

VILLAGE NEWS

OCTOBER 2025



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Benefice Services and Events

October to November 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

Oct	5 th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Harvest Festival	SSCM
	12 th	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
		11.00	Harvest Festival and Lunch	SLC
	19 th	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		6.30	Evensong	SAST
	26 th	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
Nov	2 nd	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM

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

For or against: slavery and salvation

Much of our world operates around the challenge to be 'for' or 'against'. And generally, it is easier to be against things than for them! Look at the tendencies of the media, politics and religious disputes.

On October 18, Anti-Slavery Day, people across the UK will recommit themselves to the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking, one of the great evils of our time. Like William Wilberforce and what we now call historic slavery, we need to fight against the oppression and exploitation of our sisters and brothers today. Abolition is the proper aim of being anti or against.

And the challenge is growing with:

- More vulnerable people susceptible to false promises
- Increasingly flexible working arrangements which gives space for criminal agencies to provide goods and services based on exploitation and slave labour
- Police and prevention resources being ever overstretched
- And our own insatiable appetite for cheap products

There is much we need to learn to oppose and abolish.

But, in facing these almost overwhelming challenges we must not neglect what is primary for our Christian witness, the call to notice, reach out, rescue and restore. The call to love, to be for those who are hidden, neglected, hurting and ignored.

In Anti-Slavery Week, give time to thinking how you or your church or home group could better learn how to contribute to the fight against modern slavery. [The Clewer Initiative](#) has some amazing resources to help us open our eyes and assist the authorities and reach out towards victims.

But, alongside these prayers and practices, consider how you could go the extra mile in the way of the Good Samaritan. Going beyond the indifference of the priest and the Levite, too busy to stop, notice, reach out, rescue; rather how can we better contribute to establishing systems like the partnership between the Good Samaritan and the innkeeper— systems to provide care and the basis of restoring proper health and opportunities to those whose cries represent the voice of Jesus for those willing to listen.

Be against modern slavery this October, but more, be for those who need our friendship and our partnership.

Bishop Alastair Redfern
Honorary Assistant Bishop



Visit clewer.org.uk for Modern Slavery resources to help you reflect on how you can contribute to the fight against modern slavery.

The Bayford Inn Update

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Open Afternoon at the end of August. Our best estimates are that there were approximately 140 people - far too many to fit everyone inside! One of the photos shows the packed bar - hopefully a scene to be repeated soon.

Thank you also to those of you who responded positively to our call for more investment - every little (or big!) helps, and there's a lot to be paid for as we move towards opening.

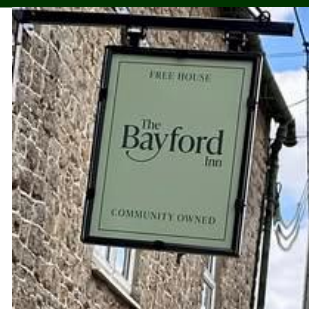
Over the last month, among other things we have:

- fitted a new chimney flue (the old one having been damaged by a fire some years ago) and commissioned the fireplace ready to make everything cosy in winter
- installed a (reclaimed) oil tank, preparing to serve our heating and hot water needs
- re-roofed the room on the 1st floor from which asbestos had previously been removed
- finished the repairs to the roof, with its new skylights and vent ready for the kitchen extractor
- had the scaffolding taken down

The cellar fit-out is due to take place next week, and we have taken delivery of an EPOS (till) ready for installation.

More to come, as ever - please continue to spread the word and encourage others to support the project.

Oliver Lockwood





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CUCKLINGTON

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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...

foxjennifer@btinternet.com

£10
per person

Teams welcome
but of no more
than 6 please!

Coffee Morning

Saturday 23rd October



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

before 18th of the month, please.

We will be decorating the Church for Harvest on Saturday 11th October at 10am. Everyone is welcome to bring along fruit and vegetables to display, we will also be collecting for the Food Bank so tins and dry products will be gratefully received.



cucklington HARVEST *Festival*

12TH OCTOBER

11.00- Service at St Lawrence Church,
Cucklington

From 12.00-Harvest lunch at
Cucklington Village Hall

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Lion is a 2016 biographical drama film based on the 2013 non-fiction book "A Long Way Home" by Saroo Brierley. As a five-year-old he is adopted by an Australian couple after getting lost hundreds of kilometers from home. 25 years later, he sets out to find his lost family

Bayford Village Hall
Film Night
Saturday 11th October
7.00pm
(doors open at 6.30pm)



COFFEE MORNING **Bayford Village Hall**



10am-12noon
Thurs 2nd October
All
welcome

Coffee, cake with friends, new and old.

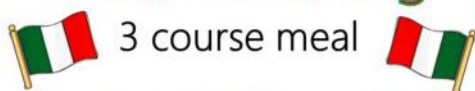
Meeting and making friends over food!

JOIN US FOR LUNCH
ALL WELCOME
BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL
WEDNESDAY 15th October
12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30



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

Italian Evening



Bayford Village Hall

Saturday 25th October

Seating from 6.30pm for meal at 7pm
£15 per person, BYOB

Contact Mary on 01963 34420 to book a place.

