

VILLAGE NEWS

April 2020

For the parishes of
Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and
Stoke Trister with Bayford

VIRUS AID



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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Welcome to April's newsletter.
If you have any local event details or photos for insertion in the newsletter, please email them to me at jo@jltraining.co.uk.

Copy date for the May issue is Friday 17th April 2020.

Enforced Retreat

I don't know how you're feeling about Coronavirus and all its ramifications for our lives. I've certainly been through a mixture of feelings including concern for those I love, disappointment about cancelling so much, profound gratitude for our wonderful NHS and health care professionals and relief about living in such a beautiful place. When confined to barracks, there are worse places to be than our villages!

We are all being asked to plan for a reasonably lengthy period of social distancing, and particularly if we are older. The good news is that the villages have a great group of healthy volunteers willing to get shopping, run errands, pick up pet food and prescriptions etc. Do please use them! Simply email me on rosyashley@hotmail.com or ring on 01747 442969 or 07482 300290 and we can make sure you have everything you need. We also have some people offering to chat on the phone so, if like me, you live alone and sometimes get lonely, do take up this offer. We might all make new friends!

From a spiritual perspective, as people try to make sense of what's going on, there is some really unhelpful nonsense online about the virus being a punishment from God. The Bible categorically contradicts this view. Coronavirus is NOT a judgement from God and it's not His story for humanity. Jesus took all judgements and curses upon Himself when He went to the cross so that we would not have to experience them! Because of this, all destructive human actions and attitudes which lead to disease and death have been forgiven. We simply need to accept His death on our behalf to be able to receive and benefit from the cleansing, renewal

and restoration that He alone brings. All of us are invited to simply receive what Jesus has done for each of us and exchange our dis-eased lives for His powerful, pure and love-filled life which cleanses and fills us with His peace and presence.

So in this imposed 'retreat' from normal life ahead, why not take some time to talk to the God who created you? He knows you and loves you even if you don't know him.

Or pick up a Bible and read one of the accounts of Jesus in the New Testament. One of my favourites is the Gospel of Mark which is only short and reads like a mission impossible action story!

Or join the millions around the world who are praying. There is a prayer in this newsletter which the local church is praying over all people in the Benefice and surrounding villages. Praying together is powerful.

Or simply rest in His presence and breathe deeply of His love and breathe out all your fears as you yield to Him. He promises to meet everyone whose heart seeks Him.

The Apostle Paul, who endured extreme trials in his life, writes something really helpful for us at this time:

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6,7

May God bless you and your families.

Rosy

From the Organ Bench

Twice in my life now I have written short handbooks called 'Anti Money Laundering Guide'. I say that only to give an example of a title that – useful though I hope it is – isn't going to say 'Read on'. But this first line does: *My song is love unknown*.

It takes a stroke of genius to come up with a line like that. It also takes a considerable talent to follow it up. But Samuel Crossman (1625-84) managed to keep the inspiration going for seven verses. This is one hymn where it's a great shame to omit verses (*For all the saints* is another).

Originally a Dissenter, Samuel Crossman joined the Church of England and served his early ministry in his native Suffolk. He moved to a parish in Bristol, and then became Dean of Bristol Cathedral only a year before his death. *My song is love unknown* was one of a small collection of nine sacred poems which Crossman called 'A Young Man's Meditation'. It's the only one of the collection to become famous, and then only because a facsimile edition of it was published by Daniel Sedgwick in 1863.

So a stroke of luck as well as of genius. Passiontide, perhaps more than Easter, has brought out the best in several hymn-writers, and this is now one of the best-loved of our Passiontide hymns. Its vivid depiction of the change of mood of the crowd (*Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing....Then 'Crucify' is all their breath*) is followed, unusually in a hymn, by irony (*Why, what hath my Lord done.....Sweet injuries*). And finally Crossman manages to involve

us all (*This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend*).

Once again this is a hymn which deserved, and in 1919 got, a wonderfully lyrical tune which makes the words fly. John Ireland (1879-1962) was a prolific and perhaps under-rated composer who wrote both religious and secular music, and this tune (*Love Unknown*) was written while he was organist at St. Luke's, Chelsea. (You might be surprised to know that this is one hymn that I play more slowly than most other organists.)

A non-churchgoer might think that this sublime combination of words and music was simply a beautiful song, and it can bear comparison with the best of secular songs. But as Christians we have the great advantage, and privilege, of being able to believe in it as well.

David Duvall

CHURCH SERVICES

ALL CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS CANCELLED

until further notice

Upon the advice of the Archbishops, public worship in our churches has to stop for a season. But this does not mean the Church of England has shut up shop. Far from it.

