# VILLAGE NEWS **APRIL 2025** Happy Easter

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Bishop's letter by Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

'God is good... all the time!'

When I was a priest in Nottingham, I remember thinking that as a parish we seemed to reflect more of the story of the crucifixion of Christ rather than His resurrection. Ours was a parish which had many personal stories of loss and suffering, of challenge and trial, and sometimes this made it difficult to lift our faces to the horizon to see the triumph and glory beyond the grave.

As we approach Easter, I want to encourage us to take time to 'walk the way of the cross', to notice God's grace as we do so, even in the painful moments as well as keeping our eyes fixed on the coming glory.

As I write this, I am catching glimpses of the kingfisher on its perch outside my study window. Always a delight! It sits on the branch across the moat in stillness, watching for the sign of a fish before it suddenly dives and then crests the water with its prize. A splash of colour rarely seen by many. It fills me with hope and joy, two gifts which I think Easter inspires.

Walking through Lent we are continually called to become conscious of our mortality and are reminded of the price Jesus paid on our behalf. Giving himself in death that we might have life. And we have that life because his death was not the end but the beginning of a new chapter, of life in all its fulness.

So, whatever the circumstances of your life this Easter, allow yourself to fully recognise and experience the challenges but never lose the prospect of the glory to come! 'God is good... all the time!'

#### **Bishop Ruth**

# Benefice Services and Events March to May 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

March	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	SAST	
April	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00 am	Cafe Church	SJCM
	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Palm Sunday – Holy Communion	SSCM
		10.30 am	Palm Sunday Walk	SLC - SAST
	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Maundy Thursday – A Last Supper	Ganges Farm.
	18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Good Friday Reflection	Methodist church Wincanton
	20 <sup>th</sup>	5.45 am	Sun-Rise Service	SAST
		9.00 am	Easter Day Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00 am	Easter Day – Holy Communion	SJCM
	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Holy Communion & Baptisms	SLC
May	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00 am	Cafe Church	SJCM

# MOTHERING SUNDAY BENEFICE SERVICE

MARCH 30th at 10.30 am

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH STOKE TRISTER

Refreshments after the service

ALL WELCOME

## PALM SUNDAY WALK April 13th

The morning starts at St Lawrence's church at 10.30 for a quick service, we will then walk across the fields or the road, weather dependant, to St Andrew's church to complete the service. Where Soup, Bread and Cheese will then be served from 12.15 approximately.

Those attending the Palm Sunday service at St Stephens. please do join us after the service.

Looking forward to sharing with you all.

Pip Loxton

## MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April A Last Supper

6.00 pm at Ganges Farm, Cucklington (Pip's Place)

If you would like to join us, please let me know for catering purposes.

Pip 07849 329727

## Good Friday 18th April Reflection service

Wincanton Churches together; the service is to be held at the Methodist Church, BA9 9JF. at 10.30am with

the Pilgrim singers.

#### Wincanton Choral Society

accompanied by professional orchestra & soloists will perform

J S Bach's St. John Passion

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm

St. Luke & St. Teresa's Catholic Church,

Wincanton, BA9 9DH

Tickets £15 (under 18s free) from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/wincantonchoralsociety

or on the door

Are you tired of running on an empty tank? Thirsty for meaning and purpose in life but don't know where to get a drink? Come and discover a growing community at Saint John's as we learn together what it looks like to live and love like Jesus.

We host a regular programme of gatherings that everyone is welcome to join, whatever your age, background or beliefs:

**Café Church,** a family-friendly church gathering for all ages, every 1st Sunday with breakfast served from 10am at St John's in Charlton Musgrove.

**Morning Praise**, a contemporary worship service with a message, every 3rd Sunday from 10am at St John's in Charlton Musgrove.

**First Fridays**, 2 hours of live worship every 1st Friday from 7:30pm at St John's in Charlton Musgrove.

**Alpha Youth**, a vital community of young people (13 - 18) asking life's biggest questions and learning about the basics of Christian faith together, every 3rd Friday from 7:30pm in Bayford's Mission Room.