Proceeds towards "Make Bayford Beautiful"

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

Friday 31st October

2.00pm

Tea and cake will be served with
light entertainment included.

Please RSVP to Alice on 01963 33525



MAKE SOME SPOOKY THINGS CHILDRENS CRAFT EVENT

WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

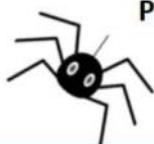
10AM-1PM AT BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL

FREE ENTRY

All local parish village's children welcome.

Pre-school children to be accompanied

RSVP Mary on 01963 34420



Christmas Fair - Date for your Diary



The Christmas Fair is on Saturday 29th November at Bayford Hall 10 - 12 noon.

We would be pleased to receive any goods that we can sell, that is Cakes, preserves and any food items for the Cake stall, Gifts etc for the Gift Stall, good quality nearly new items (not clothes or electrical), Books, prizes for the Tombola, as well as Raffle Prizes. Our local Craft Stall - Beyond the Stile - locally made Crafts will be at the Fair with lots of lovely gift ideas, (all goods given) do come and see what we have made this year.

If you would like to help in any way, on the day, display a poster or put posters up locally please let Christine know. All help greatly appreciated.

Please bring all goods to the hall on Friday 28th November 2 - 3.30 pm or contact Maggie on 01963 33147 (Bayford) or Christine on 01963 32311/ 07790 786014 (Stoke Trister)

Our Non-Barbecue!

We got there in the end! The weather was kinder than advertised and it was so good to see everyone. Two stars of the show were our very young four-footed waggy- tailed friends who seemed to enjoy themselves immensely! It was also good to welcome our youngest arrival in Stoke Trister, Caspian, with Hugo and Charlie. Thanks for coming everyone.

I think we all enjoyed the lovely food, the End of Summer Pimms and bar and the music. Neil and Vicky designed a fantastic delicious meal without a barbecue, which was very much appreciated as were all the helpers who gave generously of their time and donations of food and drink.

Lastly many thanks indeed to Chris Page, The Bassman, whose music always lifts the mood and makes events even more special. We are putting his details on village notice boards as we know he loves playing and would be happy to do so gratis for your event.

Now we can start thinking of the next one!

Alison Dixon







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.

COFFEE AND BOOKS

St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister



Odd, isn't it, how some books capture almost everyone's imagination while others just... don't? Back when I taught English GCSE, *Of Mice and Men* was always a class favourite — it never failed to engage. But its syllabus successor, *The Old Man and the Sea*, well... let's just say it left many of us (myself included) stifling yawns. And yet both are, undeniably, works of genius.

But then again — isn't every book a kind of genius in its own way? After all, every title in our Book Exchange has been chosen, read, and recommended by someone. Different readers, different tastes, different sparks of brilliance. Which means there's probably a book waiting here that's just right for you. We've got a full list of titles at St Andrews, and you're welcome to pop in anytime, have a browse, and maybe discover your next favourite read.

As for our last event — it was good fun, once again! We half-expected the torrential downpour (and it really was torrential) to keep everyone away, but no — our readers turned up, carrying books to return, and ready to hunt for something new.

One small hiccup: the biscuits. Yes, we know. A lapse in catering judgement left them a little... underwhelming. Rest assured, the biscuit situation is firmly under review, and improvements are on the way.

Our next gathering is on **Wednesday 8th October, 10.30–12.00 at St Andrew's, Stoke Trister**. Bring a book, take a book, or just come for a chat — and yes, the biscuits will be back and better than ever. And gentlemen — where WERE you? Please turn up next time, or the ladies will claim both the literary high ground *and* the last chocolate biscuit.

Penelope

(Book Exchange, Stoke Trister and Beyond)



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Coffee Morning at The Kitchen @ Kimbers' **Friday 10th October 10am - 12pm**

Raising money for The Treatment Bag which is a non-profit charity (based here in Charlton Musgrove) that creates luxury gift bags for adults receiving treatment for cancer.

Please come and enjoy time with friends
(with cake and coffee)



*worship
& prayer*

Friday October 3rd

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!

