

# VILLAGE NEWS

DECEMBER 2025

and

JANUARY 2026



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## **Christmas joy for all people – by Bishop Michael**

We fear that we live in a world of increasing polarisation. Conflicts between and within nations play their part. The amplification of division and hostility by social media algorithms doesn't help. Culture wars exacerbate matters further. Sometimes it feels like common ground is disappearing from underneath our feet like a sandbar being overwhelmed by the tide.

In such a climate, it's good to return to the message that heralded the arrival of Jesus. 'I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be for all people' says that angel who announces the saviour's birth (Luke 2:10). Jesus' story quickly includes all types and sorts of humanity. From local shepherds to exotic visitors from afar. I wonder what the conversation was like as they all crammed into the stable to see the newborn child?

Jesus's story quickly shows that not only is he for all people but that he needs all people. His family must have needed assistance when they fled as refugees to Egypt. Jesus must have needed help when his parents left him behind on a family outing to Jerusalem aged twelve. Jesus was constantly calling on and engaging with others as he went about his teaching and ministry.

What might counter the polarisation of our day? Amongst our greatest resource is to seek out the emotion that accompanied the news of the saviour's birth – joy. When we encounter joy – from that cup winning goal to the marriage of much loved friends – such moments are never the time for division and enmity. We're all far too busy shouting and hugging each other! The invitation of Christmas is to experience such joy afresh. Often, we see joy most obviously in children's experience of the season. Might we seek it for ourselves too? For joy breaks down divisions, overcomes barriers, reminds us that we are one.

'I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be for all people' says the angel.

A very merry and joyful Christmas to you all.

**Michael Beasley**

Bishop of Bath and Wells



# Benefice Services and Events

SSCM St Stephens Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SJCM St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SLC St Lawrence, Cucklington

SAST St Andrew, Stoke Trister



## December 2025

Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	Christingle	SSCM
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
	10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
12 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Tree Festival	SAST
13 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Tree Festival	SAST
14 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Tree Festival	SAST
	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
17 <sup>th</sup>	19.00	Carols and Readings	SAST
19 <sup>th</sup>	19.00	Carols and Readings	SSCM
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
	19.00	Carols by Candlelight	SLC
24 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	Crib Service with Carols	SJCM
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
	10.30	Holy Communion	SSCM
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	New Year Reflection, Short Act of Worship	SJCM

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## JANUARY 2026

4 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
	10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
	18.00	Evensong	SLC
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC

## FEBRUARY 2026

1st	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
	10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
8th	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
15th	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
	18.30	Evensong	SAST
18 <sup>th</sup>		ASH WEDNESDAY	
22nd	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC

# Christingle Service

St Stephen's Charlton Musgrove

Sunday 30th November at  
3:00pm

led by Marcus Letts



## Christmas Carol Services

St Andrew's Carols and Readings 17th December at 7:00pm

St Stephen's Carols and Readings 19th December at 7:00pm

St Lawrence's Carols by Candlelight 21st December at 7:00pm



## Crib Service with Carols

led by Marcus Letts

St Stephen's Charlton Musgrove

Wednesday 24th December at  
3:00pm





## **Christmas Day Services**

**St Lawrence's Cucklington 9:00am**

**Holy Communion**

**St Stephen's Charlton Musgrove 10:30am**

**Holy Communion**

**Your PPCs invite you  
to a New Benefice social evening  
on Saturday  
17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm At the Cucklington Village Hall  
Cash Bar  
Buffet  
with Entertainment  
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[piploxton677@gmail.com](mailto:piploxton677@gmail.com)  
or text 07849 329727  
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## **Burns Night 2026**

