

VILLAGE NEWS

November 2020

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**Welcome to November's newsletter.
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**Copy date for the December issue is
Friday 20th November 2020.**

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There is Always Hope

Two small words when heard on the battlefield, in the hospital waiting room, or in our darkest thoughts which bring only despair. They carry such anguish that no one can withstand their power. These two unbearable words? “No hope.”

Many people today are struggling with despondency and despair and perhaps you’ve felt that too in recent months. King Solomon recognised that the loss of hope is a terrible thing “The spirit of a man can endure his sickness, but a broken spirit who can bear?” (Proverbs 18:14). We can bear a doctor’s bad diagnosis with hope for a cure or endure separation with hope for a reunion but where no hope exists, we are undone.

The word “hope” can mean wishful thinking, the desire for something we might not receive like a new job. It can also mean the desire for something we are certain to receive and this is Jewish and Christian hope. At the heart of both these faiths is a belief so fundamental to Western civilisation that we take it for granted - the belief in human freedom. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks asserts “Western civilization is the product of two cultures: ancient Greece and ancient Israel. The Greeks believed in fate: the future is determined by the past ... Jews believed in freedom: there is no ‘evil decree’ that cannot be averted. The

Greeks gave the world the concept of tragedy. Jews gave it the idea of hope. We are what we choose to be and society is what we choose to make it. The future is open and there is nothing inevitable in the affairs of humankind”.

This kind of hope is hopeful because it depends on its object. Hope is sure when it rests in something or someone absolutely able and willing to fulfil it. Whatever human beings do to one another and our world, the Bible says: Those who hope in God are never disappointed.

So as we soon enter the season of Advent, which means ‘coming’, we can trust in the God who has come into our world, who will come to each of us whenever we ask and who is working out all things for the good of His creation, healing the world’s hurts and divisions by inspiring us with new solutions, courage, resources, perseverance and generosity. There is always hope.

Prayer for Hope

God, help me to hear you saying, "I am your hope" over all the other voices. Your word says you are hope for the hopeless - fill me up with hope and give me a tangible reminder today that hope is an unbreakable spiritual lifeline (Heb 6:19-20). God, you are my hope and I trust you. Amen.

Rosy

SUNDAY SERVICES

November - December 2020

*CMSS = St Stephen Charlton Musgrove
 CMSJ = St John Charlton Musgrove
 SLC = St Lawrence Cucklington
 SAST = St Andrew Stoke Trister*

Worship services continue as below, Covid permitting. Any changes to this schedule will be notified to villages by email and village Facebook pages.

1st Nov	10.00	Cafe Church	CMSS
	18.00	Evensong	SLC
8th Nov	10.45	Remembrance Sunday	SLC
	19.15	Contemporary Evening Worship	SAST
15th Nov	10.00	Morning Worship	SJCM
	18.30	Evensong	SAST
22nd Nov	9.30	Holy Communion	SLC
	19.15	Contemporary Evening Worship	SAST
29th Nov	10.00	Advent Pilgrimage	SJCM
6th Dec	10.00	Cafe Church	CMSS
	18.00	Evensong	SLC
13th Dec	9.30	Holy Communion	CMSS
	19.15	Contemporary Evening Worship	SAST
20th Dec	9.30	Morning Worship	CMSJ
	18.30	Carol Service	SLC
22nd Dec	18.30	Carol Service	CMSS
23rd Dec	18.30	Carol Service	SAST
24th Dec	16.00	Crib/Live Nativity	TBD
25th Dec	11.00	Christmas Day Holy Communion	SLC
	11.00	Christmas Day Family Service	CMSS

**All churches in the benefice will remain open in daylight hours
for private prayer.**



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THANK YOU...

to the Flower Ladies of Cucklington for decorating the Church so beautifully and also a big THANK YOU to all who donated food and other items instead of produce.

I took three enormous bags full to the Food Bank in Gillingham and they were delighted.

Plant Sale May 2021

Please get cutting/digging and potting any spare bits from your favourite plants ready for next Spring.

Pip

The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall is officially open - but with very restrictive conditions, which very much limit its use. A maximum of 30 people are allowed in, and would have to observe the 'rule of 6' as well as the 2m social distancing. If refreshments are served, they have to be served at the table - people can't collect their own and of course can't circulate. That really limits what would be possible. At present we only have dog training (outside) and a meeting of the book group. However, if anyone has any ideas for its use, please do discuss them with us:

Either Brian Trueman (07398 980487) or Jenny Rawlings (01963 33320).

