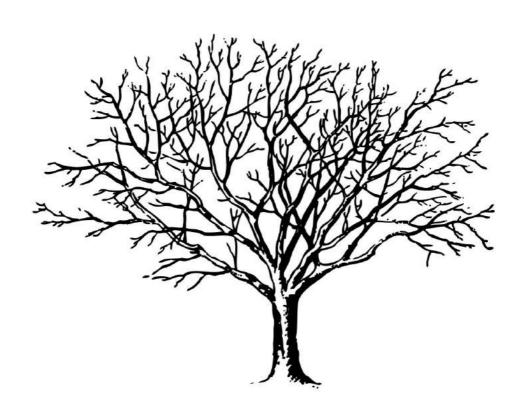
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Welcome to February's newsletter. If you have any pet or local landscape photos for the front cover or seasonal recipes for use in the newsletter, please email them to me at jo@jltraining.co.uk.

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Roman Romance

I love February! It's the shortest month, spring is in the air, Christmas weight is finally shifting and my finances are returning to normal. And, best of all, there's Valentine's Day on February 14th! And who doesn't like a bit of romance, flowers and chocolates?

But St Valentine's life wasn't particularly romantic. He was a Roman priest at the time of Emperor Claudius II. Claudius had issued an edict prohibiting young people from marrying as he felt that unmarried soldiers fought better if they weren't worried about their families' futures if they died. St Valentine, however, felt it was important for couples to be able to marry so he secretly performed many ceremonies and also helped Christians escape the severe persecution of the time. He was eventually caught but, whilst incarcerated in prison, ended up discussing the validity of Jesus with one of his judges, Asterius. Intrigued, the judge bought his adopted blind daughter to Valentine, promising to do whatever he told him to if she was healed. Valentine prayed and the girl's sight was restored. The judge was so amazed and joyful that he, his family and forty four household members all became Christians and he also freed all the inmates imprisoned for their Christian faith.

Eventually however, in 269ad, Valentine was sentenced to a three part execution of beating, stoning and decapitation. But his courageous stand for the right to love has long been remembered. He believed the joys of relational love with a partner and relational love with Jesus Christ were worth dying for - and that belief is still celebrated today!

Revd Rosy Ashley

From the Organ Bench

If you want to be famous – not to mention the royalties – write a seasonal song which will be popular every year. Irving Berlin managed it (with *White Christmas* and *Easter Parade*): no wonder he lived to be 101.

This month let's celebrate a hymn-writer who achieved the same feat, although she never sought royalties. Cecil Frances Humphreys was born in Dublin in 1818, the

daughter of an Army officer. In 1860 she married William Alexander, a parish priest in the north of Ireland who became Bishop of Derry in 1867. From then until her death in 1895 Mrs Alexander, a well-educated woman much influenced by John Keble, led the life of a bishop's wife while also writing a great many poems and hymns.

Her best-loved hymns were written in her twenties and published in Hymns for Children (1848). The words of the Creed are difficult for young children, and Mrs Alexander sought to bring them to life. Thus 'Maker of heaven and earth (All things bright and beautiful), 'Born of the Virgin Mary' (Once in royal David's city), and 'Was crucified, dead and buried' (There is a green hill far away). In that last one, she originally wrote 'Beside a city wall' but then changed 'beside' to 'without', which although it means 'outside', has thus confused generations of children into wondering why the green hill would have needed a city wall in the first place.

Despite there being many good modern hymns and songs which children like to sing, Mrs Alexander's hymns have never lost their popularity, especially at Christmas and Passiontide. Her voice is also often heard on Trinity Sunday, when we sing her strong, vigorous translation of the traditional 'St. Patrick's Breastplate' – *I bind unto myself today / The strong name of the Trinity*.

But my personal favourite is Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult / Of our life's wild, restless sea. / Day by day, his sweet voice soundeth, / Saying 'Christian, follow me'. This was written for St. Andrew's Day, but can be sung at any time since Jesus is forever calling us to follow him. Its appeal to me is greatly enhanced by the glorious, uplifting Victorian tune that it's sung to – St. Andrew, written for it by Edward Thorne (1834-1916).

People can and do pick holes in Mrs Alexander's theology and use of language. But if her words, and the sincere Christian belief that inspired them, are remembered by people from childhood onwards, then something of that belief is still there. That was her achievement – worth far more than royalties.