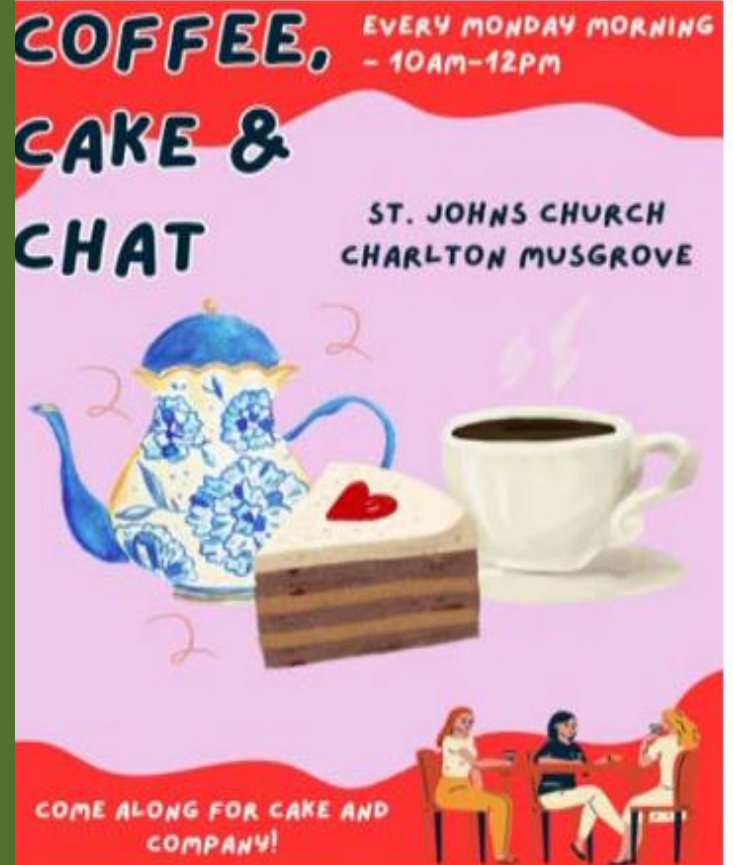
Charlton Musgrove Short Mat Bowls

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

Tea and coffee are provided half way through the meeting. Fees are £3 per session.

If you are at all interested, please come along and join us. We are a very friendly group and have room for new members.

Janet and Tony Cole (01963 31739)



Coffee, cake & chat has been running for a while now, it's a lovely time, it's run by the church as an outreach to our community & also provides finance for our church, which in turn helps to pay for the Village news!!



Memorial Hall Coffee Morning

A once-a-month coffee morning is held on the 3rd Friday of each month. There will be an opportunity to catch up with neighbours.

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 17th October 10.30 to 12.00*



VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – OCTOBER WALK

Our October walk will be on **Friday 31st October** and will be led by Steve and Sara Jarrett. We shall meet at **Charlton Musgrove Village Hall for a 10am departure.**

Our August walk, started from Batcombe Church, proved popular even though it was quite hilly. The walk amply affirmed the point that when you walk downhill almost certainly you are going to have to go up again – and we did both frequently. Much of the walk was on footpaths and fields. A post-walk visit to the Three Horseshoes was a welcome way to end an interesting ramble.



Mike and Eileen

Mike and Eileen Vockins

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CHURCH MICE

A big thank you to Margaret Hammer. Who comes early each Monday and sets up St John's church for the Coffee Mornings.

We love having you amongst us Margaret.



A big thank you to Steve and Sarah, Jeremy and Jean for clearing the gullies and drains around St Stephen's church.



Harvest Festival Service Sunday 5th October 10:00am

St Stephen's church in Charlton Musgrove

Service will be led by Marcus Letts with refreshments afterwards.

Collecting for the Food Bank so tins and dry products will be gratefully received.

Editor's Message

"God of abundance and mercy, We give thanks for the harvest, For the seeds sown and the fields yielding their bounty, For the sun and the rain that nurtured them, and for the hands that toiled to bring the harvest to fruition.

We thank you for the food that nourishes us, For the beauty of your creation, and for the interconnectedness of all life.

We pray for those who face hunger and scarcity, For those who labour without reward, and for those who have lost their harvests to conflict or disaster.

May we, too, be sowers of kindness and justice, May we learn to share your gifts generously and live as responsible stewards of this Earth.

In gratitude, we offer ourselves to serve you and our fellow human beings, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

Blessings one and all. Keith Stroud





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EVENTS FOR YOUR OCTOBER DIARY

Cucklington

3rd	Quiz Time, 7.30pm AMMH
7th 14th 21st 28th	Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH
12th	Harvest Festival Lunch 12:00pm AMMH
23rd	Coffee morning AMMH

Stoke Trister & Bayford

2nd	Coffee morning, 10am Bayford village hall
8th	St Andrew's Church Book Exchange 10:30am to 12:00pm
11th	Movie night "Lion" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford village hall
15th	Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford village hall
25th	Italian Evening seating from 6:30pm for Meal at 7:00pm Bayford Village Hall
29th	Children's Craft Event 10:00am to 1:00pm Bayford Village Hall
31st	Movies @ Bayford 2.00pm afternoon tea at Bayford village hall

Charlton Musgrove

6th 13th 20th 27th	St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am CM
10th	Coffee Morning at The Kitchen @ Kimbers 10:00am to 12:00pm
14th 28th	Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall
17th	Coffee Morning 10:30am Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall
31st	Village Walk 10:00am meet at Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall car park

OCTOBER 2025

GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD O

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6 XO	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 X	14 +	15	16	17	18	19
20 X	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 XO	28 +	29	30	31		

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 November issue is as always the 18th but please feel free to send it earlier! Send to **MrKeithStroud@Gmail.com**