**at the Cucklington Village Hall**

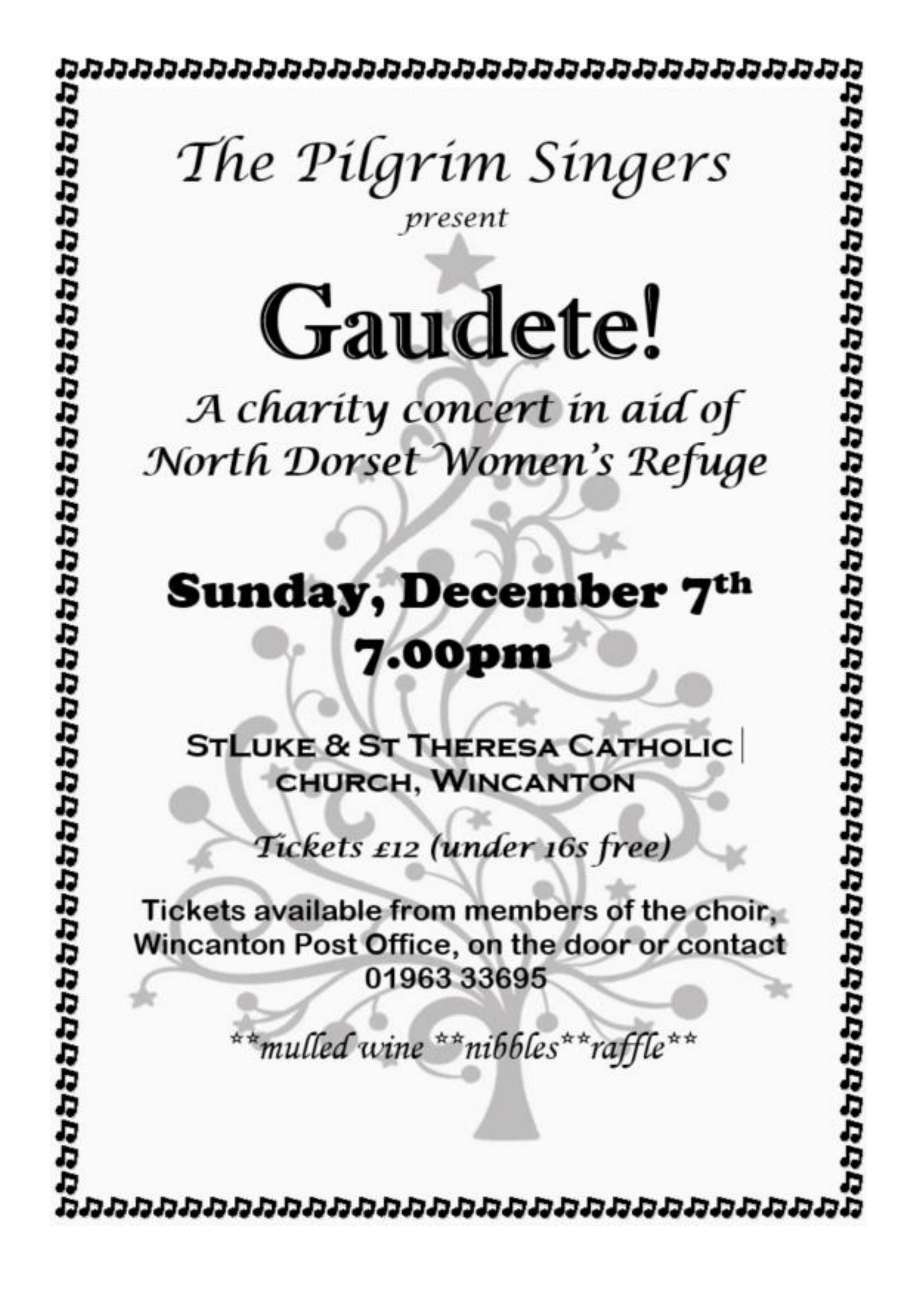
Date - 7.00 pm Saturday 24th January 2026.

Activity - Supper and a little simple reeling.

Tickets - £16.50 each. To purchase please visit [WeGotTickets](https://www.wegotickets.com) and search for Burns Night - Cucklington.

