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**April 2017**

**I was on the London Underground recently and saw an advert: ‘Personal Beauty Delivered to you at your Home’. It was advertising beauty products. It made me think however what it would be like if beauty could be ordered on the internet and delivered to the front door. Could a package that came through our letterbox really transform us? For beauty is of course much more than how we look on the outside. Beauty is a thing of the heart. True beauty comes from within. Indeed everything in God’s creation is beautiful. As Confucius said: ‘Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.’ And the Psalmist declared that everyone is beautiful, for we are all ‘fearfully and wonderfully made’. We are all made in the image of God himself and God is the source of all beauty.**

**So as we finish our journey through Lent we need to remember that giving up alcohol, biscuits or chocolate alone won’t make us beautiful. And as we come to Easter and the shops are filled with chicks and eggs and Easter bunnies we need to remember that it is not ultimately what we do, how we look, or what we have that makes us beautiful. Beauty, true beauty, comes through the cross and the resurrection. Our lives are changed not by what we stop eating, or what creams we might put on our faces. It is the Holy Spirit who truly transforms our lives, so that we become the people God is calling us to become. When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well he said that the water he gives is like a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Her response was to say to Jesus ‘Give me this water’. May that be our prayer too: ‘Lord, give us the water of life, that we might become more like Jesus.’**

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**From the Organ Bench**

**When you read this we will be in Passiontide. So this is a good time to pay tribute to a much-loved Victorian bishop who gave us fine hymns for Passiontide, Rogation Sunday and any saint’s day, especially All Saints’ Day.**

**Like all the best bishops, William Walsham How (1823-1897) was first a vicar, for 28 years in a parish in his native Shropshire, before accepting a bishopric, first in the East End of London, and then in the newly-created diocese of Wakefield, where he stayed until his sudden death on holiday in Ireland. He was approachable and greatly loved, and was known to many as the ‘Children’s Bishop’. A man of great humility, he refused the offer of the bishopric of Durham, one of the most prestigious appointments in the Church of England, in favour of continuing the work he had only recently started in Wakefield.**

**He wrote the lovely Passiontide hymn *It is a thing most wonderful* for children, but never talked down to them. Whatever our age, we are forced to think awhile when we sing:**

***It is most wonderful to know***

***His love for me so free and sure;***

***But ‘tis more wonderful to see***

***My love for him so faint and poor.***

**William Walsham How’s hymn for Rogation is less well-known but is a very fine one – *To thee, our God, we fly / For mercy and for grace –* with a strong and inspiring refrain:**

***‘O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand,***

***And guard and bless our fatherland’.***

**But he is best known for writing *For all the saints, who from their labours rest*. Give us any saint’s day and we’ll find an excuse to sing this – all eight splendid verses. If you ever feel in need of encouragement, whatever might be going wrong, you can’t fail to be uplifted by verse 5:**

***‘And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,***

***Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song;***

***And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!’***

***To thee, our God, we fly* is graced with a noble and majestic tune by William Croft (1678-1727), but the other two hymns are universally sung to tunes by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) whom I celebrated in this column last year. *It is a thing most wonderful* is set to the lovely ‘Herongate’, an English folk-tune from Essex arranged by RVW, but ‘Sine Nomine’, the tune for *For all the saints*, is his own composition.**

**RVW was one of the greatest collectors of folk-songs that this country has ever known. Without his indefatigable energy in listening to, and writing down, melodies sung by men and women who were in extreme old age by the early 1900s, tunes like ‘Herongate’ and ‘Monk’s Gate’ (sung to *Who would true valour see*) might have been lost forever. And the fine words of William Walsham How might not be as well-known and well-loved as they are by all who sing them.**

**David Duvall**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**March 2017**

25th Coffee Morning Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

28th Lunch Club Bayford Village Hall

31st Scrabble Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

**April 2017**

1st Spectra Musica Wincanton

1st Young Farmers Dinner Dance Wincanton

6th Coffee Morning Bayford Village Hall

8th Table Top Sale Bayford Village Hall

21st Coffee Morning Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

22nd Stoke Trister Social Group Stoke Trister Church

28th Scrabble Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

29th Coffee Morning/Village Hall AGM Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

