

VILLAGE NEWS

July 2019

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



Some of the amazing classic cars on display at the Summer Fair

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Welcome to July's newsletter.
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The rain has just slowed and as a final reprieve, a dusky glow is bathing my garden. The flowers are now in full bloom – roses, geraniums, daisies, lavender, calendula - and finally, after three years of waiting, the new borders are filling in, realising the vision I had when I first moved in. It's given me a lot of time to think as I've planted and watered and weeded and watched – waiting for seedlings to emerge, buds to blossom and plants to fill out. I've felt impatient and discouraged here and there, but over time, I began to see bits of hope in the growth process. It never fails to thrill to see a little seed planted deep within the soil with no light, no direct access, no way to monitor its growth - yet when it receives what it needs, abandoning its shell to grow upwards, breaking through the hard ground, making it into the light, into view, to be finally seen for what it is.

So often aspects of our lives – such as our hopes and dreams – can be much like the seed. For a season, they are buried and are so out of sight so that we might wonder if they are even still alive. This might happen when caring for another – a parent, child, or loved one – or have to prioritise another season which seemingly puts the dream on hold. Or maybe even this is 'the season' yet the growth is taking much longer than expected – for example, when hoping a new business will take off, or a home will sell, or that a relationship will turn the corner.

If you are in this state – of impatience, frustration, hopelessness – I pray this summer, as you stroll through the lanes and see the beautiful flowers, that you are filled with hope. Those dreams that may seem to have died a death may in fact yet be in the process of taking root to soon emerge. After all, the dream seeds that God places within us contain all they need to bring them to full fruition in the right time with God's help. He is a patient gardener and doesn't give up! All we have to do is trust and enjoy the gentle weeding, watering and pruning until signs of new life emerge.

Revd Rosy Ashley

From the Organ Bench

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint.

That sounds like a long-established firm of solicitors in a country town, doesn't it? Actually it's the name of a man, clearly a very saintly one. Whatever Mr and Mrs Pierpoint, citizens of Bath in our diocese, might have been thinking in naming their baby son, he grew up to write:

*For the joy of human love, / Brother, sister,
parent, child....*

To go through life being called Folliott Sandford, and still to write those lines, calls for a very special kind of saintliness. They are from *For the beauty of the earth*, a much-loved hymn which Pierpoint (1835-1917) wrote in 1864. It's the only hymn for which he is remembered, so he joins our number of one-hit wonders. But it's a joyful hymn of thanks to God for all he gives us – beauty, love, grace and the Church itself.

For the beauty of the earth deserves a joyful, vigorous tune, and it got it when Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943) arranged for it an English folk song which most hymn books call *England's Lane*. Geoffrey Shaw's other claim to fame is that, 100 years ago this year, as editor of the Public School Hymn Book (1919), he commissioned John Ireland to write the haunting tune which made the equally powerful words of *My song is love unknown* into one of the best-loved hymns of all.

The nearer you are to Wales, the more likely you are to sing *For the beauty of the earth* to *Lucerna Laudoniae (Lantern of Lothian)* composed by David Evans (1874-1948) as a tribute to a Scottish colleague. A lovely tune but not quite as vigorous as *England's Lane*, and it changes time-signature in the middle, something that the Welsh are better at mastering than the rest of us. Some hymn books inexplicably set the hymn to the dreary *Dix* (with which that fine hymn *As with gladness men of old* is invariably saddled).

To be remembered for one great piece of writing is better than for none at all. Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, together with Geoffrey Shaw, deserve our respect for ensuring that after singing this great hymn to *England's Lane* we can't fail to feel joyful and thankful.

David Duvall

CHURCH SERVICES

JULY & AUGUST 2019

Sun 7 th July	09:30	Friends & Heroes	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
	09:30	Holy Communion	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 14 th July	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 21 st July	10:00	Open Air Service and Walk	Meet at Hunter's Lodge Car Park
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 28 th July	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 4 th Aug	09:30	Holy Communion	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 11 th Aug	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 18 th Aug	09:30	Holy Communion	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
	18:00	Evensong	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 25 th Aug	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister

An Apology

The hearing loops in St Stephen's & St John's have been out of action for some time and this has caused much inconvenience & discomfort.

By the time you read this, the loop in St John's will be back in action.

On behalf of Charlton Musgrove PCC - our apologies.

Events July & August 2019

Thu 4 th July	10:00-12:00	Bayford Coffee Morning	Sunnybank, Bayford
Fri 5 th July	19:30 onwards	Pop up Pub	Cucklington Village Hall
Fri 12 th July	10:00-12:00	Scrabble Evening	Cucklington Village Hall
Fri 19 th July	10:30-12:00	Charlton Musgrove Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
Sat 27 th July	10:00	Cucklington Coffee Morning	Cucklington Village hall
Sat 27 th July		Charlton Musgrove Flower and Produce Show	
Thu 1 st Aug	10:00-12:00	Bayford Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
Sat 10 th Aug	14:30	Cucklington with Stoke Trister & Bayford Summer Flower Show	

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.



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100 Club winners June Draw

No 45 Liz Flint. £50

No 54 Richard Brain £25

NO 84 Lucinda Hand £25



Many thanks to all our loyal supporters who renewed their subscriptions for the 2019-20 Draws.

Also Welcome to new members joining this year. Good Luck to you all.

There are still a few numbers available. If you would like further details please contact Dibby Rockford on 01963 34017.

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 19th July 10:30-12:00 noon in the Village Hall. Come along and join us for real coffee, homemade cake and a chance to catch up with neighbours and friends. Everyone welcome, we look forward to seeing you.