Any questions please contact Peter Munro  
07778 262468 or [petermunro20@live.co.uk](mailto:petermunro20@live.co.uk)





*The Pilgrim Singers*

*present*

# Gaudete!

*A charity concert in aid of  
North Dorset Women's Refuge*

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
7.00pm**

**STLUKE & ST THERESA CATHOLIC |  
CHURCH, WINCANTON**

*Tickets £12 (under 16s free)*

Tickets available from members of the choir,  
Wincanton Post Office, on the door or contact  
01963 33695

*\*\*mulled wine \*\*nibbles\*\*raffle\*\**

In aid of Stoke Trister & Bayford Church

# Christmas Fair

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> November  
 Bayford Village Hall  
 10-12 noon

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Raffle, Cake, Gifts, Beyond the Stile Crafts,  
 Tombola, Books, Nearly New and all the  
 Usual Stalls

## Christmas Tree Festival

St Andrew's Church Stoke Trister  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> December 7pm - 9pm**  
 Drinks, and Live Christmas Swing from the  
 Bassman

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 - 4:00pm**  
 2pm - 3pm: Children's Face Painting  
 (3yrs+) & fun Christmas activities.  
 3pm - 3:30pm: Children's Nativity  
 Film & Talk  
 (Children must be accompanied by an  
 adult at all times)

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 1pm - 4pm**  
 1pm - 2pm: Quiet Time,  
 accompanied by classical  
 Christmas music.  
 2pm - 2:30pm:  
 Gillingham Silver Band  
 2:30pm - 3pm: Silver  
 Band accompanying this  
 year's Singing of Carols  
 3pm - 4pm: Photo shoot  
 for family and friends.

**Come and see the trees**

**Christmas colouring competition throughout Sat/Sun**





## The Bayford Inn Update

It gives me great pleasure to announce that, by the time you read this, the Bayford Inn will be open for business!

The initial opening hours are as follows:

- Wednesdays 12pm - 2pm, and 6pm 'til close
- Thursdays 12pm-2pm, and 6pm 'til close
- Fridays 12pm-11pm
- Saturdays 12pm 'til close
- Sundays 12pm 'til close.

"til close" means that we are potentially open until 11pm, but if there are no patrons in the bar on a given evening we might close a little earlier (e.g. 9 or 10pm).

Those of you who are shareholders should also receive an invitation by email to our first AGM, to be held on Wednesday 3rd December in the village hall (exact time TBC).

If you are a shareholder and haven't received such an email, then please: email [info@bayfordinn.com](mailto:info@bayfordinn.com) to let us know of the issue and to give us your email address. If you don't have an email address, then just ask a member of the committee or in the bar for details (we will probably put a poster up in the window and/or on the village noticeboard as well).

If you are not a shareholder, the opportunity to become one remains open - please get in touch or see <https://bayfordinn.com> for more details.

Cheers!

Oliver Lockwood





### Cucklington Village Hall

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### CUCKLINGTON

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

## SCRABBLE

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

**Provisionally 7pm 9th January'26 (TBC)**

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 31st January*



10.00am- 12.00pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Pop  
up  
Pub



### Merry Christmas

Pop-up-Pub night will return to Cucklington Village Hall on Friday 6th February 2026 - 7pm

## 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.

**Everyone's invited (member or not) to our.....**



**CLUB CHRISTMAS  
PARTY (Entry free)....**



**Cucklington Village Hall**

**on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December .... doors open at 7.00pm**

**Please bring a plate for the Sharing Buffet table  
Cash bar and raffle**

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## STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

www.stoketristerbayford.net  
web@stoketristerbayford.net



### FIRST RESPONDERS

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Chris Rose-Walker 07919 261739    Aly Diggle-Perry 07770 221330



## CHRISTMAS COFFEE

**Thursday 8th January**

**10:00 to 12noon**

**at The Bayford Village Hall**

**Thursday 4th December**

**10:00 to 12noon**

**at Red Brick House Maggie's**

**All welcome**

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

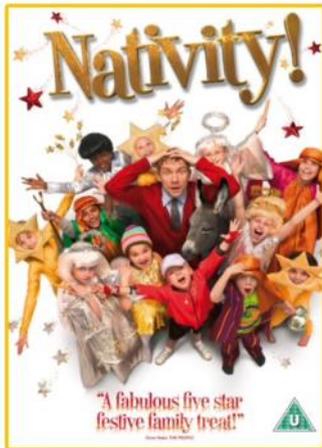


*Meeting and making friends over food!*

**ALL WELCOME JOIN US FOR LUNCH  
BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**NO LUNCH IN DECEMBER SO MERRY  
CHRISTMAS & SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY  
21ST JANUARY  
12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30**

