

VILLAGE NEWS

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Benefice Services and Events

September to October 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

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| Sept | 7 th | 10.00 | Said Holy Communion | SLC |
| | | 10.00 | Cafe Church | SJCM |
| | 14 th | 9.00 | Holy Communion | SSCM |
| | | 13.00 | BBQ | SAST |
| | 21 st | 10.00 | Morning Praise | SJCM |
| | | 18.00 | Evensong | SLC |
| | 28 th | 9.00 | Holy Communion | SLC |
| | | | | |
| Oct | 5 th | 10.00 | Said Holy Communion | SLC |
| | | 10.00 | Harvest Festival | SJCM |
| | 12 th | 9.00 | Holy Communion | SSCM |
| | | 11.00 | Harvest Festival and Lunch | SLC |

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

Bishop's letter

Generosity begets generosity

By Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

In August I was privileged to dedicate the restored clock in the tower of Montacute church. It's not just any old clock. In fact, Montacute's is amongst the oldest in the country. Built in the village in around 1400, the clock is so old that it is held in place by iron wedges. At the time of its construction, the nut and the bolt wouldn't be invented for another hundred years!

The Montacute clock is an artefact that seems to generate generosity. In the 1980s the clock was restored by Humphrey Hamlin, for whom it is now named. Humphrey poured time and energy into its mechanism, preventing it from being scrapped. During the last two years, heroic efforts by the people of Montacute have led to its further restoration. All this was marked last month by a whole village gathering. The community choir sang, morris men danced, the local pub provided a hog roast, cake was dispensed in huge quantities.

Montacute is a beautiful example of how generosity begets generosity. Like a chain reaction, one act of generosity, the restoration of the clock, led to another, another and another. As a result, a whole community was brought together in celebration and joy.

In his second letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul writes of the church in Macedonia that 'their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity' (2 Cor 8:2). Having nothing, the Macedonians discovered that they could still give. In turn, their generosity enabled Paul to challenge and encourage the church in Corinth to do the same. All to help the struggling Church in Jerusalem.

As I travel around our diocese, I see this pattern of generosity begetting generosity happening in so many places. One person starts, another adds their contribution, more join in and soon we learn that together we are so much more than the sum of our parts. This is the economy of God. It's an economy that all of us are invited to join.





MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



COFFEE MORNING

**Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning
Charlton Musgrove Village hall
27th September 10-12noon**

Cake and Savoury stall.

Christmas present table.

Children's toy table.

Raffle and of course, fresh Brewed Coffee!

Please support this important event in it's 12th year—providing help for those with Cancer.

If you can help us in anyway,

please contact Jean Brown (07828 650620), Ceri Izzard (07759 027849) or Katherine Butt.

The Bayford Inn Update

It's been a busy month at the Bayford Inn:

- the new pub sign is up
- chairs and tables are back in
- roof works are ongoing - and we've sent a drone up to look at the chimneys
- the cellar interior is nearly complete and refrigeration is in place
- a new bar fridge is in place under the counter



Some photos follow, if you're free 2pm-5pm on the Bank Holiday Monday 25th August, please come and see for yourself and sample some of the beer that Butcombe have been kind enough to donate for the occasion!

(The paper copy of the Village News won't arrive in time to announce this, so if you receive the electronic copy, please be sure to tell any of your neighbours who rely on the paper one!)

Oliver Lockwood



You are cordially invited to

The Bayford Inn - Summer Open Afternoon

Monday 25th August 2025

2pm-5pm

Free Event | Drinks and Nibbles available | Dogs & children welcome

Come and meet the Interim Committee, check in on progress and find out what's next!

TICKETS - <https://BAYFORDINN.eventbrite.co.uk>



Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Flower Show 2025 was a great success, even the vegetable classes were surprising given the dreadful year, fruit did a bit better, this allowed the home industries to shine with a bumper number of entries. The children's classes were well supported (picture of the fairy cakes made and decorated) with 4 champions emerging, Molly and Jack Glover, Harley Torode and Elsie Butt. Winner of the Overall cup was Gaye Farquharson





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CUCKLINGTON

St Lawrence's Church

www.cucklington.org.uk

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 12th September.

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 20th September



10.00am- 12.00pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**Pop
up
Pub**



Friday 5th September

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.

IT'S

Quiz time!