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Chair of Village Meeting: Richard Glover: cucklingtonchairman@gmail.com

NHW co-ordinator: Di Hammet, (Dmhammet99@aol.com). Non urgent calls to police – 101, or else call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 www.crimestoppers-uk.org

To check on the status of **Planning Applications** online go to: <http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planningsearch>

To report **Fly Tipping** online go to: <http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online> (Dorset: <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/flytipping/report-flytipping-online>).

Telephone nos. for reporting to the council (office hours) are: General, inc. fly tipping: 01935 462462.

The contact number for Somerset Highways is now: 0300 123 2224 (Monday-Friday am to p.m., Saturday am to p.m. and Sunday closed (Call 101 if urgent).

Planning: 01935 462016.

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The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington – Management Committee
Committee members include: Campbell Dunford (Chairman) 01963 34220

Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings (01963 3320) who also holds the keys. If not available, ring Brian Trueman (07398 980487) or Di Hammet (01747 840770)

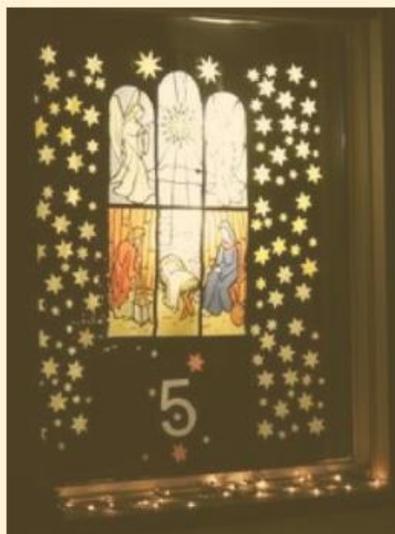
Would you like to share a little light and joy this December?

You can play your part by taking part in our
community wide

Living Advent Calendar!

How it works

- * 24 households agree to decorate a street-facing window (an 'advent window') on a nativity or Christmas theme
 - * Each is assigned a date
- * A new window 'opens' (appears and is lit) every day from 1st to 24th December
 - * Each window remains 'open' until 1st January
- * A trail leaflet is created for an Advent Window Trail around the villages that anyone can walk around and enjoy



To take part please email Revd Rosy Ashley on
rosyashley@hotmail.com or
call on 01747 442969 or 07482 300290.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Talks in Cucklington Village Hall, early 2021

These are just some of the talks planned for your enjoyment at Cucklington Village Hall as we emerge from Covid in the New Year:

- ✿ Mysterious snow leopards
- ✿ The travels of a pink Rolls Royce
- ✿ Around-the-world clipper racing

They are organised and hosted by St Lawrence Church as part of fund-raising initiative to raise £5,000 to make up for vital lost income during the pandemic. Do come along and ensure that our ancient church remains an active part of village life.



Making dampers at Higher Stavordale Farm, Harvest 2020

manna

From the Church of England Diocese of Bath and Wells ☩ September 2020

A time to remember

With All Soul's, Remembrance Sunday and Armistice all falling in November, it is a time to look back, to mourn, but also to look forward with hope. And, despite the challenges of Covid, church communities will still gather, either online or in person, to remember loved ones lost recently and those who lost their lives in service to their country.

This year in particular, All Souls can offer a space for grieving for those who may not have been able to say farewell in the way they would have chosen; may not



have been able to grieve alongside family and friends at a funeral or held a service to give thanks for a life well-lived.

Space to grieve is important as those who sent the names

of loved ones to be included in the recent 'From Lamentation to Hope' service at Wells Cathedral said. They expressed their gratitude for the service which one person said, 'went some way towards beginning to heal the pain of inevitably sparsely attended services'. The service remains available to watch or share with others on the Diocese of Bath and Wells YouTube channel.

You can also find an All Souls or Remembrance service on the Church of England website on 1 and 8 November. Alternatively, you can find details of local services at AChurchNearYou.com.

News in brief

An 'a-mooising' way to make a difference

Pupils, parents and teachers at Cutcombe and Exford Church of England First School have been having an a-mooising time raising money for their Send a Cow Harvest appeal.