We will continue to pray for the government and nation, all health professionals and each person in the Benefice and will try to ensure that all church buildings remain open for private prayer. We also will continue to provide practical care and support to the most vulnerable and the poor alongside members of our community.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

No services so no collections, but the bills keep coming.

To keep our churches open and available for everyone we have to cover regular outgoings, such as Parish Share to support our Rector, insurance premiums, etc. The suspension of church services means we have lost the income from collections in church which would normally help with this. Please consider alternative ways of giving, such as direct transfer into the PCC's account. Your Treasurer or Churchwarden will be able to advise you.

Thank you.

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



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100 Club winners March Draw

No 10 Jonathan Hand

No 89 Annie Sutton



COFFEE MORNING



The April Village Coffee Morning has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Our Village Hall Committee have taken the decision to close the Hall until 20th of April. This will be reviewed as the situation develops. We shall miss our monthly get together and hope you will all stay safe. Best wishes to you all.

The Coffee Morning team.

FUTURE EVENTS

There are several exciting and unique events happening in the village this Summer. The Flower & Produce Show will be taking on a slightly different formula – please note the **new date** will be **Saturday 24th October from 10.30 to 2.00**. There are many different activities for adults and children being planned, with less emphasis on competition and more on challenges and sharing. Hope this sounds sufficiently mysterious! The team will be keeping you updated throughout the year and hope to put together a fun and social event in which all the village can take part.

Pauline, Gill and Ceri.

THE ENGLAND FAMILY BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

It is with great sadness we have taken the decision to cancel our Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st March due to the restrictions being put in place to combat the spread of the Coronavirus. We had already received donations and Raffle Prizes so have decided to continue with the Raffle selling tickets as and when we can. Winners may have to wait a while for their prizes!

If you would still like to support the Charity and send along a donation, I will forward any proceeds received in due course. These can be sent to: Joan England, Paradise Cottage, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove, Wincanton Somerset BA9 8HW. Cheques can be made out to The Brain Tumour Charity or Mrs J England, or you could pop cash in an envelope through my letterbox. Please include your name so we can say A Huge Thank You. It would be wonderful if we could salvage something from this difficult situation. Meanwhile, stay safe and well, God Bless you all.

The England Family.

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SCRABBLE

Due to the Coronavirus, scrabble evenings will not take place until further notice.



COFFEE MORNING

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CUCKLINGTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm – 10:00pm.

Due to the Coronavirus, the table tennis club will not take place until further notice.

POP UP PUB – FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 19:30



Due to the Coronavirus, the Pop up Pub will not take place until further notice.

Village Contacts:

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>

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(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.

Church Warden: Pip Loxton Contact Telephone number 01747 840947

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)



STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

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WHIST DRIVE—Thursday 23rd April 2020

This is cancelled due to Coronavirus.

TOWER CAPTAIN, STOKE TRISTER

Is there any person in the vicinity who could spare the time to take on the role as Tower Captain, Stoke Trister? Our services are approximately twice monthly, there is a light six, in ringing order, and there are a few ringers in our parishes of Stoke Trister, Bayford, Cucklington and Charlton Musgrove. If you would consider the role, please contact Rosie Ashley t: 01747 442969, m: 07482 300290.

BAYFORD COFFEE MORNINGS

CANCELLED APRIL/MAY

The Coffee Mornings due to be held at Bayford Village Hall on Thursday 6th April and Thursday 7th May have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus situation. Please look out for further information on future dates in the Village Newsletter.

The Bayford Coffee Morning group went to the Octagon theatre in Yeovil on 14th March to see The Sound of Music, an outing organised by Maureen Parsons. It was a marvellous performance, with superb acting and wonderful singing and everyone agreed it was the best we had all seen. The child actors, Maria and the nuns were all faultless and we all came out singing the songs and with smiles on our faces: just the tonic we



needed in these difficult days. The show was followed by a delicious meal at the pub in Holton, so thank you Maureen for organising another successful trip (with help from Jane).

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Annual Parish Meeting for Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish will be held on Thurs 14th May 2020 at 7.00 pm at Bayford Village Hall. This is your opportunity to contribute to the Parish proceedings and suggest how services/life can be enhanced for all residents. Please come and contribute.

This is likely to be cancelled due to Coronavirus—more details in next month's newsletter.

Decoration of St Lawrence for Easter



We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 11th April from 10 am and would be grateful for any help and/or donations of gold, yellow and white flowers with greenery.