Got questions, or would like to learn more? Please email <a href="marcusjohnletts@gmail.com">marcusjohnletts@gmail.com</a> or call Marcus Letts on 07459 233740.

Ps. This month, don't miss our upcoming Mission Day. On Sunday 6th April, our family-friendly Café Church service will host the president of a society of missionaries who'll tell us stories from the jungles of Indonesia and the beaches of Lesvos in Greece! Everyone is welcome.













#### **CUCKLINGTON**

St Lawrence's Church www.cucklington.org.uk Church Warden - Pip Loxton T: 07970 009142

Cucklington Village Hall (Arthur Morison Memorial Hall)

Cucklington Chairman – Campbell Dunford (01963 34220)
Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings
(01963 33320) who holds the keys!
If not available, contact Di Hammet (01747 840770)
Website: www.cucklington.org.uk

## SCRABBLE

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

#### 7.00pm Friday 18th 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.





Hall AGM 10.00am

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



#### Friday 4th April ...

#### CAPTIVATING CAMBODIA

Join Noni Lowney at 7.30pm in Cucklington Village Hall to take a brief look at a fascinating culture and its conflicts, contradictions and ceremonial splendour......

Tickets £10 (entry, bar and food) ...

"EAST meets WEST" canape buffet

To help us with catering numbers please book in advance at:

foxjennifer@btinternet.com



#### HOPE THIS IS IN YOUR DIARIES ....

**CUCKLINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** 

Friday 11 April, 2025 @ 7pm in the village hall

This meeting will elect a new PM Chairman.

All welcome!

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

Any plants and seedlings gratefully received.



#### 23 May RACE NIGHT POSTPONED...



Watch This Space !!

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

Send your copy to Pip Loxton (piploxton677@gmail.com) who will collect village notices or articles for inclusion in the monthly Village News for submission to the Editor by the deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> each month. Please do NOT send your copy direct to the Editor. Preferred format is in either .jpg or Word .docx

Remember, send to Pip before the 18th PLEASE

#### **STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD**



And



#### **CUCKLINGTON**

#### **REMINDER**

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2025 ST LAWRENCE'S, CUCKLINGTON and ST ANDREW'S, STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

#### 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.

EVERY 6 YEARS WE ARE REQUIRED TO PREPARE A COMPLETELY NEW ELECTORAL ROLL, EVEN IF YOU ARE ON THE EXISTING ROLL IT IS NECESSARY TO REAPPLY.

#### 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).

If you are eligible and wish to support St Lawrence's and St Andrew's please complete the form that will be delivered to you (please feel free to photocopy if more copies needed) and place in the box in either church porch (additional copies of the application form will also be available there)

Or return to /contact Julia Crawford-Smith, Haymeads for Cucklington or Alison Dixon (01963 32447) for Stoke Trister or Bayford directly.

Deadline for form submissions is 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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

1 My favourite view2 Portrait of an animal3 A family event





#### STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

www.stoketristerbayford.net web@stoketristerbayford.net





#### FIRST RESPONDERS

Laura Rose-Walker 07772 436812 Jo Garrett 07973 631744 Chris Rose-Walker 07919 261739 Aly Diggle-Perry 07770 221330





### THE CRITIC



The Critic is a period drama crime thriller where a powerful London theater critic becomes entangled in a web of deceit and murder.

The film stars Sir Ian McKellen as the critic, who lures a struggling actress into a blackmail scheme with deadly consequences



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

#### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Bayford Village Hall** 



10am-12noon

Thurs 3rd April

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 April
12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30



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



# JUMPLE

Bayford Village Hall ~ Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April :10am Please drop off donations Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 15.00 –18.00 *No electricals please* 

Contact Marilyn 01963 34297

## BAYFORD VILLAGE LITTER PICK

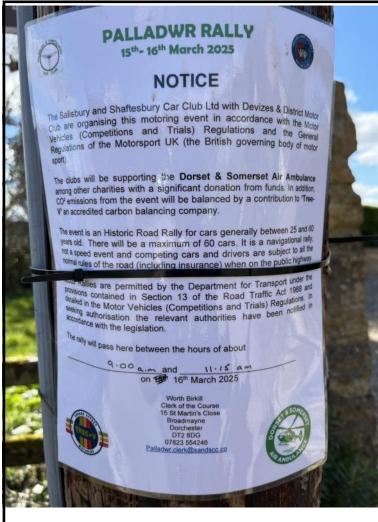
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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April
2pm