They have been drawing, painting, sticking, colouring and photographing to create a cow gallery. There are more than 80 pictures of fat, thin, tall, short cows in all colours of the rainbow.

As well as having lots of fun, they have raised £210 to fund a real cow through the charity which will support a family in rural Africa.

Bishop Ruth, patron of the charity, said: "A lot of thought and creativity has gone into this joyous project."



An unexpected blessing

The villages of Wilveliscombe, Milverton and Wellington have new chaplains to walk alongside them. Chaplaincy Adviser Mike Haslam says: "They are all people who would never have imagined taking on the role but are now making a real difference in villages, schools and more." Email Mike to find out more about chaplaincy.

'A beautiful occasion'

Nine new Readers were licensed by Bishop Ruth last month.

As lay people licensed by the bishop they can now return to their parishes and lead certain parts of worship, preach and carry out pastoral and teaching duties.

Always a special occasion, this year Covid restrictions meant that instead of one large celebration at Wells Cathedral, there were two services at the Bishop's Palace Chapel.

Reader Mary Udale-Smith said: "It was still very moving, it was really special, a really beautiful occasion and I felt God's Holy Spirit really present in the chapel."

One more step...

By Bishop Peter

When I was a vicar, one thing I really enjoyed, even though it seemed to come round rather quickly, was writing the letter for the parish magazine. I know that not all parishes are able to produce a magazine and some find a website a better way to reach people, however, I do appreciate reading them when I can. So I would like to express my thanks to all those involved in writing, editing and producing parish magazines. They are often still an effective way to share what we are doing in our church and also to share with others the good news of the gospel. Recently I was reading one

which had an article by someone recalling a visit made to the north west of the USA some 40 years ago. They spoke about the warmth of their welcome and the joy of being invited to preach in the church. What caught my eye, was they remembered visiting Lake Wallowa where it is said: 'The air is so pure and the sky so clear that one can see the dawn of the day after tomorrow.' What a glorious expression. Of course, the truth is we don't know what the future holds and at the moment things are challenging and uncertain for all of us and indeed for the world.

One night recently when I was in hospital, unable to sleep and waiting for the dawn to break, I



found myself singing the words of 'One More Step Along the Way I Go' which has the chorus: 'And it's from the old I travel to the new, Keep me travelling along with you.' Maybe as we look to the future, with the joys and challenges that it will bring, that should be our prayer - Lord help us to travel with you wherever you may be leading.

With my warmest greetings,
Bishop Peter

Serving with the force

Andy Paget has been chaplain to the Avon and Somerset police for almost 25 years. He is also a pastor at Trinity Tabernacle, central Bristol.

Why did you become a chaplain?
I feel if we are not where people are, how can we be relevant? By being a chaplain, people can see I am serving them unconditionally, and that is my passion.

How do you support the police?

We support all police staff and their families with any issue that is important to them. If there is a major incident, we also head to the scene and offer support to officers on the ground and can be a bridge between the community and the police force.



Andy Paget, chaplain to the police

How have recent events affected you?

At the start of the Covid pandemic, I sent a forcewide message assuring staff that we were still there for them and affirming how much we value the work they do. That's

important for people to hear. Police officers have to make decisions quickly without the benefit of hindsight. When their actions are being reviewed, as they were recently following the Black Lives Matter protests in Bristol, we can affirm them in their role and be there for them.

What would you say to anyone thinking of becoming a police chaplain?

Like many things, the more you put into the role, the more you will get out of it. It requires a real commitment and it is only through that you will see the benefits.

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If you require help getting supplies whilst self isolating during these difficult times or just need comfort and emotional support, please contact either Rosy Ashley, Martyn and Jean Brown or Pip Loxton in the first instance so we can offer or organise assistance.

Thank you to everyone who has already offered to run errands or phone people.

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Stoke Trister With Bayford PCC need to appoint a new Independent Examiner for the annual accounts. Accounting qualifications are not required, independence from the PCC is key and some practical experience of accounts would be helpful.

More information is available at:

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/accounting-and-reporting/independent-examination/>

If you are interested in assisting, it is not an onerous role, please contact Geoff Syme on 07949 239864 for further info.