AT

CUCKLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER

@ 7.30pm

Come & enjoy
homemade soup
and
crusty bread

PLUS ...

Cash bar

For purposes of catering and organisation
advance booking would be much appreciated...

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£10

per person

Teams welcome
but of no more
than 6 please!



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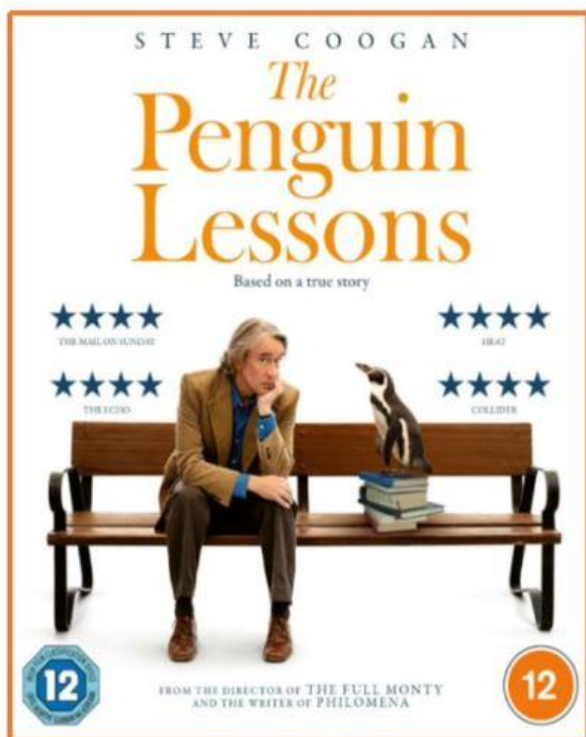


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The Penguin Lessons is a 2024 comedy-drama film that tells the heartwarming true story of a British teacher who rescues a penguin, transforming his life and the lives of his students in a politically charged Argentina.

Bayford Village Hall
Film Night
Saturday 13th September
7.00pm
(doors open at 6.30pm)



COFFEE MORNING **Bayford Village Hall**



10am-12noon

Thurs 4th September

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 17th September
12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30



*Please call Mary on 34420 by
Sunday 14th to book your lunch.*

COFFEE AND BOOKS

St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister

Our August event was a delight! One participant returned *Little Women* after reading it for the very first time, calling it "fresh." I haven't read it myself yet (I'm still haunted by what happened to Beth in the 1970s TV adaptation), but after hearing that, I think it's time I finally do.



Written in 1868 and set during the American Civil War, Louisa May Alcott's semi-autobiographical novel follows the coming-of-age years of the four March sisters—Jo, Meg, Amy, and Beth—and their mother, affectionately (if a bit irritatingly) called "Marmee."

Who wouldn't want to *be* Jo? Who doesn't shed a tear for Beth, feel exasperated by Amy, or quietly support Meg?

And then there's that unforgettable opening line: "*Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents.*" It's one of literature's most memorable first sentences.

Fast forward 157 years and we're reading it in Stoke Trister Book Exchange. Not only does it show us what life was like for young women all that time ago, but it still feels as fresh and relevant today as it did when it was first published.

Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday September 10th, from 10:30 to 12:00**. Come and go as you please, enjoy a cup of coffee, and join us for a chat. Bring a book if you have one, but whatever you do, don't leave without one!

Penelope
(Book Exchange, Stoke Trister and Beyond)

**Movies @ Bayford invites you to
afternoon tea at Bayford Village Hall**

**Friday 26th September
2.00pm**

**Tea and cake will be served with
light entertainment included.**

**The afternoon is free of charge so
please RSVP to Alice on 01963 33525**





END OF SUMMER BBQ

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,
STOKE TRISTER**

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

at 1pm

(food served from 1.30pm)

LIVE MUSIC by the BASSMAN



All welcome

info - 07855 549586

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 14th. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you intend to come as soon as you can so we can have some idea of how much to order. Vegetarian and gluten free sausages and burgers will be available too. Contact us on Alison's number 07855 549586. Thank you!



Calling All Green-Fingered (and Green-Thumbed) Helpers!



Over the past few months, St Andrews Church hedges and paths have grown a little... let's say "enthusiastic"!

While the extra greenery is lovely, some areas now need a good cut back and tidy to keep St Andrews Church pathways looking their best.