*Please call Mary on 34420 by Sunday  
18th to book your lunch.*



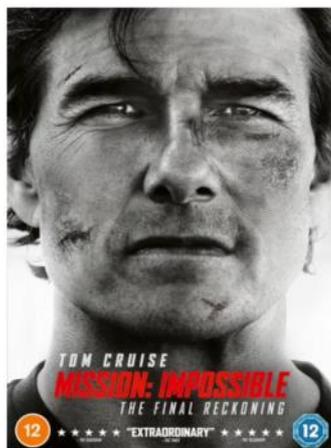
**Nativity! (2009)** is a British Christmas musical comedy film about Paul Maddens, a disheartened primary school teacher. He is tasked with directing the school's nativity play, which competes with a posh academy. To boost his chances, Paul falsely boasts that his ex-girlfriend, Jennifer, a Hollywood producer, will be attending the nativity play. However, his lie spreads, leading to chaos and unexpected excitement among the children and staff.

**Bayford Village Hall  
Film Night  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
7.00pm  
( doors open at 6.30pm )**



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**Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning**  
Ethan Hunt (played by Tom Cruise) and his IMF team race against time to locate and neutralize a rogue artificial intelligence known as the Entity, which has infiltrated global intelligence networks. Pursued by multiple governments and a shadowy figure from Hunt's past, they must stop the AI before it reshapes the world forever.

This film builds on the events of its predecessor, "Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One"

**Bayford Village Hall  
Film Night  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January  
7.00pm  
( doors open at 6.30pm )**



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

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**2.30pm**

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

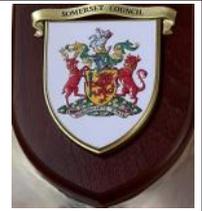
The afternoon is free of charge.

**Please book your place by contacting Alice on  
01963 33525**



# Somerset Council

The Chair's Award for Service to the Community 2025  
In acknowledgement of the contribution made by  
Bayford Community Social Group  
To the community of



## **CITATION FOR: Bayford Community Social Group Nominated by Marilyn Miland of Bayford and Stoke Trister Parish Council**

This group have organised various projects and events in Bayford to encourage residents of the parish to socialise, providing a community hub and improving health and wellbeing. Some of the events and projects are: monthly village lunches, themed dinners, craft sessions for children and adults, movie nights, litter picks with children from local schools, a loop system in the village hall conforming with DDA1995, helping those with impaired hearing to engage better and summer planters outside the village hall and the green. All this achieved with funds raised by the group; therefore, the parish council commend these ladies for this award.

The award was presented by Mike Best (Chairman of Somerset Council)

Congratulations to Mary, Alice, Janet and Marilyn.



Remembrance Day  
Laying of the wreaths

**CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE**

The Cottage front garden , Bayford  
( opposite The Bayford Inn )

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10am-Noon**

**Join us for a mince pie and a warming drink**

**All proceeds towards running costs of  
Movies@Bayford**



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Can you help:-

We are looking for Volunteers to Clean the Church.

It would be great to have

5/6 Volunteers to help clean the Church every 2/3 months.

