

# VILLAGE NEWS

## December 2018

For the Parishes of  
Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington  
& Stoke Trister with Bayford



*"Oh, I wish it could be Christmas  
every day!"*

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Welcome to December's newsletter. I have taken over as Editor and would welcome any pet or local landscape photos for the front cover or seasonal recipes for use in the newsletter. Please email me at jo@jltraining.co.uk. Copy date for January's issue is Fri 21<sup>st</sup> December.  
Jo Jones

## Cosmic Baby

Looking up at the dark winter skies, we can't fail to be awed by the incomprehensible size of the universe. The observable cosmos is estimated to have a diameter of 93 billion light-years and be made up of at least two trillion galaxies, over 90% of which have yet to be studied! And most scientists now recognise that the universe had a beginning - that it is not self-existent and eternal as thought in previous centuries. And so we must look outside the universe to find the cause of it all—the first and uncaused cause. That's who the Bible describes as the everlasting God - One who is self-existent and uncreated.

And the festival of Christmas celebrates the birth of this awesome Creator into the world. Contrary to much of the marketing, Christmas is not about Jesus' infancy - it is about His deity. The humble birth of Jesus Christ was never intended to conceal the reality that it was God who was being born into the world. But the modern version of Christmas does just that and so robs Christmas of most of its meaning.

It is hard to fathom what it means for God to be born in a manger. How does one explain the Almighty stooping to become a tiny infant? Our minds cannot begin to understand what was involved in God becoming man.

Yet He did. Without forsaking His divine nature or diminishing His deity, He was born into our world as a tiny infant. He was fully human, with all the needs and emotions that are common to us all. Yet He was also fully God—all wise and all powerful.

When we look up at the stars, we wonder who made it all. Christmas says the babe in Bethlehem. He made everything. Oh come, let us adore Him together this Christmas time!

**Rosy Ashley**

## From the Organ Bench

Here's a hymn whose tune was written by another of those splendid 'one-hit wonders' with whom hymnody abounds - but whose words are by a prolific writer of over 500 hymns, and one of the finest of our time.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) is happily still with us, aged nearly 92. He rose to be Bishop of Thetford in Norfolk, but he is

best-known for his hymns, which although written mostly in traditional metres express modern, always helpful, thoughts, rooted in Scripture. Many have been written by request for special occasions.

One of Bishop Timothy's first hymns was inspired by the translation of the first line of Mary's song, the Magnificat, in the New English Bible which appeared in 1961: *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord*. This is a free paraphrase of the Biblical text in verse-form, but it follows the wording closely and captures the joyful spirit of Mary (pregnant with Jesus) visiting her cousin Elisabeth (expecting the baby who would become John the Baptist). It repeats that great first line at the end of the final verse:

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore.*

The popularity of *Tell out, my soul* soared when it appeared in the 1969 supplement to Hymns Ancient and Modern set to the tune *Woodlands*. *Woodlands* was, and is still, a boarding house at Gresham's School in Norfolk, where Walter Greatorex (1877-1949) was Director of Music from 1911 to 1936. During that time he taught Benjamin Britten, whom he found 'precocious' (he may have had a point there), but his fine old English name lives on because of this one great tune, which he named after *Woodlands*. It was written in 1926 to fit another fine hymn, *Lift up your hearts* by Henry Montagu Butler, but its pairing with *Tell out, my soul* was a master-stroke which will endure for as long as we sing hymns.

The tune is a challenge, with a very quick breath needed at the end of the second line - but it's well worth it. I played the organ for my godson's wedding in April this year, and this was one of the hymns they chose. The sound of over 100 voices raised in a splendid unison bellow was easily audible over the full organ, and was indeed one to lift up the heart.

**David Duvall**

## CHURCH SERVICES December 2018 & January 2019

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	09:30	Friends & Heroes	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	11:00	Holy Communion	St Stephen's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	15:00	Carols, Candles & Christingles	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
	18:30	Carols by Candlelight	St Stephen's, Charlton Musgrove
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	09:30	Blue Christmas	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:30	Carols by Candlelight	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	16:30	Crib Service	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	23:30	Midnight Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:30	Christmas Day Family Service <i>followed by a short communion</i>	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	09:30	Morning Praise	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	09:30	Friends & Heroes	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	09:30*	Holy Communion	St Stephen's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	09:30	Friends & Heroes	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	11:00*	Holy Communion	St Stephen's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
	18:30	Evensong	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
	18:30	Sing Praise	St John's, Charlton Musgrove