We are looking for volunteers to join us for a community hedge-cutting and weeding morning. No special skills required—just bring a bit of energy, and a willingness to get stuck in.

Date: Saturday 13th September

Time: 10am till 12pm

Meeting point: St Andrews Church, Stoke Trister

There'll be bacon and sausage butties, plus plenty of tea and coffee to keep us going.

It's a great chance to do something practical for St Andrews Church, catch up with our community, and enjoy a bit of fresh air.

Every pair of hands makes a difference, so whether you can give 30 minutes or two hours, we'd love to see you there.

Let's get St Andrews Church looking tip-top tidy again—together!

For more details, and to place your buttie order, please contact:

Gary

Tel: 07595 411212

email: gabaker@pm.me

Can You help?

Could you spare an hour to help clean St Andrews Church on Tuesday 7th October from 10 am. There are many jobs, brushing up, vacuuming, polishing etc.

Tea and Coffee provided, hope to see you there.

For further details contact Christine on 01963 32311 or 07790 786014

We are all busy these days but I just want to say, thank you to everyone who helps in a practical way at St Andrew's church and helps support events there, also a very special thanks to Pip Loxton who has taken on our Church Warden duties until we have someone in Stoke Trister/Bayford to take this on.

Alison (07855 549586)



Christmas Fair - Date for your Diary



As Summer turns to Autumn our thoughts turn to the Christmas Fair in Aid of St Andrews Church which is set for Saturday 29th November at Bayford Hall 10 - 12 noon. Last year we made an amazing £935 and with your help we might even make it to £1,000 this year. Please keep us in mind if you have anything that you think we could sell, gifts, toiletries, books, good condition nearly new, as well as edibles for the cake and produce stall and, of course, raffle prizes. More details to follow next month.

Many thanks
Christine Perrett



Christmas Tree Festival 2025 – First Planning Meeting



The twinkling of lights, the sparkle of tinsel, the sound of Shakkn Steven's... yes, it's that magical time of year creeping ever closer!

While we may still be in sandals rather than scarves, it's never too early to start planning for this year's St Andrews Church Christmas Tree Festival.

We're holding a preliminary meeting to share ideas, plot some festive fun, and plan activities for this year's event.

Whether you're brimming with creative themes, have a knack for organising, or simply fancy finding out more (and possibly being tempted into joining in!), we'd love to see you there.

Your thoughts and ideas help make the festival extra special, so please do come along and have your say — and help us make this year's celebrations the best yet!

Date: Tuesday 23rd September

Time: 7pm till 8pm

Location: Bayford Village Hall

Let's get together, have a chat, and start the countdown to this year's Christmas Tree Festival. Mince pies and tea might just appear...

Ho Ho Ho...

Gary
Tel: 07595 411212
email: gabaker@pm.me

Recent Ranger Activities

Residents of Bayford and Stoke Trister who like to wander our countryside may have noticed a few improvements recently.

The Parish Council have instructed a ranger to carry out some much needed repairs and improvements and he has been very industrious !

From repairing benches in Bayford, replacing a hand rail down some steps in Devenish Lane, strimming various rights of way, replacing finger posts and even building a bridge across a more precarious stile at Stoke Trister.

If there are any other footpaths in our parish which you feel would benefit from a haircut please email jogarrett29@aol.com.





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Ceri Izard (07759 027849) or Katherine Butt.

*worship
& prayer*

Friday September 5th

On the 1st Friday of each Month, at 7pm,
we are having a time of worship and prayer in St John's,
with a group of young people,
led by Marcus Letts.
Do join us!