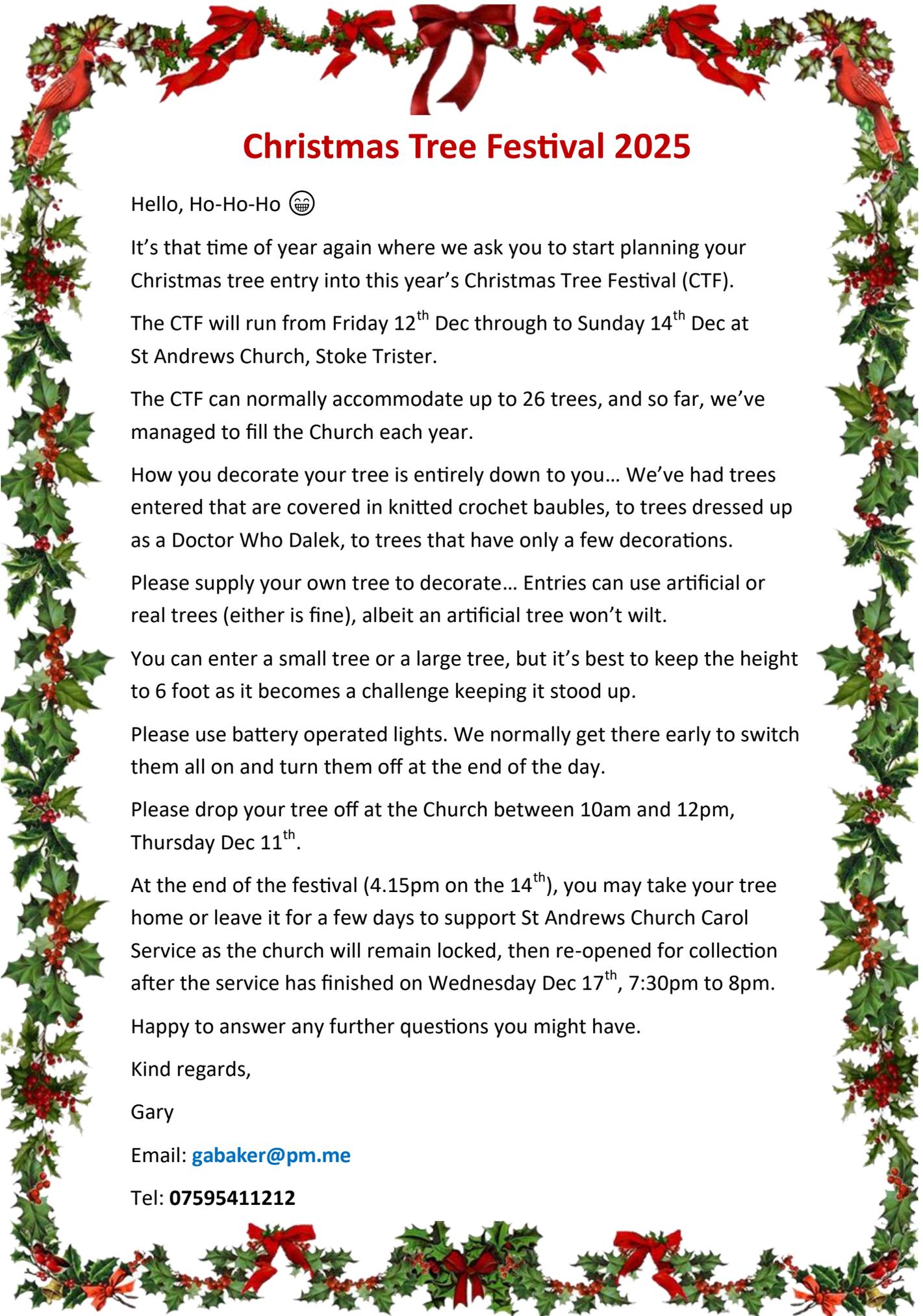
The next Big Clean is

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2025

10 – 11 am Refreshments provided

Many jobs, Polishing, brushing up, brushing cobwebs down, vacuuming.

Please contact Christine on 01963 32311



## Christmas Tree Festival 2025

Hello, Ho-Ho-Ho 😊

It's that time of year again where we ask you to start planning your Christmas tree entry into this year's Christmas Tree Festival (CTF).

The CTF will run from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec through to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at St Andrews Church, Stoke Trister.

The CTF can normally accommodate up to 26 trees, and so far, we've managed to fill the Church each year.

How you decorate your tree is entirely down to you... We've had trees entered that are covered in knitted crochet baubles, to trees dressed up as a Doctor Who Dalek, to trees that have only a few decorations.