**May 2017**

4th Coffee Morning Bayford Village Hall

5th Quiz Night Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

6th Plant Sale Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

10th Licensing of Rev.Rosy Ashley Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

19th Scrabble Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

**July 2017**

1st Benefice Fair

**August 2017**

12th Flower Show Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

**October 2017**

7th Flower Show Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

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The service will be conducted by the Bishop of Bath & Wells.

There will be refreshments afterwards in Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall.

All are very welcome to attend and to celebrate Rosy joining us in the Benefice.

If you are coming to the service, it would be helpful if you could contact one of the churchwardens in Charlton Musgrove by Friday, 28th April so that we have an idea of numbers.

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**CMSJ – St. John’s, Charlton Musgrove. CMSS – St. Stephen’s Charlton Musgrove**

**C – St. Lawrence, Cucklington. ST – St. Andrew’s Stoke Trister**

All services below are Benefice Services.

Everyone is warmly welcome to join in whichever service they would like.

**March 2017**

26th 9.30 am Family Communion/Mothering Sunday CMSS

**April 2017**

2nd 9.30 am Family Communion ST

6.00 pm Evensong C

6th 7.00 pm Quiet Reflection/Prayer/Music/Meditation CMSJ

9th 10.00 am Palm Sunday Walk C

11.00 am St Andrew

12.00 am St Stephen

13th 7.00 pm Quiet Reflection/Prayer/Music/Meditation CMSJ

16th 9.30 am Easter Sunday Family Communion ST

11.00 am Family Communion C

23rd 9.30 am Family Communion CMSJ

30th 9.30 am Benefice Communion C

**Palm Sunday Walk**

Starting at 10am for a hymn, a prayer and a reading in St Lawrence then walking on to

St Andrews arriving at 11 am for a hymn, prayer and reading. Next stop Bayford Village Hall for a comfort break before heading to St Stephens 12 noon for the final hymn, prayer and reading.

We then head off across the fields to Shalford for lunch kindly hosted by Jonathan Hand and family – offers of help gratefully excepted. Dogs welcome. Travel by car and meet us at the churches at any stage if it is easier for you.



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| SAVE THE DATE: 17/18 JUNE: BIG LUNCH  In February HRH The Duchess of Cornwall and Jamie launched The Great Get-Together, a weekend of celebrations culminating in The Big Lunch on Sunday June 18.  The Big Lunch has partnered with the Jo Cox Foundation to inspire more people than ever before to get together with their neighbours in what’s set to be the UK’s biggest community event since the Jubilee.  Several thousand people have already signed up to take part, and many charities, businesses and organisations are also getting behind the campaign.  Cucklington Parish have been approached to see if there is any appetite for a Big Lunch on the weekend of 17/18 June.  Any excuse for a binge, and we could use it to mark HM The Queen’s 65th Anniversary of Her Accession. Our lunch last year was a success, as was the Jubilee lunch in 2012.  And these events help cement the village community.  The proposal will be included in the Agenda for the next Parish Meeting in April. If approved, a Steering Committee will be required to plan and administer the event. Volunteers please!  Hugh Davies: Parish Meeting Chair |

**The Social Group** are meeting on the 22nd April at Stoke Trister Church at 10 am, this month we would like you to bring any craft projects you are working on at home – knitting, sewing, woodwork, art, crochet, paperwork of any kind etc. etc. – we would be interested to see what you do. Who knows it might inspire some of us to try a different craft, which is always fun. Refreshments available Please note there will be no workshop in May. Details of the next workshop to follow any questions ring 01963 32311 e-mail on [stsocialgroup@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stsocialgroup@yahoo.co.uk) or like us on Facebook at Stoke Trister Social Group.