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. Brian and Stella Wheeler - 07530 297964



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CHARLTON MUSGROVE FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW SATURDAY 27TH JULY

As mentioned in our last reminder, we have introduced some new ideas for this year's flower show. There will be the usual classes for Vegetables and Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arrangements, Home Industries – Kitchen and Handicrafts, Photography and the Greenfingers Award for children. As we are slightly earlier in the year than in previous years the fruit and vegetable section is different, and all classes have been reduced in the hope that it will make it easier for you to choose which classes to enter!

Now to the "hands on" activities which we hope will prove extremely popular to all ages. For the children, we will have a table for 'pebble painting' which will be supervised by a local expert. Many of us in the village have had the delight of mysterious painted stones appearing overnight on our gate-posts, doorsteps, etc. which has brought much joy. We thought it would be a nice idea if the children could paint their own stone and then give it to a relative – grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. – who in turn would place it anonymously on a neighbour's property thus propagating the joy these stones have brought. All materials will be provided and there will be no cost involved.

The second "hands on" will involve fruit and vegetable sculpting. A local expert has volunteered to run a table for those of you brave enough to have a go at transforming a cucumber into a caterpillar or a potato into a tulip! It should be really good fun and it would be great to see lots of people having a go. Once again, all materials will be provided at no cost – so just your enthusiasm will be needed.

In a bid to reduce paper waste, schedules will not be put into Newsletters this year but will be available from Kimbers Farm Shop, The Smithy, the Village Hall, Ceri Izard or Gill Adams from the 22nd June.

There will of course be the usual tea, coffee and superb selection of homemade cakes from our wonderful village bakers, plus raffle and sale of produce at 3.30 p.m.

We do hope you can come along and enjoy what we are hoping will prove to be a really fun afternoon.

Pauline Bastable and team



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VILLAGE HALL BROADBAND

The hall is now connected by fibre optic link. We now have high speed access – much faster than most of us will have at home! Please pass the word round, as we may get some extra hall bookings as a result. Thanks are due to Phil Crawford-Smith for organising this.

SCRABBLE

The next scrabble evening will be on Friday 12th July in the AMMH, starting at 7pm. If there is anyone interested in finding out about joining the scrabble group, please ring Gaye on 01747 840450.

COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 27th July, from 10 am. Not to be missed!

POP UP PUB – FRIDAY 5TH JULY

The next Pop Up Pub is **Friday 5th**

July from 7.30pm – please do come along for a drink and a catch up. Everyone from the area is welcome



and if you can't make this one, we'll be running them on the first Friday of every month so do come along to the next one!

Dates for your diary: **2 Aug, 6 Sep**

CUCKLINGTON WITH STOKE TRISTER & BAYFORD

SUMMER FLOWER SHOW - SAT 10TH AUG 14:30

This is a great community event with options for everyone to enter and showcase your produce and crafts. We'd love to see as many entries as possible so please do join in.

Church Warden: Pip Loxton Contact Telephone number 01747 840947
The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington – Management Committee
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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 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. If you have such a set to "lend" the Hall, please get in touch with Sid Garton on 01963 34808.

BAYFORD COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday 4th July at Sunnybank, Bayford, home of Brian and Averil Ellard. 10 am to 12 noon. Bring and Buy table. All very welcome.

August's coffee morning will be on Thursday 1st August in Bayford Village Hall, 10 am to 12 noon. Bring and Buy table. Everyone most welcome to come along.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Christine Perrett and her team of helpers on the very successful Summer Fair on 15th June. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who came and a good sum of money was raised for the benefice.

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Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton For Parish Newsletters – July 2019

Time to reflect

By the time you read this I may be a Granny! Our first grandchild is due on June 30th. Very exciting! So our holiday this month will be up in Scotland, cooing over a new-born. Let's hope he or she looks more like their parents than their grandparents.

I remember when our eldest son was born that he received a little T-shirt that said 'If you think I'm cute you should see my dad'. No prizes for guessing who gave it to him!

I wonder who people see when they look at you. I'm not speaking of the familial physiological likeness but rather whether you reflect something of the nature and character of your heavenly Father. Can people look at you and recognise you as part of the Christian family?

It's easy for us to point the finger at others and say they are hypocrites or fail to live up to the high standards of Christian faith. I have to own that as I write this, following President Trump's visit, that I find some of his views far from the Christian ones I espouse. If I allow myself I can get quite heated about the different ways in which people make Christian claims. 'Living the story of God's love' shouldn't be about taking pot shots at others but rather seeking to become more like Christ ourselves. We all fail at that.

I've been doing some reassessment of my life as I realise a new generation is entering our family. It makes you think about what really matters and how you apportion your time. May I encourage you during July, traditionally a holiday month, as you come to the end of school and college programmes, put down the tools of your trade, to take time to reflect on your life. Think about the next phase or chapter and how you might allow God's graces to shape you to become more like Him. What needs to change? How will you make space for that? Are you ready to wear the T-shirt?

Wishing you God's blessings!

The Rt Revd Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton

Date for your diary!



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Very many thanks.

Peter Munro

Summer Fair 2019

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Summer Fair a success. To everyone who came on the day, to those who donated prizes and goods and made cakes for us to sell, to everyone who brought their amazing vintage and classic cars and a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way. To everyone who helped on the day - thank you. To Gary and Tom, my two sons-in-law who put up the marquee in the rain and fetched the Bouncy Castle and to Richard (my husband) for collecting and bringing the Skittle Alley and returning it - I could not have managed without you all.

We have a few expenses to settle but we raised approximately £2,200. Thank you everyone.

Christine Perrett



KIDS FEST

End of Year Celebration Party!

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