Pancake Party

This year's Pancake Party was again held at 'The Kitchen at Kimbers'. There were 45-50 people present of all ages. A colouring in Easter Egg competition brought forward 2 winners out of many splendidly coloured in eggs, Mrs Veronica White judged the entries and after a difficult time settled on Isabel Buckland and Raeph Sussex. The well-established Egg Shackling, (introduced by Rev and Mrs Thatcher several years ago) was won by Mrs Hannah Kay. Thanks must go to all the 'pancake makers' lovely fillings, fish, beef chilly, vegetable, chicken, cheese then followed by sweet pancakes with chocolate, maple sauces and ice cream. Thanks also to 'The Kitchen' for the use of the facilities at no charge. A craft table was popular with the young people. Jean Brown organized pancake races for young and old, lots of fun was had by all. £200 was raised for the life changing charity, 'Send a Cow'.



**Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton
For Parish Newsletters – April 2020**

Time to show our care for all

As we reflect on the Easter story this month I'm reminded of the sense of 'touch'. It was Passover, a religious festival, and as Jesus was laid in the tomb, Sabbath was upon them. So the usual burial rites were not attended to by the women who were closest to Jesus. It would have been improper to touch the dead body. Hence their early arrival on that resurrection morning.

In the following days, in attempts to dispel disbelief, Jesus' followers had opportunity to not only talk with him, eat with him, but also touch him as he came among them. Thomas's doubt was dispelled as he was invited to place his hand in the wounds of Christ.'

As I write this we are wondering what Covid 19 might have in store for us in the UK. We hear now that Italy has taken drastic action in hoping to contain the virus. I don't know what further precautions we in the UK may have taken by the time you read this.

Currently we are all taking greater care with our personal hygiene in washing hands and ensuring we use and bin tissues. Today, along with the rest of the Church of England, we in Bath and Wells, have recommended that we only receive bread or wafers at Holy Communion and refrain from touching, through blessing, sharing the Peace or prayer through laying on of hands.

There will be various responses to the concerns raised by the Government and the media. Some may feel anxiety or fear about the nature of the virus whilst others may wonder if the emergency planning appears over-reactive. Our response as a Church must be that we do what we can to ensure we stay safe by taking all precautions recommended. And that we do all we can to reassure people who may feel vulnerable and worried by staying calm and showing compassion and care for all.

But how do we express such care? I've realised that touch plays quite an important part in showing we care for someone. When I was training as a nurse for a brief period many years ago, I recall being shown some research on touch. It was an eye-opener! Even the briefest of touches can cause people to feel better, cared for and happier.

But the presence of Coronavirus means that we are having to withdraw touch to prevent the possibility of infection. So how might we try to replace touch with other signals of our care and value? What might that look like?

As folk may find themselves 'self-isolating' due to potential symptoms of the virus we have the opportunity to find new ways to show our care. Phone calls and cards, food deliveries, creative use of social media and streaming of worship services may all be ways to stay in touch and help people to know they are not alone. Rather than finding ourselves paralysed by the situation let us discover how we can create new opportunities to strengthen our relationships and communities.

May our actions be the reassuring, life-affirming 'touch' of the risen Christ this Easter!

Easter blessings.

The Right Revd Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton

Greet the Risen Son at SunRise on Easter Sunday morning!

**St Andrew's Churchyard,
Stoke Trister
April 12th, 6.00am**

Followed by coffee and croissant

**Please contact Rosy Ashley to see if this is still going ahead:
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ARE YOU ON ST ANDREW'S STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD OR ST STEPHEN'S CHARLTON MUSGROVE ELECTORAL ROLL?

What is the Electoral Roll?

The church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members; it is a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Electoral rolls provide an indication of the real membership and strength of the church.

Are you New to Area?

If so, you might want to join. If you were on it last year, you don't need to reapply.

Who Can Be on the Electoral Roll?

Baptised adults (over 16 years) who live in the parish, or who have worshipped regularly at the church for at least six months (or would have attended had sickness not prevented them) who are committed to being part of the life of the local Church of England congregation.

Why Join?

Enrolment is a way of saying "I belong". It is an act of commitment to the local church and the church as a whole. It opens the way for a greater involvement in the life of the church at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels.

If you would like to be on the Electoral Roll and you meet the requirements, please contact Rosy Ashley on rosyashley@hotmail.com for a form.

**Adapted from Coronavirus
'Golden Rules' by The
Bishop of St Albans**

Golden Rule One

Each one of us think about how we can protect and support our neighbours. So much of the public rhetoric is sowing fear about the danger of other people. So, taking all the official precautions, offer help and reassurance to others – and don't demonise anyone or any group.

