25th November  
7.15pm – 9:00pm at the  
Charlton Musgrove village hall**



This month we're delighted to welcome **Michael Walker**.

Michael brings a rich blend of international experience, agricultural leadership, and deep

commitment to church life. He and his family spent four years in Northern Kenya with Africa Inland Mission from 1984–88, contributing to the development of an irrigation project that supported local communities.

Following their return to the UK, Michael managed a predominantly arable farm in Northamptonshire for 25 years, during which time he and his family were also involved in planting a new church in Kettering.

When his wife, Caroline, was appointed Rector in the Church of England, they felt called to move to the Bath and Wells Diocese, settling in Norton St Philip



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St Lawrence's Church

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Church Warden—Pip Loxton

Tel: 07849329727



See On The Road To Ukraine  
poster for details

## Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th November



10.00am- 12.00pm

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

# 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.

# ON THE ROAD TO UKRAINE – TAKE 3

MARK & RORY • #TeamSomerset



## THE TEAM SOMERSET BRIEF

-  **Drivers:** Mark & Rory
-  **Vehicle:** A pickup – still to be bought
-  **Theme tune:** Davy's on the Road Again
-  **Call sign:** #TeamSomerset
-  **Podcast:** Ukraine: The Latest

## TALK & CURRY EVENING

**£10** • Cash or card

**FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026**

6.30pm for 7.00pm

 **Cucklington Village Hall**



**RSVP to reserve tickets**

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**WhatsApp 07970 165741**



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**www.pickupsforpeace.co.uk**



## Quiz Night

" The winning formula 'quiz+bar+soup+all-hands-to-pump' once more produced this year's greatly enjoyable JOLLI Quiz night at the Cucklington Village Hall on Fri 6 Oct last. Huge thanks to all of you who made the night so much fun - Noni & her CSG team; Anne & her bar-elves; our clever quizmasters Jo & Holli; Nel & her wonderful team of cooks & bottle-washers; and of course the 52 of you who so enthusiastically took on the 8-round challenge. Watch this space for when we do it all again next year! "

Di Hammet

**4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2026**

**7.00PM**

**CUCKLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**POP UP PUB**

**HOSTS.....**

**CUCKLINGTON'S**

**CHRISTMAS**

**PARTY PLUS....**



**100 CLUB**

**BIG DRAW**

**AND RAFFLE !**

**FREE ENTRY -**

**BRING A PLATE FOR THE**

**BUFFET TABLE**

# HARVEST

Thank you to those who contributed to the Harvest Festival.

The Church looked beautiful adorned with all sorts of Pumpkins'', Gourds and other fruit n' vegetables.

An enormous amount of tins and dried goods was also donated to the Gillingham food bank.

We had an excellent turnout to the following lunch and many thanks to Zowie For preparing the delicious food and to the Stanley family who stepped into the breach.

## Save the date

9<sup>th</sup> January there is to be another Benefice Social after the overwhelming success of the last one.

Entertainment is planned! More news later.

Pip Loxton



# **Who's Who - St.Lawrence Church, Cucklington**

## **Andrew Cranfield**

**Andrew Cranfield** grew up in Scotland but due to work, moved to Somerset. Together with his wife **Susan** he now lives in Marsh. An aeronautical engineer by profession, he ended up doing corporate turnarounds and rescues. In retirement, he has decided 'that the very best way of making himself really popular is by teaching the bagpipes to adults and children'.

**Andrew, your (very wealthy) cousin insists on taking you out for a no expenses spared evening/afternoon of your choice - what would you choose?**

A flight in a two seat Spitfire – as a really dodgy pilot, it has always been my dream to fly one. (By the way, I have loads of cousins but would you be kind enough to supply me the phone number of this particular one?)

**On a cold winter's night you sit by the fire with (please finish the sentence ---- )**

with Mrs Cranfield snuggled up next to me and my loyal hound at my feet.

Or is it the other way round? I simply can't remember.....

**You are invited to enter my Time Machine and travel back to witness one historic event. I guarantee that you will come back safely. Which event?**

My, you are a dark horse Mrs Watts. Imagine having your own time machine!\* I would like to be at D-Day, June 6<sup>th</sup> 1944, to witness the largest armada the world has ever seen.