Prayerful November

SUNDAY

1 Thank God for 3 people that mean the world to you.

8 Pray for the leaders of your church.

15 Read Psalm 20:1-4. Turn these verses into a prayer for your family.

22 Spend two minutes enjoying God's company in complete silence.

29 Pray the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.

MONDAY

2 Pray for the scientists who are trying to understand COVID-19.

9 Make a list of questions you have for God. Talk to Him about them.

16 Pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus yet.

23 Pray for someone who has hurt your feelings.

30 Pray with your parent(s) or your sibling(s).

TUESDAY

3 Thank God for being your PROVIDER!

10 Thank God for being your SAVIOR!

17 Thank God for being your GUIDE!

24 Thank God for being your DEFENDER!

WEDNESDAY

4 Pray for your family members, each by name.

11 Ask your mom or dad if you can pray for them.

18 Learn to pray from Daniel! Read Daniel 6:10.

25 Tell God something you love about November.

THURSDAY

5 Thank God for being your FRIEND!

12 Thank God for being your FATHER!

19 Thank God for being your COMFORTER!

26 Thank God for being your REDEEMER!

FRIDAY

6 Write your name. Thank God for one thing that starts with each letter of your name.

13 Pray for people who are sick and need healing.

20 Thank God for your close friends.

27 Create a Thankful Tree. Write on the leaves what you're thankful for.

SATURDAY

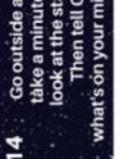
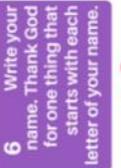
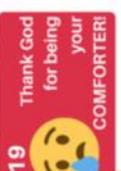
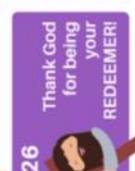
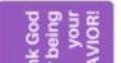
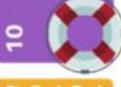
7 Tell God about your favorite smell.

14 Go outside and take a minute to look at the stars. Then tell God what's on your mind.

21 Close your eyes and sing your favorite praise song to God.

28 Pray by the bonfire.

Be thankful to Him, and
bless His name. *Psalms 100:4*



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Go the extra mile and help others

If you're above the age of 18, have a clean full driver licence and own a four-door car, why not volunteer for Somerset County Council to help others get to vital medical appointments? By committing as little as one day per week, you could greatly help a person who otherwise wouldn't be able to make appointments. Alternatively commit to more if that is what you choose!

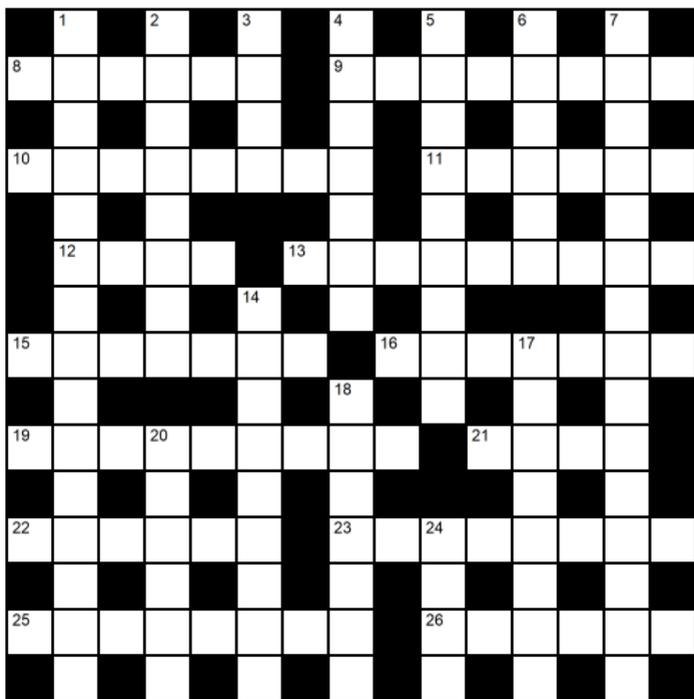
Volunteer drivers provide a crucial transport service for non-emergency NHS patients and social care users enabling them to get to various locations across the county and further afield. You could also help transport children to college or to school, providing a crucial service to a young person's academic career. Each journey connects people with services they would otherwise miss out on. As a volunteer driver, you would be providing a vital lifeline to people in your community.

This is a rewarding opportunity to provide a valuable, practical support for people within your community and your mileage expenses will be reimbursed at up to 50p per mile. You will also be supported by a Transporting Officer from Somerset County Council's Transporting Somerset team.