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| **The Summer Fair is to be on Saturday 1st July this year.**  **And it will be Charlton Musgrove's turn to host it in the Memorial Hall.**  **So put the date in your diaries and we'll make it a really good party.**  **All help and ideas will be gratefully accepted.**  **C:\Users\PipL\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\JSXIOGXK\sgi01a201410122300[1].jpg** |

**Quiz Night Friday 5th May. This quiz night is in aid if the Wincanton Live at Home Scheme which provides valuable support to the elderly in our community. Tables of up to six. £10 a head which includes a chilli con carne supper (veg option). Bar open. Raffle. Doors open 1900. First question 1930. For catering purposes it would be appreciated if you would let me know if you are coming. petermunro20@live.co.uk or 01963 33036.**

**VILLAGE VIEW**

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**The Church – St Stephen’s And St John’s**

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| During Lent, there will be an opportunity for quiet reflection with prayers, music and meditation on the 6th and 13th April at St John’s Church, beginning at 7pm |

**As the Benefice Easter service will be held in St Andrew's Stoke Trister this year, there will not be a service in either of our churches in Charlton Musgrove this Easter. However, both churches will be open and we shall still be decorating them with flowers.**

**If anyone would like to bring some flowers (preferably in a vase, as there are not many in the churches) in memory of a loved one, maybe with a card, they would be most welcome in either St Johns or St Stephens.**

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**Village Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall Friday 21st April. 10.30 to 12.00.**

**Do come along & join us for Real Coffee & homemade cake.**

**Charlton Musgrove 100 Club Results**

March Draw

No 46 Mike White.

No 89 Mike Parroy.

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| **Plant and Seedling Sale**  **6 May**  **Charlton Musgrove Village Hall**  **9.30-12.30**  **£1 a pot**  **This is a bring and buy plant and seedling sale to raise funds to contribute to mending the hole in the roof of St Stephen’s church in Rectory Lane. Please do drop off any spare plants or seedlings you may have to the village hall the evening before the sale, or bring them along on the morning.**  **We’ve had great success fund raising with this format in the past, and hope to repeat the process with your generous help and enthusiasm.** |

**Please reserve the date - Charlton Musgrove Flower Show** will be held this year on Saturday 7th October. We hope that this slightly later date will result in lots of lovely late summer/autumn produce and the Schedules will reflect this.

New this year will be a ‘Family Cup’ - awarded to a family team of 4 (max) who collect the most points throughout the Show – full details will be in the Schedule which will be available in May.

‘Charlton Musgrove through the year’ will be the theme for the new photography cups. Please get busy with your cameras!

Whether gardeners, cooks, flower growers or tea drinkers, there will be something for everyone – so do please reserve the date now to come and join us for a good afternoon out and a chance of some friendly rivalry with all your neighbours and friends.

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Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings who also holds the keys.

**Very many thanks to Olympic Event Rider Sam Griffiths** for entertaining us with an amusing and informative talk which included dozens of photographs of his life with horses from his childhood in Australia to the Rio Olympics. Over 70 people attended and the event raised well over £700 for St Lawrence Church.

**Flower Rota Meeting - Monday 3rd April at 11 am at Orchard House** for coffee and to discuss the Flower Rota for the coming year. If you are unable to attend please let me know your preferred dates in advance. Anyone who would like to help this year is always welcome. We will be decorating St Lawrence for Easter on Saturday 15th April at 10 am, any white and yellow flowers, greenery and help is much appreciated. Jan Sullivan (Tel. 01747 840014)

**Village Hall Coffee Mornings** The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 25th March, and then 29th April, which will follow the Village Hall AGM. Starting at 10 am. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat.