**You reluctantly agree to stay a weekend on a vegan, alcohol free Health Retreat. What 4 items will you smuggle in your luggage?**

You are joking about this, aren't you? No? Oh well, it would have to be some haggis, a bottle of the Scottish water of life (purely for medicinal purposes you understand), some Hebridean peat smoked scallops and venison.

# **Who's Who - St.Lawrence Church, Cucklington**

## **Andrew Cranfield**

**Andrew, you are given responsibility for commissioning an 'improvement' for Cucklington - what might you choose?**

I think a zip wire from the viewpoint to somewhere like Baskets farm is an essential civic amenity.

**What unique skill/talent will you bring to the 2027 Cucklington Arts Festival?**

I am a very, very skilled car parking attendant.

**And finally Andrew, can you give me one good reason to visit St Lawrence church?**

Well, I think that most of the brass is now quite shiny and looks pretty good. Apart from that, it is a special, spiritual place with stunning views.

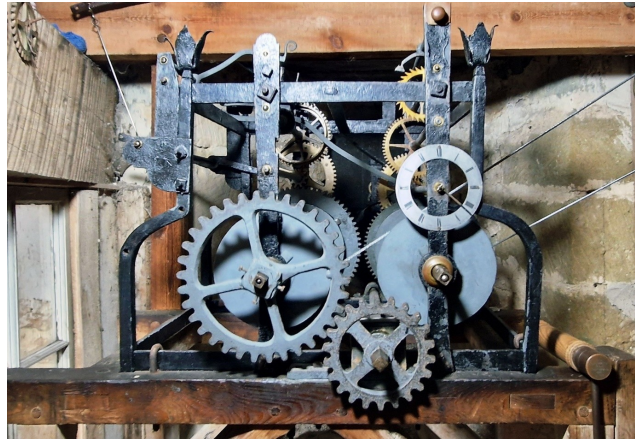
*Please note, the Time Machine is not available for hire.*

Amanda Watts

## The Clock in St Lawrence's tower

One of the fine features of St Lawrence's is the clock in the tower which has kept faithful time since early in the eighteenth century. The striking of the hour can be heard across the village and when the wind is in the north, we can hear it at Clinger too.

The clock sits in a forged iron birdcage frame, the corner finials of which are of tulip form, the unmistakable mark of William Monk of Berwick St John. He probably made the clock circa 1730-40. At a recent inspection, it was considered to be in very good condition.



The weights which allow the hours to strike and the clock to work, have quite a fall and this enables the clock to be wound only once each week. Access for this is not without risk and involves climbing up a vertical wooden ladder into the tower before winding the two cylinders, around which the cables themselves are wound. This has been willingly carried out by a small, dedicated team but it would be unrealistic to assume that this care and attention might continue, even into the foreseeable future.

Accordingly, we investigated the installation of a self-winding and time regulation device and after appropriate consideration, this possibility was approved by the Diocese of Bath & Wells. What enabled this project to proceed, however, was an exceptional grant from the Polygon Trust for which the St Lawrence's PCC is hugely appreciative. Three persons in the village also gave significant donations for this and we would like to record our thanks to them as well.

In recent years, the clock has been serviced by the Cumbria Clock Company and with their knowledge and expertise, they were selected for the installation. One wonders what Mr Monk would think of this addition to his timepiece but whatever his views might be, St Lawrence's clock is now set for a new period of keeping time for the village and calling out the hours to Cucklington below.

Christopher Birrell



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**Remembrance Service  
at St Andrew's  
Sunday 8th November 10:45am**

**Remembrance Day**  
LEST WE FORGET



**Wednesday 11th November**

**We 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. Meet at 10:45am.**

# COFFEE MORNING



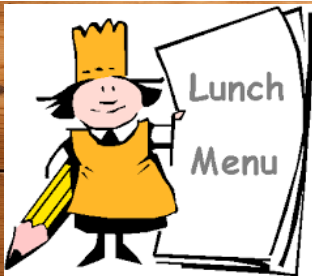
**Thursday 5th November**

**10:00am to 12noon**

**at The Bayford Village**

**All welcome**

**Coffee, cake with friends, new and old.**



*Meeting and making friends over food!*

**COMMUNITY LUNCH**

**ALL WELCOME**

**BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER**

**12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30**

**£6 for 2 Courses**

*Please call Mary on 34420 by Sunday 15th to book your lunch.*



**WAR HORSE**

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**War Horse (2011)** film is about a horse named Joey surviving World War One while every human around him struggles to do the same. Based on Michael Morpurgo's beloved novel and the acclaimed stage production, the film follows one animal across multiple owners, multiple fronts, and multiple heartbreaks.