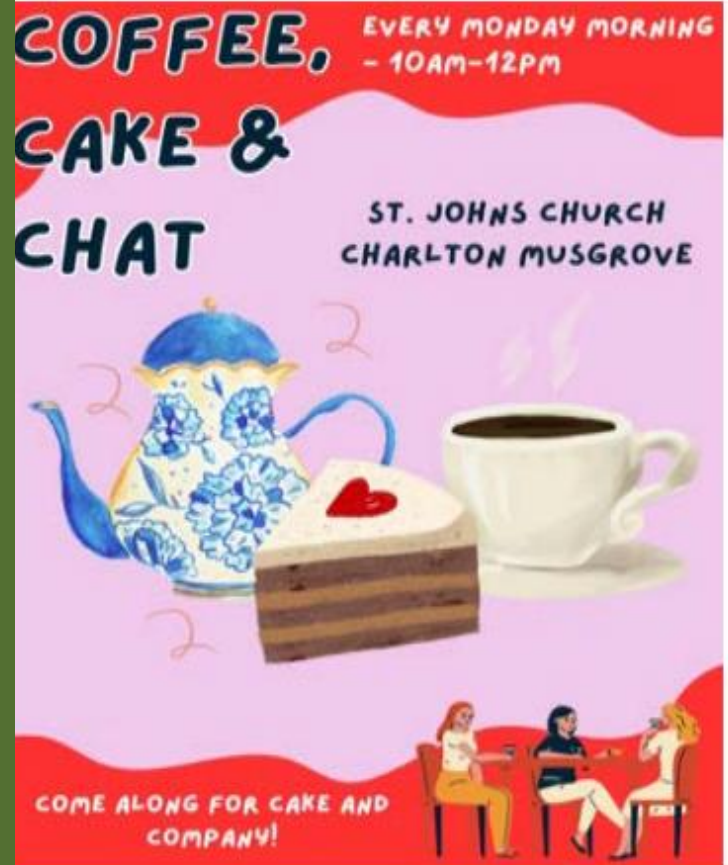
Charlton Musgrove Short Mat Bowls

The Bowls Club will only be held in the Village Hall on the **4th Tuesday** this month, due to a match in Templecombe.

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



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.

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 19th September 10.30 to 12.00



FAMILY RACE NIGHT



Saturday, 13 September 2025

Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

Doors open 6.30pm - First race 7.00pm

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Tickets available from Liz on 01963 351906 or pay on the door

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VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – SEPTEMBER'S WALK DATE

Saturday 27th September is ear-marked for VWG's next walk so, as usual, we shall meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall ready to depart by 10am. Look forward to seeing you then! Do come and join us!

At this point the location of that walk has not been decided upon, as we have had to change the walk planned for the end of August. Initially it was hoped we might walk part of the Mid-Wilts Way between Maiden Bradley and Kingston Deverill, but a recce showed that this was probably not suitable for a group walk. Up on the Downs the walking was easy and the views were wonderful, but the descent from the Downs was very steep and testing, and a very long walk along the lane back to the car (almost an hour!) took the edge off that route.

So a re-think has been necessary for our August walk – we will probably now explore some of the footpaths around Batcombe (and maybe Westcombe) – which means that we shall also need to re-think, and recce, a different walk for September. But, as always, we shall seek to find some good walking country and delightful scenery. So do come and join us on Saturday 27th September – especially if you haven't walked with us previously - we shall be pleased to see you.



Mike and Eileen

Mike and Eileen Vockins

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Editor's Message

As Andrea and I were travelling through the wondrous Mountains of Wales this past month, I was reminded of a verse in the Bible.

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you"

(Matthew 17:20).

Powerful teaching which emphasizes the incredible potential of faith in overcoming life's challenges.

Blessings one and all. Keith Stroud



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EVENTS FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER DIARY

Cucklington

2nd 9th 16th 23th 30th Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH

5th Pop up Pub 7.00pm

12th Scrabble, 7.00pm AMMH

20th Coffee morning AMMH

Stoke Trister & Bayford

4th Coffee morning, 10am Bayford village hall

10th St Andrew's Church Book Exchange 10:30am to 12:00pm

13th Calling all green fingers. Tidy up St Andrew's Church 10am till 12pm

13th Movie night "The Penguin Lessons" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford village hall

14th End of Summer BBQ 1.00pm St Andrew's Church

17th Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford village hall

23th Christmas Tree Festival 2025 Planning meeting 7pm till 8pm Bayford village hall

26th Movies @ Bayford 2.00pm afternoon tea at Bayford village hall

Charlton Musgrove

1st 8th 15th 22th 29th St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am CM

13th Family Race Night 6.30pm Charlton Musgrove village hall

19th Coffee Morning 10:30am Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall

23rd Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall

27th Macmillan Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Charlton Musgrove village hall

27th Village Walk 10:00am meet at Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall car park

SEPTEMBER 2025

GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD O

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| 8 X | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 XO | 16 + | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 X | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 X | 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 October issue is as always the 18th but please feel free to send it earlier! Send to MrKeithStroud@Gmail.com