Please supply your own tree to decorate... Entries can use artificial or real trees (either is fine), albeit an artificial tree won't wilt.

You can enter a small tree or a large tree, but it's best to keep the height to 6 foot as it becomes a challenge keeping it stood up.

Please use battery operated lights. We normally get there early to switch them all on and turn them off at the end of the day.

Please drop your tree off at the Church between 10am and 12pm, Thursday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.

At the end of the festival (4.15pm on the 14<sup>th</sup>), you may take your tree home or leave it for a few days to support St Andrews Church Carol Service as the church will remain locked, then re-opened for collection after the service has finished on Wednesday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm to 8pm.

Happy to answer any further questions you might have.

Kind regards,

Gary

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

Tel: **07595411212**

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## COFFEE AND BOOKS

### St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister



#### Stoke Trister (and Beyond) Book Exchange

I am a big fan of Audible. I listen to books constantly—it's relaxing, it's pleasurable, and it makes me feel intellectually productive even when I'm actually just lying on the sofa like an occasional cushion. (How can a cushion be 'occasional'? Isn't it always a cushion)? But is it *real reading*?

My sister insists it isn't. She says it's cheating, and honestly, part of me agrees. Still, it's an excellent substitute for a real book when your eyes are exhausted from staring at a screen all day pretending to work.

A friend of mine swears Audible cured her insomnia. I believe her, because I also nod off mid-chapter and wake up hours later to a plot twist I'm completely unprepared for. Unless it's Dickens, of course. He includes so much detail that even if you sleep through half the book you can still rejoin the story and immediately know which foggy Victorian street you've wandered into.

That said, the pleasure of reading a physical book is on a whole different level. I recently picked one up at the Book Exchange—*Tell Me Your Lies* by Kate Ruby. Instead of a trained actor doing all the voices for me (and Audible really does hire excellent ones), I get to perform them myself. In my head and occasionally, when I forget myself, out loud. Modern novels love switching narrators every chapter, so I end up staging a full-cast audio drama in my living room.

*Tell Me Your Lies* is a pretty good read too, and I'm happily turning those physical pages all the way to the very last one—no batteries, no buffering, no accidental bedtime binge-listening required.

We're skipping the December Book Exchange Event because of the Christmas Tree Festival, but reconvening in January. New people are always welcome.

**Next event Wednesday January 14th 10.30 - 12.00, St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister.**

We'd love to see you there.

**Penelope**

(Book Exchange, Stoke Trister and Beyond)





**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 web-  
 site at

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

### Village Christmas Tree

Unfortunately Otter Nurseries are unable to donate a  
 Christmas tree for outside St John's this year. Has  
 anyone got any ideas of what we can do?

It always looks bright and cheerful in the village.

Any ideas please tell Jean Brown.



**Friday 5th Dec**  
**Friday 2nd Jan**  
 From 7:30pm BA9 8HN



Starts 10am Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday BA9 8HN



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## Charlton Musgrove Short Mat Bowls

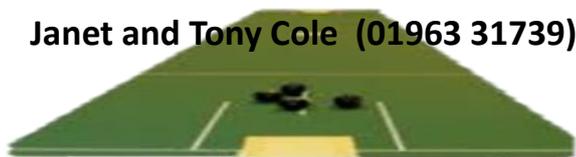
The Bowls Club last meeting of **2025** will be on **9th December** in the Village Hall  
We start at 2 pm until 4p.m.

### **Back to 2nd and 4th Tuesday in January**

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

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

**Janet and Tony Cole (01963 31739)**



## **COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT**

EVERY MONDAY MORNING  
- 10AM-12PM

ST. JOHNS CHURCH  
CHARLTON MUSGROVE



COME ALONG FOR CAKE AND  
COMPANY!