Golden Rule Two

Think about who may be suffering more than me. For those of us who are healthy, there is much less to worry about but the elderly, the housebound, those with chronic health conditions may be very anxious. How about phoning them regularly to be a friendly voice offering solace to their worries?

Also, people on zero hour contracts like cleaners, bar and restaurants staff might find their income affected. Can we find a way to ensure these people and their families are provided for?

Golden Rule Three

Don't give into panic and start hoarding food. There is plenty to go around so practise the Christian discipline of sharing. Ask your neighbours what they need and do your best to help them get it.

Golden Rule Four

Live today to the full. None of us ever knows what the future holds. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6.25–34), Jesus challenged his followers to live each day fully and not be afraid. Every time we are tempted to give in to fear, we need to make a conscious choice to respond in trust and openness. And, along with just over half the adults in the UK, don't forget to pray. Here's a suggestion:

Dear God our Shield and our Defender, guide and protect my neighbour in this time of health emergency; deliver them from all harm and may your love and care ever grow in this place. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

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.

**Advice from Dr Emma Hannay
(Public Health Specialist),
Wayside Thatch, Stoke Trister**



As you will know by now, Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is a new respiratory infection which is rapidly increasing in the UK. This outbreak is expected to get much worse in the coming weeks. While many people who have the disease have only mild symptoms, for some the disease can be very severe or even fatal. This is particularly true for older people or those who have a chronic illness such as emphysema, diabetes, hypertension or similar.

While our hospitals and health authorities are taking a number of actions, **there are things we can do locally to reduce the impact of the outbreak on our community.**

COVID-19 is mostly spread by droplets, and so most transmission happens between people who are close together (such as living in the same house). It can also be caught from touching surfaces, however this is much rarer.

All of us should **stay at home (self-isolate)** if we have a cough or fever, even if mild. We should also all **wash our hands regularly** (with soap, or with alcohol hand gel - both work well) and **avoid touching our face**, if possible. We should also stop attending large gatherings of people, such as concerts.

For people who are older (over 70) or who have a chronic disease, further steps will help reduce the risk of you becoming unwell. **It may well be advisable to stay home**, away from gatherings of people for the next few weeks while the outbreak is at its peak to reduce your chance of catching the disease. This may include not going to the supermarket, the shops, or other gatherings. This is **particularly important for the next 2-4 weeks** as our health system will struggle to cope with large numbers of sick people.

As a community, we want to support older people to enable you to do this. You might well have neighbours who will get your shopping, newspapers, library books, medical supplies etc. but if not, or if they get ill, do please get in touch with Rosy (our local vicar). **We can then arrange for other community members less at risk to do grocery shopping or other errands** so you don't need to leave the house as often as you might normally. We can also arrange for people to visit so you have regular contact with the outside world.

Please let us know if you would like help by contacting Rosy on rosyashley@hotmail.com; 01747 442969 and 07482 300290 or contact Emma on emma.hannay@gmail.com who will also answer any medical questions you might have. **If you are able to volunteer to help** with grocery runs or visits for those at greater risk, please let Rosy know and we will put you on the roster.

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Go the extra mile and help others

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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

General Prayer
for the people in our villages and local area

O High King of Heaven
you love everyone
and died for the sins of all people.
Father, let this truth enlighten the hearts of all
people in our villages and towns
so that Christ may live in our hearts
as we trust Him.

Holy Spirit, reveal your goodness
and fill everyone with power to experience
all the dimensions of Christ's love.
May old and young experience You
and manifest Your kingdom through their lives.

Thank you that Your word promises
that all who call on Your name in our villages and
towns will be saved and made whole.

I bless our villages and towns in the Name of
Jesus to receive the abundant life that God
desires for all!
For the honour of Your name in our nation.
Amen.

(From John 3:16, Eph 1:18,3:16-19; Acts 2:21; John 10:10)

Coronavirus Prayer

God protect us -
my household, neighbourhood, job, church
and country from Coronavirus.
Panic and pandemic are not Your will or story for
this generation.

Help us to trust that You are sending help,
peace, medical science, governmental strategy,
relief and healing to the virus.

God who commands all the angel armies, send
angels out on our behalf
to war against this so that it doesn't come near
us, our families and our lives.

Give us wisdom and discernment about when to
travel, when to stay at home and how to
manage life in the midst of this outbreak.

Help us God during this temporary recession of
finances and resources

to walk in gratitude for what we do have.
Help us not to isolate from others but to offer
love and connection in the midst of threat.

Thank you God that you paid the price on the
cross for divine health and eternal life and so,
because of this, we can stand in faith and trust
in You. Amen.