**Cucklington 100 club**

**Scrabble dates 31st March, 28th April and the 19th May, come along for an evening of lively banter mixed with slightly competitive play! The bar will be open and refreshments provided - £5 entry.**

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| Malcolm Guite is a poet, priest singer-songwriter and Chaplain of Girton College Cambridge. Many of his poems are in sonnet form. Yesterday I went to London to listen to him talking about the poems he has based on the ‘I am’ sayings of Jesus from St. John’s Gospel. The following sonnet is taken from his book ‘Sounding the Seasons’, seventy sonnets for the Christian Year.    Maundy Thursday  Here is the source of every sacrament,  The all-transforming presence of the Lord,  Replenishing our every element,  Remaking us in his creative Word.  For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,  The air delights to bear his Spirit’s speech,  The fire dances where the candles shine,  The waters cleanse us with his gentle touch.  And here he shows the full extent of love  To us whose love is always incomplete,  In vain we search the heavens high above,  The God of love is kneeling at our feet.  Though we betray him, though it is the night,  He meets us here and loves us into light.  Liz Learmond |

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**Bayford Coffee Mornings**

As usual this will be on Thursday 6th April in the Village Hall from 10 am until noon. All are very welcome. A good opportunity to come and chat to neighbours both young and not so young, new and long-term dwellers in the village and area. There will be a Bring and Buy.

**Bayford Lunch Club**

The idea behind the newly created Bayford Lunch Club is to provide an opportunity for folk to have a relaxing get together over a home cooked meal every month.

A two course meal will be served, plus tea or coffee, with some kind of entertainment over the latter, maybe a gentle quiz, or a little talk on some place of local interest, or some interesting experience someone is happy to share.

The menu will be available beforehand on the village hall website, and will also be posted on the notice board outside the village hall well in advance. Please let us know several days beforehand if you intend to come, to give an idea of numbers, or preferably tickets can be obtained in advance from Sid Garton (01963 34808) or Marylyn Milland (01963 34297)

The cost of the meal is £6.

(It would be great to have volunteers prepared to cook a meal now and again!). "

**We send our best wishes to Janet Smith who has been in hospital but is now home again**

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| **There is still a vacancy for another Councillor on the Parish Council if you are interested please call**  **Patricia Gillman 01963 359598** |

**Bayford Village Hall**

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Jumble Sale held in the Hall on Saturday 25th February. Over £100 was raised towards the purchase of a hot cupboard.

28th March at 12.30 sees the start of a monthly Lunch Club in the Hall with tickets at £6 per person. Tickets are available from Marilyn Miland 01963 34297 or [themilands@aol.com](mailto:themilands@aol.com), or Sid Garton 10963 34808 or [sbgarton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sbgarton@hotmail.co.uk).

On Saturday 8th April a Table Top Sale will be held. If you would like to book a table, please contact Marilyn Miland. The cost is £5 per table.

The monthly Village Coffee Mornings and weekly Bridge Club are making full use of the facilities offered by the Hall. Hire charges are £15 per session for residents, and £30 per session for non-residents. Bookings can be made via the website at bayfordvillagehall.org, or by phoning Niru Linsley on 01963 33972.

If you would like to run an activity, please contact Niru as above.

**Forthcoming events -** Look out for the following:

Saturday Breakfast - May

Silk Painting Course - June

Memory Event - September

Information about all these events will be in the Village News and on the Website.

**Winibus.** The appeal for volunteer drivers for the Winibus in the December issue fell on stony ground. I hope that someone will feel that they can give a few hours every so often to help out. This is not an arduous task by any means. Please contact either Andy Chilton on 01963 34594 or Peter Munro on 01963 33036.

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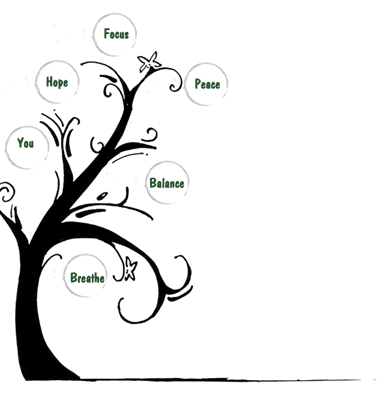
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