**Community Film Night**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**Bayford Village Hall**

**7.00pm**

**( doors open at 6.30pm )**

**£5.00 including snacks & refreshments**



## Parish Council meeting - Thursday 7:00pm 12th November 2026

All meetings are held in Bayford Village Hall and commence with an open public section where questions and comments from members of the public are most welcome. An agenda for each meeting and minutes of the previous meeting will be posted on the Parish notice boards at Bayford Village Hall; by School House, and also at the triangle in Stoke Trister at least three clear working days prior to each meeting.



The November meeting includes the annual budget setting and precept planning, and will usually consider grant provision for the following year.

Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council as a councillor should contact the Parish Clerk or Chair in the first instance. Expressions of interest are invited from enthusiastic and forward thinking individuals with time available to undertake this voluntary role. For contact details see the parish council website [www.stoketristerbayford-pc.gov.uk](http://www.stoketristerbayford-pc.gov.uk)

## Donations Wanted for St Andrew's Church Christmas Fair! - Bayford Village Hall - Saturday 14th November

We're looking for donations of raffle prizes, gifts, cakes and savouries, small tombola prizes (chocolates, toiletries, stationery, gardening items and more), books, and nearly new items in good, clean condition. Please note, we cannot accept electrical items or clothing.

Donations can be dropped off at Bayford Village Hall on **Friday 13th November, 2.00pm to 3.00pm**. If that's not convenient, please contact **Christine on 01963 32311 or 07790 786014**.

Don't miss our popular "**Beyond the Stile**" **Craft Stall**, featuring beautiful handmade gifts and treats, all created and donated locally to raise funds for St Andrew's Church. Please support us in any way you can, we look forward to seeing you on the 14th November.

**St Andrew's Church Christmas Fair**  
**Saturday 14th November**  
**Bayford Village Hall**  
**Free Entry - Everyone Welcome!**

## Church Cleaning – St. Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister

Would you like to join a friendly group who meet up to clean the Church?  
Our next cleaning day is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10-11 am.  
Refreshment provided. See you there.



In aid of Stoke Trister & Bayford Church

# Christmas Fair

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 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



# Afternoon Tea

## Bayford Village Hall

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm**

Tea and cake will be served with light  
entertainment included.

This event is free of charge. All welcome

Please book your place by contacting Alice on 01963 33525



# ***Sustainable Wreath Making Workshops***

**Bayford Village Hall**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 6pm-8.30pm**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-5pm**

**£20/person**

**Materials supplied**

**Light refreshments included**

**Welcome to bring own  
decorations**

**Two dates available.**

Contact Mary on 01963 34420  
to reserve your place for one of the workshops

Proceeds towards running costs of  
Movies@Bayford



It's that wonderful time of year again—and we're inviting you to unleash your inner elf for this year's **St Andrews Church Christmas Tree Festival!**

- **When:** Friday Dec 4th - 6:30pm – 9pm & Saturday Dec 5th 10:30am – 4pm
- **Where:** St Andrews Church, Stoke Trister

Every year, up to 26 dazzling trees pack the church with pure festive cheer, and we want your awesome creation to steal the show!

### **No Limit to Your Imagination!**

Your design is completely up to you. Whether you go for timeless, elegant tradition, simple or wonderfully quirky fun — anything goes!

### **The Festive Details:**

-  **Tree:** Artificial preferred, but if it's real, please make sure it can stand up by itself.
-  **Size:** All heights up to 6 feet are welcome. Tall trees work best to truly fill the church with magic.
-  **Glow:** Battery-operated lights only, please! Don't worry about the elf work — we'll take care of switching them on and off for you each day.
-  **Wrap-Up:** Once the festival wraps up at 4:00pm on Saturday 5th, you can collect and take your tree home, or leave it safely in the locked church until Monday morning, 7th December.

Let's make this year's festival our most magical, sparkling display of community creativity yet! Ready to branch out?

If you'd like to enter a tree or have any questions at all, just drop Gary a line:

Email: [gabaker@pm.me](mailto:gabaker@pm.me)

Phone: 07595 411212

**Deadline** for this year's entries will be  
**Sunday 29th November.**

We can't wait to see your festive creations  
light up the church!