Not only will you be helping the community, it's an excellent way of meeting new people.

To find out more visit <https://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk/opportunities/volunteer-driver/> or call 0300 123 2224

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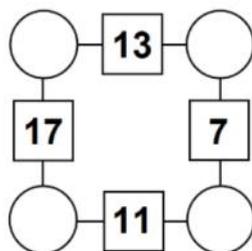
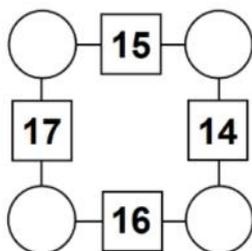
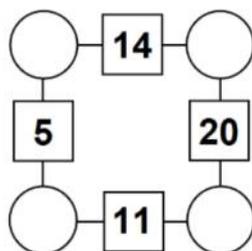
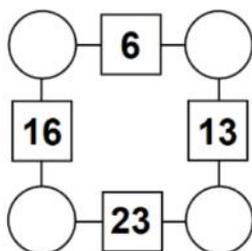
Across

- 8 One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, a large lighthouse built on an island in the Bay of Alexandria (6)
 9 A marine fish of the genus *Hippocampus* that swims in an upright position and has a curled prehensile tail (8)
 10 Nickname of the American tennis player Maureen Connolly, 1934-69 (6,2)
 11 Musical by Lionel Bart, which premiered in the West End in 1960, whose film adaptation won six Academy Awards (6)
 12 A republic on the Gulf of Guinea in west Africa, formerly under French control (4)
 13 A strong espresso coffee made with less hot water than normal (9)
 15 Informal name for an electrician, especially in Australia (7)
 16 Roman satirist who denounced the vice and folly of Roman society during the reign of the emperor Domitian (7)
 19 Of or relating to the order of aquatic mammals having a streamlined fish-like form, such as whales, dolphins, porpoises (9)
 21 Disco and funk band co-founded by guitarist Nile Rogers in the 1970s (4)
 22 Papal name of Nicholas Breakspear, the only English Pope (6)
 23 Of hair, cut short and standing up stiffly like a brush (2,6)
 25 Small slender long-tailed parrot whose Australian variety is called the budgerigar (8)
 26 Lois ____, actress who played Dr Holly Goodhead in the 1979 James Bond film *Moonraker* (6)

Down

- 1 Ice dancer who won a gold medal at the 1984 Winter Olympics partnered by Jayne Torvill (11,4)
 2 A legendary sixth-century Danish king who appears in the Anglo-Saxon epic poems *Beowulf* and *Widsith* (8)
 3 A domestic slave in Anglo-Saxon times (4)
 4 A resort on the Portuguese Riviera which has one of Europe's largest casinos, built in 1916 (7)
 5 A person skilled in telling anecdotes (9)
 6 A non-metallic halogen element giving a violet-coloured vapour (6)
 7 Cartoonist for *The Daily Express* whose regular characters included Maudie and Willy Littlehampton (6,9)
 14 Tropical woody plant whose small edible seed is the dahl (6,3)
 17 Country of origin of the long-distance athlete Haile Gebrselassie (8)
 18 Crepe ____, a thin pancake in a hot orange- or lemon-flavoured sauce, usually flambéed (7)
 20 International sports company founded in 1924 by the German cobbler Adolf Dassler (6)
 24 In Northern England, a stream or small river (4)

Square Arithmagons



See if you can solve these four Square arithmagons.

The aim of an arithmagon is to work out which numbers go in the empty circles. The numbers in the square boxes are made by adding together the numbers in the circles either side.

9 x 9 Sudoku

	5		2	9		7	4
4	8						
	2	9					5
					5		3
	6		3	1	5	2	7
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	1	3					6
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Answers in next month's edition

WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

People in this community will be remembering those who have died or been wounded in war and praying for peace. You're invited to join us by saying a prayer on this special Remembrance Day.

**You might like to
access some prayers
on your phone**

Scan this code
for some prayers
you might like to use:



Or visit this web page
[www.churchofengland.org/
prayers-for-remembrance](http://www.churchofengland.org/prayers-for-remembrance)

Live worship at

**St Lawrence,
Cucklington**

at 10.45am

**Sunday 8th November
2020**

**Please email
rosyashley@hotmail.com
to say you are attending
and bring a face mask.**

**Refreshments will be
served to you in your
pews afterwards.**