\* As from January 2019, the time of the Holy Communion held twice monthly in St Stephen's, Charlton Musgrove will alternate.  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month will be at 09:30 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday will be at 11:00



# DECEMBER EVENTS



Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10:00-12:00	Christmas Fair	Bayford Village Hall
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00-12:00	Christmas Coffee Morning	The Red Brick House, Stoke Lane Bayford
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	18:30-19:30	Carols around the Piano with mulled wine & mince pies	Aislaby, Cucklington
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:30-12:00	Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	16:00-18:00	Family Christmas Movie (PG) with seasonal refreshments	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	19:00-21:00	Christmas Tree Festival with candles, wine & cheese	St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11:00-16:00 <i>(movie 15:00-16:00)</i>	Christmas Tree Festival & Family Christmas Movie (PG) with seasonal refreshments	St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	19:00	Bayford Big Christmas Get Together £5, see advert for details	Bayford Village Hall
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12:00-16:00 <i>(carols 15:00-16:00)</i>	Christmas Tree Festival + Carols, Candles & Christingles with seasonal refreshments	St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	16:00	Cucklington Christmas Tree Decorating with seasonal refreshments	St Lawrence's Church, Cucklington
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	19:30	Cucklington 100 Club Christmas Party	Cucklington Village Hall



# CHARLTON MUSGROVE

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100 Club Winners November Draw:  
No. 25 Naomi Kimber & No. 50 Ruth Kimber



## Forthcoming Events

Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>Please note change of date</i>	10:30-12:00	Coffee Morning Come along and join us for mulled wine, mince pies and the usual real coffee and home-made cake and help us get into the swing for the Christmas Celebrations	Village Hall
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	16:00-18:00	Family Christmas Movie (PG) with seasonal refreshments	Village Hall
<b>There won't be a Coffee Morning in January but we'll be back on 15<sup>th</sup> February to help cheer the Winter blues.</b>			

Just in case you can't make the December coffee morning, Dibby and I would like to say 'Thank you' to all our supporters throughout the year and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Joan



### Short Mat Bowls at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

WE MEET ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 2.00pm UNTIL 5.00pm

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### THE 100 CLUB



The Cucklington Village Hall 100 club Xmas party will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Reminders will be sent to present members. If anyone who is not a member of the 100 Club and would like to join, to support the hall, they are most welcome to come to the party.

Recent 100 Club winners:  
Mrs T Rawlings, Mr N Garrett,  
Mrs P Inns, Mrs J Truman  
Mr & Mrs P Crawford-Smith,  
Mr C Birrell, Mr J Payne.

### SCRABBLE

The next scrabble evening will be on 6<sup>th</sup> December, in the Village Hall, starting at 7pm.

### COFFEE MORNING

There will be NO coffee morning in December.

### FLOWER LADIES

and anyone else with a spare minute at this busy time of year!



This year we will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 10:00 onwards, and would be very grateful for any help, greenery, berries and/or coffee! JMS

### VILLAGE HALL CLEANING

The next cleaning session will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 9.30am.



### Cucklington's Carols at Aislaby (on the Feast of St Stephen!)

No singing around the village this December...but we are invited, as every year, to Aislaby by Chris Holloway and family to sing carols around the piano and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie on  
**Thursday 6th December  
from 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

Please let Karen know if you would like to join us  
on 01963 34220



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### THE ARTHUR MORISON MEMORIAL HALL, CUCKLINGTON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee members include:

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**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)

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## BAYFORD COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday 6th December 10:00-12:00  
Christmas Coffee Morning  
at The Red Brick House,  
Stoke Lane (home of  
Maggie & Marcus Giles).  
No Bring & Buy, but you  
are invited to bring a raffle  
prize if you can.



There be **NO** Coffee Morning in  
January.

The next Coffee Morning will be on  
Thursday 7th February 2019 from  
10:00-12:00 in Bayford Village Hall.  
Everyone very welcome. Bring and Buy  
table as usual.



Many thanks to all who were  
involved in the Remembrance  
Service at St Andrew's  
Church, Stoke Trister on 11th  
November. It was a lovely  
service, very well attended,  
with bells, bugles, wreath-laying,  
delicious refreshments, and organised  
perfectly in an immaculately clean  
church decorated with beautiful flowers.  
A very moving occasion.