# **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

**St Andrews Church,  
Stoke Trister**

**FRIDAY**

**DEC 4th - 6:30pm - 9pm**

**Cheese & Wine evening**

**SATURDAY**

**DEC 5th - 10:30am - 4pm**

**2pm - 3pm Silver Band**

**+ Singing of Carols**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Donations welcome**

# News from The Bayford Inn



## A big milestone

**One year open, £140,000 raised and a village pub saved by its community. What an achievement!**

As we approach our first anniversary, it's worth reflecting on what the village has achieved together. With 295 pubs closing across Britain in the first nine months of 2026, according to the British Beer and Pub Association, saving The Bayford Inn feels more important than ever. Rising costs, business rates and the challenges of running a sustainable business are putting pubs under increasing pressure. [Source: BBPA.](#)

But a pub is about so much more than a drink. It's somewhere to catch up with neighbours, make new friends, tackle loneliness and feel part of village life. Thanks to our shareholders, supporters and volunteers, The Bayford Inn has a future, and we have plenty to celebrate!

**Join us on Thursday 26th November** for a drink on us and a buffet as we mark our first year of being open. We'd love to see you there.

Meanwhile, more shares have been purchased, more items sponsored and improvements continue around the building. Every contribution helps us build a sustainable future for the pub.

## Coming up

In December, two of our usual Fish and Chips Fridays will be replaced by a festive Christmas dinner. Booking will be essential, so keep an eye on our website and social media for details. Quiz Night, Prosecco and Paint, and Polish Night are already fully booked, so it pays to get in early!

## Art competition

Entries for this year's art competition close on **7th November**. The theme is '**The Bayford Inn**', entry is free and there's a **£250 first prize** up for grabs. Rules and entry forms are available in the pub and at [www.bayfordinn.com](http://www.bayfordinn.com).

## Thank you, volunteers

A huge thank you to everyone who gives their time, skills and energy to keep the pub going. From practical jobs around the building to helping behind the bar and at events, every contribution makes an enormous difference.

## News from The Bayford Inn

### Macmillan Coffee morning

This was a huge success; we are pleased to announce that £284.55 was raised for Macmillan Cancer. Thank you to everyone who joined us and a massive thank you to all the members of the community who baked amazing cakes!



### Keep supporting your local

Nothing beats popping in, catching up with neighbours and seeing what's happening at The Bayford Inn. Whether you come for a drink, enter the competition, sponsor something, volunteer or bring a friend, your support really does make a difference.

**One year on, we have plenty to be proud of. Thank you for helping save our pub and making it such a welcoming part of village life. Here's to the next chapter!**

**The Bayford Inn Team**



## Let's Light Up Our Village This Christmas!



This Christmas, we'd love to create a **magical festive welcome to Bayford** with a beautiful large Christmas tree and lights at the entrance to the village.

Of course, making it happen comes with a cost, so we're asking our wonderful village community to help. **Every donation, big or small, will make a difference** and help us bring a little extra Christmas sparkle to Bayford for everyone to enjoy.

Donation boxes can be found **in the Village Hall and at The Bayford Inn.**

**If you would like to make a donation but are unable to get to the pub or the village hall, call Alice on 07874 691359**



**A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated.**



LET'S LIGHT UP  
*Our Village* ♥

— ★ —

This Christmas, let's come together to create a magical welcome for everyone.

★ WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR A BIG CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS FOR THE ENTRANCE TO OUR VILLAGE.

— ♥ —

*Every donation, big or small, makes a big difference.*

*Thank you!* ♥

TO DONATE, PLEASE USE THE DONATION BOX IN THE VILLAGE HALL OR THE PUB.

★ TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE OUR VILLAGE SHINE THIS CHRISTMAS ★

# COFFEE AND BOOKS

## St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister



### Stoke Trister (and Beyond) Book Exchange

#### War and Poetry

Whenever I see wreaths being laid at war memorials, I think of Wilfred Owen, killed in action on November 4, 1918. Owen was, in my opinion, the greatest of all war poets, and possibly the greatest of all poets ever.

Before the war, Owen had already tried his hand at poetry, but the results were largely unremarkable: derivative, stiff and lacking heart. War changed that. Owen found his voice in the suffering of WW1. His experience at the front transformed his writing, and in the three short years Owen spent as an officer, he produced about seventy war poems, published posthumously. It took another forty years for Owen to be fully recognised as one of England's great poets. Would he have written those extraordinary poems had he never experienced the horrors of war? We'll never know.