David Duvall

CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY & MARCH 2019 Please note new locations and times

	09:30	Friends & Heroes	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
Sun 3 rd Feb	09:30	Holy Communion	St Stephen's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 10 th Feb	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 17 th Feb	09:30	Friends & Heroes	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
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Sun 31st Mar 09:30 Mothering Sunday at St John's St John		St John's, Charlton Musgrove	
Sun 7 th Apr	09:30	Friends & Heroes	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
	09:30	Holy Communion	St Stephen's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington

EVENTS FEBRUARY & MARCH 2019

Thu 7 th Feb	10:00-12:00	Bayford Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
Fri 8 th Feb	19:30-21:00	Winter Lecture Fakes & forgeries Richard Kay	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall Tickets online
Fri 15 th Feb	10:30-12:00	Charlton Musgrove Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
Fri 15 th Feb	19:30-21:00	Winter Lecture Growing cut flowers for pleasure and profit Georgie Newbery	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall Tickets online
Fri 22 nd Feb	19:30-21:00	Winter Lecture History of Stourhead Gardens Alan Power	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall Tickets online
Sat 23 rd Feb	From 10:00	Cucklington Coffee Morning	Cucklington Village Hall
Fri 1 st Mar	19:30-21:00	Winter Lecture A History of Charlton Musgrove Kevin Flint & John Ball	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall Tickets online
Thu 7 th Mar	10:00-12:00	Bayford Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
Sat 9 th Mar	10:30-12:00	Annual Coffee Morning to raise funds for The Brain Tumour Charity.	Paradise Cottage, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove BA9 8HW
Sat 9 th Mar	From 10:00	Grand Jumble Sale	Bayford Village Hall

Could you help at a pop-up pub, show a film or run a quiz night? Or are there other events you'd like in Cucklington Village Hall?

The Social Events Committee is re-forming and looking for volunteers from Stoke Trister and Cucklington!

If interested, please email georgie.hopkins@myakka.co.uk.



A message from the Rt Rev Dr Joanna Penberthy

"I have just been awarded my PhD, subject to corrections, and I have dedicated it to the parishioners of Stoke Trister with Bayford, Charlton Musgrove and Cucklington. Thanks for all your support, love and prayers, Jo."

I have sent Jo many congratulations on behalf of the benefice. Felicity



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100 Club Winners January Draw: No 41 Stella Wheeler No 76 Clive & Diane Coe



Forthcoming Events					
Sat 9 th March	10:30-12:00	The England Family invite you to join them for their Annual Coffee Morning to raise funds for The Brain Tumour Charity. There will be a raffle and we hope you will come and help us raise funds for this wonderful Charity working towards early diagnosis and treatment of this cruel disease.	Paradise Cottage, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove BA9 8HW		

COFFEE MORNING

Our monthly Coffee Morning resumes on Friday 15th February 10.30 to 12 noon in our Village Hall.
Do come and join us for real Coffee, Homemade Cake and a chance to catch up with neighbours and friends after the Christmas break. Everyone Welcome.

Short Mat Bowls at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

WE MEET ON THE 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 2.00pm UNTIL 5.00pm Come along for a laugh, we are a friendly non-competitive group

Tea and Coffee will be served.

Please bring along smooth soled shoes to wear for the sake of the mats.

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If you would like to be on the Electoral Roll and you meet the requirements, please contact

Jean Sellick at **jean@bradsons.co.uk** for a form.



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St Lawrence's Church www.cucklington.org.uk Church Warden - Pip Loxton T: 01747 840947

SCRABBLE

The next scrabble evening will be on Friday 8th February in the Village Hall, starting at 7pm. If you are interested in finding out about joining the scrabble group please ring Gaye on 01747 840450.

COFFEE MORNING

The first coffee morning of the year will be on Saturday 23rd February, from 10 am. Not to be missed!

VILLAGE HALL CLEANING

The next cleaning session will be on Saturday 9th February, starting at 9.30am.

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The St Lawrence's Parish Church Council will be compiling a new Church Electoral Roll in 2019. The closing date for inclusion is 6th March 2019.

The Church Electoral Roll is a register of all those who live in the Parish of, or worship in, St Lawrence's Cucklington. It entitles all those registered to vote on matters relating to St Lawrence's.

St Lawrence's lies at the heart of our village and has a unique place in our community, the history of the village and its future wellbeing. Your vote matters enormously and it counts for so much. So do please take a few moments to register.

Application forms can be found in either this copy of Village News (Yellow insert) OR the foyer of St Lawrence's Church OR it can be obtained by contacting either Julia Crawford Smith (01747 841045) or Martin Speller (01747 840216).

Remember please the closing date is 6th March 2019. Thank you.

AMMH - Cucklington Village Hall

AGM 2019

Saturday 27th April 2019 at 10:00

It's that time of year again!

Please spare half an hour of your time to attend.

The AGM will be held at 10:00 sharp, immediately before our usual coffee morning.

The Committee have again been very busy on your behalf during the year and you can all see for yourselves at least one of the tangible benefits that our share of the Community Benefit has provided.

All are welcome on the day and your support is much appreciated.

Coffee and cakes afterwards are well worth staying for!