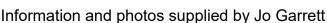
Meet at the green next to the bench by Love Lane





EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED IF YOU HAVE NOT GOT YOUR OWN







#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

#### **Stoke Trister/Bayford**

Hi every one, please be aware we have had a theft at Roy Trotts, Stoke Lane Bayford. One of his gas bottles for is home was cut away and taken sometime during the day. Keep your eyes and ears open and if you spot anything out of the ordinary, e.g. strangers walking, vans parked or people



in cars, report it, make it known and be vigilant! As you know we are now coming into the garden season so make sure all your mowers and garden equipment are not seen, keep them locked away in a secured building and if you are going away on holiday for a lengthy period, tell the police and ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property. Make it as secure as possible.

Andy Chesterman

#### The Bayford Inn Update

Firstly, many thanks to all those that have been giving up their time to work on the pub so far, we have filled six skips in total. Over 25 members of the community have got involved which has been absolutely amazing.



There is still much to do but we are now at a stage where some key works will be underway:

- Scaffolding will be going up around the building to enable work on the roof, guttering and chimney. We are just waiting for the pavement licence.
- Work will start on installing a front door which will also include a new internal porch.
- Continuing inside the main pub area we would like volunteers to help with decorating, we
  are planning to do this the weekend of 5-6 April some new furniture is being ordered as
  well as refurbishing some of the existing furniture again volunteers to work on those
  would be great.
- The bar and cellar area will also be updated with new equipment.
- Heating system and radiators to be installed
- And much, much, more

If you are interested in helping then please email <u>info@bayfordinn.com</u> or message 07718045380.

We are still looking for more shareholders to invest in the pub, shares are £1 with a minimum holding of £250. We had a great response from the leaflet drop - thank you Derek for posting for us! If you are interested please visit <a href="www.bayfordinn.com">www.bayfordinn.com</a>, email <a href="mailto:info@bayfordinn.com">info@bayfordinn.com</a> or speak to myself, Roger Perry or Oliver Lockwood.

The Bayford Inn Benefit Society model rules and an initial business plan have been added to the website.

Finally, we are planning a get together for all during Easter, similar to the event in December, to show progress, answer any questions and hopefully encourage a few more people to become shareholders. You can keep up-to-date by following Bayford Inn on Facebook or by subscribing to our email list which you can do by contacting <a href="mailto:info@bayfordinn.com">info@bayfordinn.com</a>



#### **CHARLTON MUSGROVE**

www.charltonmusgrove.org E: cmvillagehall@gmail.com





#### **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-defibrillator/

#### <u>Charlton Musgrove Short Mat</u> Bowls

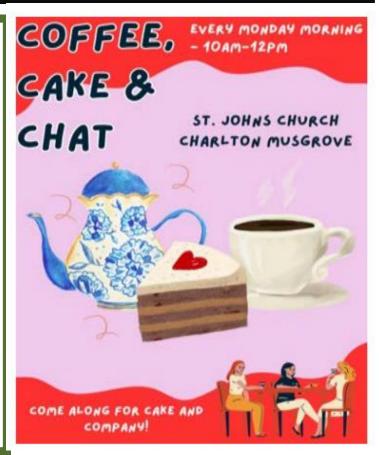
The Bowls Club is held in the Village Hall on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month. We start at 2 pm until 4p.m.

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**



Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall

Coffee morning, will be held on **Friday 18th 10.30 - 12.00**\_A once a month coffee morning is held on the 3rd Friday of each month There will be coffee, tea and cake with the opportunity to catch up with neighbours and friends. All this for £2.00. Any surplus monies made will go to local charities at the end of the year.

#### **Charlton Musgrove History evening**

'Alfred, the Vikings and the Bruton Sword'

A sword found on a farm in Brewham.