## THE BAYFORD VILLAGE LUNCH

There will be no Village Lunch in  
December. Instead we are planning a  
village Christmas Party on Saturday  
15<sup>th</sup> December. This will be for all ages,  
and includes games to join in or just  
watch, yummy food and some live  
entertainment. Please see the separate  
ad for details.

The January Lunch will be on  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, usual time  
12:30pm (we wondered  
about having one in  
January and decided that,  
as not much happens at  
the end of Jan, it would  
probably be a good idea!)



Menu will be tasty, though not yet  
decided!

Please let me know a few days  
beforehand if you will be coming.

Sid Garton, tel: 01963 34808

## God with us

Well, we are into the frantic pressie-buying month of December now. The American 'Black Friday' tradition appears to be firmly a part of our own pattern and has brought the search for the perfect Christmas present yet earlier in our calendar. Parish and school Christmas Fayres offer us home-made, Fairtrade, recycled and singular alternatives. And increasingly the inequalities within our economy become more apparent as people risk debt to bring a smile to their child's face.

When I was a parish priest we found that many of our single parents felt trapped by the pressure of keeping up with those around them. We tried to introduce a maximum spend for all our congregational and family present buying in order to bring some parity. It wasn't easy!

I'm reminded at this time of year of the line that we are seeing more frequently, accompanying invitations to weddings and Birthday parties: **'No presents required, just your presence!'**

It makes me think about what Christmas really means. During this time of preparation and waiting for the big day to

arrive, many of us will sing the words of that Advent hymn, 'O come, O come, Emmanuel', a 12<sup>th</sup> century hymn that invites God to fulfil his prophecy to his people. Will we really take in those words?

**'Emmanuel' means 'God with us'**, such an important and comforting phrase in these times of uncertainty and anxiety, as we wonder what the new year will bring.

Christmas we know is a time when people can feel lonely, disappointed, stressed. There are reputedly more suicides and marriage breakdowns during the course of this holiday period. One of the best Christmas presents we can offer then must surely be that of hospitality, a listening ear and simply our 'presence' among those who feel forgotten, rejected or overlooked.

In so doing we will find God's own present to us this Christmas, as in any and all other Christmases, His presence. The God to whom "every animal of the forest and the cattle on a thousand hills, belongs" (Psalm 50) has given us the best present of all - **He is with us.**

**The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley  
Bishop of Taunton**

Putting together a **Care Pack** of brand new items for an expectant mother, baby, family or a vulnerable woman in need of humanitarian aid is a wonderful way to show how deeply we care and that they have not been forgotten. These **Care Packs** will be sent to displaced people, refugees and people in need of humanitarian aid in Syria. There are currently around 6.3 million internally displaced people in Syria.

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## Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st December 10:00-12:00

Bayford Hall - Free Entry



We are holding our annual Christmas Fair at Bayford Hall on Saturday 1st December 10am– 12 noon in aid of St Andrew's Church. There will be all the usual stalls, Gifts, Cakes, Raffle, Tombola, Nearly New (goods) and a new stall, Chocolate and Crafts.

There will be refreshments available and Entry is Free.

If you have any items you wish to donate please bring to Bayford Hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November between 14:00-15:30  
Raffle prizes, cakes, produce, unwanted gifts etc and nearly new goods.  
For more info contact Christine on 01963 32311



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7pm**

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- help signpost to other services

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For further information please contact:

**Lesley Burgess**

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Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm

*at Wincanton Methodist Church*

*In aid of 'Wincanton Live at Home'*

*Tickets £12 (U16 free) from Divine Wines, Wincanton  
or contact 01963 33695*

*Seasonal refreshments included*



## **BAYFORD BIG CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Christmas Quiz

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In Aid of Stoke Trister with Bayford Church

# Christmas Fair

on Saturday

1st December, 2018

At

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**10am - 12 noon**

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Stoke Trister



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Festival 2018



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Christmas Tree Festival: 7pm – 9pm

Come and see our Christmas trees  
in candle light + wine and cheese.



Saturday Dec 15th

Christmas Tree Festival: 11am – 4pm

with a Family Christmas Movie from 3pm.



Sunday Dec 16th



Christmas Tree Festival: 12pm – 3pm

Carols, Christingles & Cake: 3pm – 4pm

Seasonal Refreshments available throughout the Festival