Siegfried Sassoon, himself a fine war poet, mentored Owen when they met in a Scottish hospital in 1917. It still astonishes me that they were there at the same time, not just in the same hospital, but in the same room, poring over the same poems. Sassoon helped Owen with one of his finest works, *Anthem for Doomed Youth*.

Just as the church bells were ringing to celebrate the Armistice on 11th November 1918, Owen's mother received the telegram telling her of her son's death. Owen was 25 when he died. Here is *Anthem for Doomed Youth*, in Owen's handwriting. The crossings out and corrections are by Sassoon.

Our next event is on

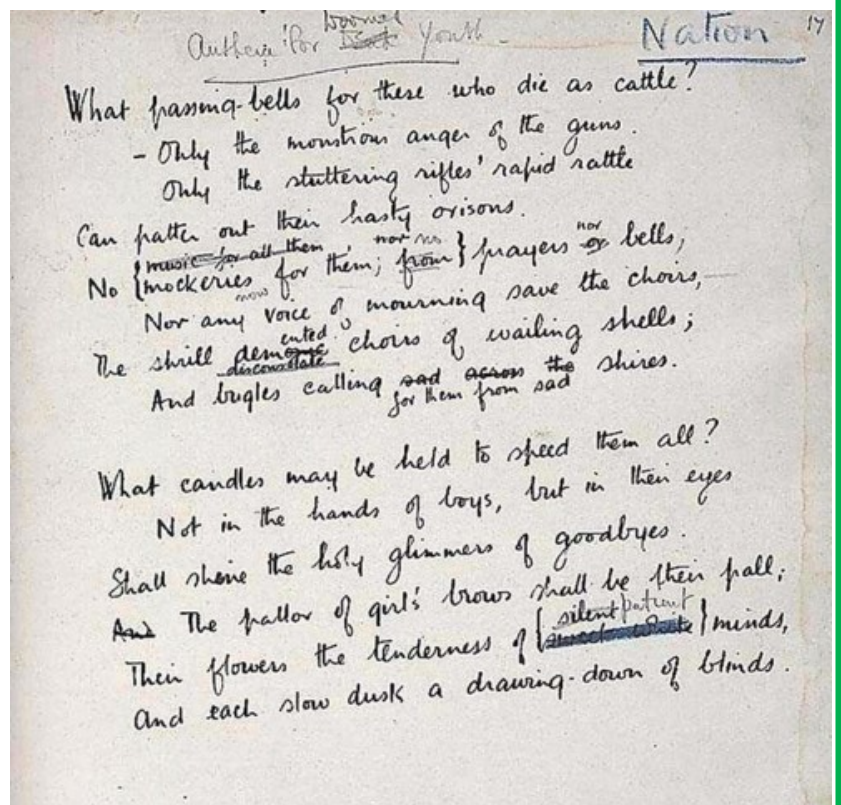
**11th November, at 11.30,**

St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister,  
half an hour later than usual.

11 am is to remember the fallen,  
including Wilfred Owen.

**Penelope**

(Book Exchange, Stoke Trister and  
Beyond)





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## 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 20th November 10.30 to 12.00*





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!!

## **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 2pm until 4pm.

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)**

# HARVEST

The Lord's Larder:

For the last 3 years, the gifts given at our Harvest service have been taken to the Lord's Larder which is based at the Gateway Church in Yeovil. This year Jean Sellick and myself, took a great amount which was kindly given at the service.

We were given a tour of the church, what a bonus and such an eye opener! The person who showed us around told us the history of the Lord's Larder. In 1991 his mother was talking to a member of the CAB and was told there was a need for emergency food aid in Somerset. As a Christian she felt the Lord Jesus prompting her to do something, so she set up a little store of non-perishable food etc. in her garage. Two friends from the church helped spread the word and the Lord's Larder was born.

In the year 2025, 154,000 items of food were distributed to 8,572 local people, 3,200 of which were children. The food goes out through various agencies. It's so true, from "little acorns, great oak trees grow"!

The loving work of one lady saying yes to the Lord's prompting has resulted in 35 years of generosity and kindness.

How grateful are we for all the good things we have, which we enjoy daily.

It's been a difficult year for our farmers with the drought, it's good to give thanks for their work daily and the food they produce for us to enjoy, let's remember those who do not have enough for their families.