(Apologies to : dmhammet99@aol.com)



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BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL - NEW DISPLAY BOARDS

The Village Hall now has several more display boards. The initial idea is to show on them sets of photographs of places in this part of the country that are both beautiful and worth a visit. The first set is already up, and focuses on Worbarrow Bay and Tyneham on the Jurassic Coast. Later on we could well focus on other displays, such as interesting people in this area, follow up The Bayford Book with more photographs, etc. All ideas welcome!

If you have such a set to "lend" the Hall, please get in touch with Sid Garton on 01963 34808.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Many thanks to the Church flower ladies who keep St Andrew's so beautifully decorated and never get a mention – Alison Dixon, Rita, Maggie, Jennifer and Jane. It always looks lovely whenever you go in and your arrangements are much appreciated. Similarly the work of Christine Perrett and her helpers who keep the church clean – thank you all for your hard work.

BAYFORD COFFEE MORNINGS

These will resume on Thursday 7th February and Thursday 7th March in Bayford Village Hall from 10:00-12:00. Everyone very welcome and there will be a Bring and Buy table.

THE BAYFORD VILLAGE LUNCH

The February lunch will be on Wednesday 27th February, usual time 12:30pm.



Menu will be tasty, though not yet decided!

Please let Sid know a few days beforehand if you will be coming, and if you have any food allergies. Tel: 01963 34808 or email: sbgarton@hotmail.co.uk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many will be sad to hear of the death of Betty Footer on 16th January. She lived at St Andrew's in Bayford before moving to the Isle of Wight to live nearer her daughter. She was a lovely friend and neighbour and will be remembered for her sense of fun and her glamour!

Joan Stingemore also died at New Year aged 90. Her husband Ron was the policeman in Bayford for many years, living at Peelers, before moving to Eastfield Road in Wincanton

THANKS

Thank you to Maureen Parsons for organising lunch at the Wagtail for a mid January treat for the Bayford Coffee morning gang on Thursday 17th January. It was a lovely meal and stimulating conversation!



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TWO COURSES starting in 2019!

Daytime starts:

Tuesday January 22nd 9.15-10.45am

The Kitchen at Kimbers (next to Kimber Farm Shop)

Evening starts:

Sunday February 3rd 5.00-7.00pm

Wincanton Community
Church, South St,
Wincanton BA9 9DL
(+ free meal)
For more information please

contact Rosy Ashley at rosyashley@hotmail.com

What is Alpha?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore questions of life and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Who is it for?

Anyone with questions about life. No religious knowledge needed. All are welcome.

How does it work?

Alpha has ten sessions and involves coffee or food, a short talk on DVD and discussion where you can share your point of view.

How much is it?

It's free. No pressure, no follow up.



PLASTIC FREE WINCANTON

Open Meeting 7:30pm on Friday March 22nd Bayford Village Hall



Includes a presentation by Nick Stillwell.

On the cutting edge of recycling, pioneer Nick Stillwell of Frome will tell of his company Storm Board's success in turning "unrecyclable plastics" into products.

All are welcome

Campaigners from Mendip and South Somerset paid a visit to Storm Board, part of Protomax, an innovative plastic recycling company in Frome. We met the founder, Nick Stillwell, who explained what they do and their approach to making plastic recycling into a sensible business proposition.

The company can recycle any type of plastic, hard or soft, and turn it into a vast range of board based products - construction hoarding, tables, cabinets, chairs, worktops, planters and emergency housing, Their business model is based on a closed loop, which turns waste plastic, supplied by an organisation, into a product that may be used by that organisation. The company have already worked with Frome Town Council to turn its plastic waste into public noticeboards, and have had contracts with several major supermarkets and construction firms.

Potentially the company provides, in part at least, a solution to the huge global problem of plastic pollution in the ocean, highlighted by the BBC's Blue Planet 2 and Drowning in Plastic programmes hosted by Sir David Attenborough and Liz Bonnin.

Nick had just returned from Italy after demonstrating how to use waste to build refugee housing on site. To do this they barraged the Po River and collected plastic waste which they proceeded to process into the raw material from which they created a refugee shelter. The process provides an alternative to plywood panels for hoarding construction sites and events. Millions of panels a year are made from processed timber, mostly from shipped China or Brazil, which all end up buried in landfill sites. The company is working to replace this with recycled plastic, which is reusable and recyclable and so saves money for their clients.

The whole process was inspiring and provides a glimpse into how we, locally, may do our bit to address the plastics issue. The closed loop model transfers responsibility to those people who use plastic...us.



Spring Cleaning? Looking for Bargains?

GRAND JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 9th March at 10:00
BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL

Entry: 50p per person, children free

Donations on Friday 8th March 1.30pm - 5.30pm and from 08.30am Saturday 9th please Sorry, we cannot take electrical items

The Well

Bible Study Group

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