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

## **Memorial Hall Coffee Morning**

*This months coffee morning will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.*

*Mince Pies and mulled wine along with the usual coffee morning treats*

*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 12<sup>st</sup> December 10.30 to 12.00***

***January's Coffee morning will be back to the 3rd Friday 16th January 2026***



## Coffee, Cake and Chat Group

### Samaritans Shoe Boxes



Thank you everyone for your amazing response, when we decided we would do shared boxes, working together, I couldn't have imagined that we would be sending 70 from our little group, plus £125.00 donations towards their transport, as well as the money in the boxes! A lovely morning was had by all.



## VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – DECEMBER AND JANUARY WALKS

By custom no VWG walk is arranged in December – partly because there is so much else going on, and also because it has become our custom too to walk on New Year's Day.

So we shall walk next on 1<sup>st</sup> January, meeting as usual at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall, ready to leave by 10am. By custom also this is usually a local (or relatively local) walk, and not too long. It may even be followed by seasonal refreshments at The Chantry! Where we walk that day will be confirmed later, for at this time of year so many of our local fields and footpaths are really muddy, waterlogged, or quagmired – and Storm Claudia did a good job of getting them in that condition already.

Our New Year Day's walk will see us beginning our fifth year of activity – reminding us of Rev'd Rosy Ashley's suggestion that we might, on behalf of the Church, start such a group for our community in Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington, Stoke Trister and Bayford.

Looking further ahead the following dates have been penciled in for early 2026 walks: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Look out for further details later on, but we will send conformations to all on our VWG mailing list.



*Mike and Eileen*

Mike and Eileen Vockins

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**John Ball**, John each year does a excellent display for Remembrance Day at St John's church, Thank you John, we appreciate you very much.

**Nick Dibben**, Nick has taken over the wild flower area in St Stephen's church from Martyn, it's a lot of work, Nick is generous with supplying seeds, bulbs etc, plus the hard work of keeping up with the maintenance. Thank you so much Nick, you are a star.

**Dennis & Jenny**, thank you for your faithful service to us in unlocking and locking of our church at St John's & for supplying cakes. We will miss you very much, we send you our blessings for your new home.

Jean Brown



## Editor's Message

Merry Christmas to all our readers and advertisers,

I would like to say thank you to all of you who have contributed to the publication of the Village News over the past year. I would also like to say a big thank you to the people who distribute the Village News through our letterboxes.

I have been asked to say a special thank you to Emily & Tom who helps Maggie with the distribution.

Praying for the peace that passes all understanding to be with us all during this Christmas period.

Blessings one and all.

Keith Stroud



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## Cucklington

2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th	Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH
5th	Club 100 Christmas Party doors open 7:00pm AMMH
29th	Coffee morning 10:00am—12:00pm AMMH

## Stoke Trister & Bayford

2nd	Clean the Church 10:00-11:00am St Andrews
4th	Coffee morning, 10am at Red Brick House Maggie's
6th	Christmas Wreath Sale 10:00 to Noon The Cottage front garden
12th 13th 14th	Christmas Tree Festival St Andrew's Church
13th	Movie night "Nativity" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford village hall

## Charlton Musgrove

1st 15th	St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am CM
8th	St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am at Jean & Martyn Brown's house
9th	Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall
12th	Coffee Morning 10:30am Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall

Somerset Council are making changes to Garden bin collections which may affect you.

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# EVENTS FOR YOUR JANUARY 2026 DIARY

Cucklington	
6th 13th 20th 27th	Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH
9th	Scrabble, 7.00pm AMMH (TBC)
17th	New Benefice Social Evening 7:00pm AMMH
24th	Burns Night 7:00pm AMMH
31st	Coffee morning 10:00am—12:00pm AMMH
Stoke Trister & Bayford	
8th	Coffee morning, 10am Bayford village hall
10th	Movie night “Mission Impossible (The Final Reckoning)” doors open at 6.30pm Bayford village hall
14th	St Andrew’s Church Book Exchange 10:30am to 12:00pm
21st	Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford village hall
30th	Movies @ Bayford 2.30pm afternoon tea at Bayford village hall
Charlton Musgrove	
1st	Village Walk 10:00am meet at Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall car park
5th 12th 19th 26th	St John’s Coffee Morning 10:00am CM
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