Jean Brown





## **A BIG THANK YOU £601.19 Raised at this year's Macmillan coffee morning.**

### **A little bit of history:**

In 1884 Douglas Macmillan, the founder of Macmillan Cancer Support was born, in Cumnock Terrace, Castle Cary where there is a blue plaque on the wall!

He was a Christian, he saw his father die of Cancer, he felt he wanted to do something positive for others who were also suffering; so Macmillan Cancer Support was born!

It is now the largest support charity helping approximately 400,000 people per year.

Isn't it amazing how just stepping out can grow into something amazing!

This is our 13th year of holding a coffee morning in Charlton Musgrove. It started with just 3 of us sitting on hay bales at a party at Bex Kimber's home, Stephanie, Katherine and myself, we decided among us, that we could do something! Since then we have had amazing support from everyone and from that year on have held coffee mornings in various gardens, barns and the hall in Charlton Musgrove. The team has grown with some amazing folk.

We have raised thousands and had lots of fun too!

Jean Brown

## VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – AUTUMN WALKS

Is our Group adopting, by stealth, the Boy Scout motto: “Be Prepared”?

In September we had planned a 4-mile circular walk, starting from Castle Cary's centre and taking in the hamlet of Hadspen. For very good reasons, just setting off, a re-think was necessary and so - being prepared - we took in Lodge Hill and headed for the view-point above the town with its amazing vista, before heading back down-hill to our starting point. It was a delightful 2-mile walk which fitted the bill on the day.

Steve and Sara Jarrett had planned for October a local walk in Charlton Musgrove. While doing their recce (“Be Prepared”), they found their chosen footpath crossed a field shared by the fastest herd of young cattle in the west. The speed with which the cattle followed them suggested to Steve and Sara that some of our more “mature” walkers might not be up to sprinting as fast, so - being prepared - they sensibly chose to re-locate the walk to Pen Selwood.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November is the date for our last walk of the year. It has become our custom not to walk as a Group in December, a very busy month for most of us and we plan to walk on New Year's Day. The November walk is being prepared, with a number of very pleasant walks are under consideration. We will be prepared come 27<sup>th</sup> November! And we will meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall prepared to set off by 10am.

Do join us if you can - for all of our walks, or just one. It will be good to have your company and you will be very welcome.

Mike and Eileen Vockins

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*Mike and Eileen*



## Village Walk September Photos



**... and they're off.**

Last Saturday night the Memorial Hall reverberated to the thunder of hooves, followed by mingled cheers and groans as each race reached a nail-biting climax. Yes, it was Race Night, the annual fund-raiser in aid of the Wincanton Parkinson's Group.

Over 60 people helped to raise £1,910. This splendid result will help cover the cost of the Group's local activities.

Thank you to all who took part, particularly Blackmore Vale Rotary for providing and manning the equipment without charge.

Jeremy Sellick

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### Cucklington

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| 3rd 10th 17th 24th | Table tennis, 7.30pm Village Hall                              |
| 6th                | Pop-up-Pub night with UKRAINE Talk & Curry 6.30pm Village Hall |
| 28th               | Coffee morning 10:00am to 12:00pm Village Hall                 |

### Stoke Trister & Bayford

|      |                                                                   |
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| 5th  | Coffee morning, 10:00am to 12:00pm Bayford Village Hall           |
| 11th | Remembrance, reading the names 11:00am St Andrew's Churchyard     |
|      | St Andrew's Church Coffee & Book Exchange 11:30am to 12:30pm      |
| 12th | Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm Bayford Village Hall                |
| 14th | Christmas Fair 10:00am to Noon Bayford Village Hall               |
|      | Movie night "War Horse" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford Village Hall |
| 18th | Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford Village Hall                       |
| 27th | Afternoon Tea 2.30pm Bayford Village Hall                         |
|      | Wreath Making Workshop 6.00pm to 8:30pm Bayford Village Hall      |
| 28th | Wreath Making Workshop 2.00pm to 5:00pm Bayford Village Hall      |

### Charlton Musgrove

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| 2nd 9th 16th 23th 30th | St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am to 12:00pm CM                            |
| 10th 24th              | Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall                       |
| 20th                   | Coffee Morning 10:30am to 12:00pm Charlton Musgrove Village hall          |
| 27th                   | Village Walk 10:00am departure at Charlton Musgrove Village hall car park |



| NOVEMBER 2026                    |      |     |      |     |     |     |
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