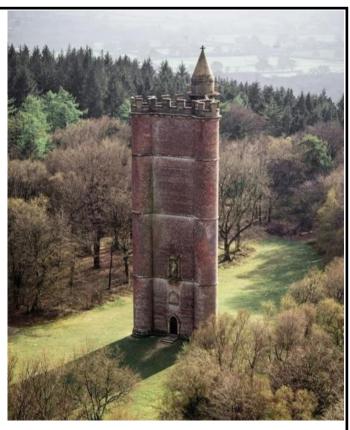
A lecture with pictures by local historian Andy Pickering

Friday April 11th 6pm for 6.30pm with cheese & wine

St. Stephens Church, Charlton Musgrove

Ruth Kimber – 07966 426962

Andy Pickering – 07714 880060



#### **CHARLTON MUSGROVE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2025**

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

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

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

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

It is available to download: -

https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/parish-support/pccs/electoral-roll/

and can be emailed to jeansellick@icloud.com

#### CHURCH MICE

Just to say what a blessing it has been having Marcus Letts working with us at Cafe church, Morning worship and First Fridays (evening worship) along with his friends and a five piece band at St John's church, also running a Youth Alpha Course in Bayford. It is so much appreciated.

How wonderful to have such a great group of young enthusiastic people in church.

Thank you Marcus and Emily.



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 as!

#### VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP - APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE WALKS.

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

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April will be our Bluebell Walk. We're looking at other alternative, but reasonably close, locations but it really is quite difficult to beat the bluebells at Duncliffe Hill. So the location will be confirmed nearer the time, but please note the date, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. As usual meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall ready for 10am departure.

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

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

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

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

Mike and Eileen

Mike and Eileen Vockins mdvockins@btinternet.com

01963 34837





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www.somerset.gov.uk 8.30am-5pm Mon - Fri

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#### MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Sarah Dyke (Lib Dem) sarah.dyke.mp@parliament.uk

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

Just a quick note from me, your new editor of our Village news, a massive thanks to Helen from us all, for her years of dedication and hard work in bringing the news to us and more latterly Andy. Personally I would like to thank Andy for his instruction and patience with me during this handover period. I am looking forward to the challenge ahead. Please contact me on my new email address:

MrKeithStroud@gmail.com with any information you would like included in the village news going forward.

For those of you who do not know me,
Andrea and I moved into Brecon in Bayford
village 2 years ago now, moving from London.
We felt this was home for us immediately and
have been made to feel very welcome by
everyone. I took early retirement in July of last
year and feel very blessed to be more involved
in village life & joining the Cucklington and
Stoke Trister with Bayford PCC.

Blessings one and all. Keith Stroud

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FRIDAY 10.45AM



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EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY						
Cucklington						
1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th	Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH					
4th	Captivating Cambodia talk by Noni, 7pm AMMH					
11th	Cucklington Annual Parish Meeting 7pm AMMH					
18th	Scrabble, 7pm AMMH					
26th	Hall AGM & Coffee morning, 10am AMMH					
Stoke Trister & Bayford						
3rd	Coffee morning, 10am Bayford village hall					
5th	St Andrew's Church Grounds Tidy Up 10:00am					
12th	Easter crafts event 10:00am Bayford village hall					
12th	Movie night "The Critic" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford village hall					
16th	Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford village hall					
18th	Youth Alpha 7.30pm Bayford village hall					
26th	Jumble Sale 10:00am Bayford village hall					
27th	Bayford Village Litter Pick 2pm meet at the green next to the bench by Love Lane					
Charlton Musgrove						
7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 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					
24th	Village Walk 10:00am meet at Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall car park					

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RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD •

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun			
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28 <b>X</b>	29 🛨	30							

This collection calendar is correct
(according to SSDC) for all of Charlton
Musgrove, Bayford, most of Stoke Trister
(BA9 9PJ, BA9 9PQ) and part of Cucklington (BA9 9QH, BA9 9QJ, BA9 9QY, BA9 9PW, BA9 9PU, BA9 9QN)

For other postcodes in Stoke Trister and Cucklington the recycling and garden waste is the same but refuse is on the 16th

#### **DEADLINE**

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

Send to MrKeithStroud@Gmail.com



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