



**Five Crosses**  
Tintinhull, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil Marsh,  
Thorne Coffin, Lufton  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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***Dear Friends,***

November, as always, brings our season of Remembrance. Foremost in most of our minds will, of course, be Remembrance Sunday (this year on 8<sup>th</sup> November). Sadly this year we will not be able to hold our usual Remembrance services, but we will not be forgetting those who gave their lives in two World Wars and other conflicts. Our Remembrance Sunday service will be at Tintinhull at 10.30 am and will be themed for Remembrance, including the observation of the Silence and the laying of wreaths. At present we are limited as to the numbers that can be accommodated in church due to the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions. Therefore we will make a video recording of the service which will be published as soon as possible after the service (probably at about 1 pm) so that those who are unable to attend can share the service. The two-minute Silence will be observed at the War Memorial at 11 am and everybody will be welcome to attend that part of the service.

On 11<sup>th</sup> November I will be at Chilthorne Domer at 11 am to observe the Silence and wreaths may be laid at the War Memorial at a brief Service of Remembrance there.

As well as Remembrance Day November also sees All Saints and All Souls Days. These are important days in the life of the Church. Our All Saints Day service will be held at Yeovil Marsh at 10.30 am on 1<sup>st</sup> November. There will be a Eucharist of All Saints on the evening of Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7 pm in St Mary's. This will also be our online worship on All Saints Day. These services will commemorate the *great cloud of witnesses* which the letter to the Hebrews says *surrounds* us to encourage us to follow their example and reject the *sin that clings so closely*. In our calendar we remember a number of the saints, those who have entered heaven, but there are countless more saints than those we know by name. The day is a reminder that we are all called to saints and that it is by God's grace at work, through Jesus, that we are found worthy to enter heaven.

All Souls Day is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. There will be an online service

at which the departed will be remembered. If there are any names of departed loved ones that you like remembered at that service please let me know (I will make use of the lists from previous years). This year has been very difficult for those who have been bereaved. Few mourners have been able to attend funerals and the thanksgiving and remembrance of those departed has necessarily been low key. We will make a special point of especially remembering those who have been bereaved through this year, and all who have lost their lives to the virus.

*With blessings in Christ, Fr Peter*

**A letter from Right Rev. Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells:**

“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*

**News from the Parishes**

**Hilary Cozens writes:** “The Children’s Society boxes are due for collection in November. Jill Coe will collect Chilthorne Domer’s and her other list members’ boxes by arrangement with you personally and I will contact all Tintinhull box holders fairly early in November. Your boxes may be light this year, as I know that most of you won’t have been out and about very much, but do remember that you can, if you wish, include a cheque payable to **The Children’s Society** and that every little does help to support young people who are in need of assistance; particularly to support in these difficult times where pressures at home may become greater than normal. As always thank you for your support. You can contact me on 01935 824220 or email [hilarylittlecrofton@gmail.com](mailto:hilarylittlecrofton@gmail.com)

**News from Jill Coe about the Blythwood Care Shoe Box Appeal**, for which she acts as coordinator. This year Jill has collected 100 filled and covered shoe boxes

from people whom she knows in Chilthorne and around. The Ivy Club in Tintinhull have contributed another 47 boxes. They will all be sent off to Eastern Europe on 9<sup>th</sup> November in time for Christmas, so very well done to all those concerned. Jill can be contacted on 01935 840466.

### CHILTHORNE DOMER

**From Angie Clothier:** “We are hoping that work on the church roof to replace the stolen lead will have started at the end of October. The inside of the church will then have to be redecorated.

Gardener Dave has been keeping the churchyard looking tidy all through the summer. He is now tackling the overgrown hedges. “

### LUFTON

**Francis Burroughes writes:** “Lufton Church has completed its summer programme of maintenance for this year. The last length of railing has been repaired and will shortly be fitted in place, the wall has been partly rebuilt and straightened, and we are most grateful to the private individual who did all the work and gave unstintingly of his time and expertise. The interior has benefitted from two 'deep cleans' and the organ tuner came and spent eleven hours going through the entire instrument, regulating the action, and thoroughly tuning; the first professional attention it has had since it was moved into the church. The Easter Vestry and Annual Meeting passed quickly without surprises, and we welcome Margaret Messervy as our second Churchwarden. The Deanery Synod Representative was re-elected, so that at the end of his current term of office he will have completed sixty years as Ruridecanal and then Deanery Synod representative. Now Lufton is looking forward to '*O Taste and See*' Sunday, when the preacher this year will be Father Peter Down, the first time he has fulfilled that role as Rector of Lufton. You are very welcome to come and see whether he earns his guinea on 1st. November. The P.C.C. will shortly be finalising our Christmas arrangements, and they will be announced in the next Newsletter, no doubt with all the other churches. Then on to the New Year!

### TINTINHULL

**John Gower writes:** “This is one of the most difficult newsletters I have tried to write. Partly because I have a deep accidental laceration to my left wrist, which required a tendon reconstruction, which makes typing even more difficult than usual, and really our news is rather thin on the ground! The last service at St. Margaret's was well attended and it was wonderful to see three children in the congregation in a non family service. Fr. Peter is back, after his short holiday, taking a Benefice service each Sunday along with his on line services which are greatly appreciated. Unfortunately his wife, Hilary, has been ill but I am delighted to understand she is making a great progress and we all send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery. It is sad that our Big Band social night was cancelled along with other previous social events including our Harvest supper. 2020 may be a year we would rather forget but doubt if we ever will. Our plans for the restoration of St. Margaret's have been thrown into disarray but we are truly grateful to Ann and Clive Barker who raised £161 for the fund last week when 30 people attended their travel evening under the Phoenix umbrella. Well done to the organisers and those who attended. **18th November go travelling again!** I am sure that things will get worse before they get better and we must all be posi-

tive about the future and help those in need in the mean time. I was staggered by the number of people offering me help with my wrist injury. We are all so privileged to live in Tintinhull with local support and a quiet village as opposed to living in a small apartment on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of a high rise building, with no garden and three screaming children, in the middle of a large city. I hope you all stay well but have social contact, which is so important, if safe to do so.”

**From the editor:** Please remember that the cut of date for inclusion in our December issue is before or on 19th November. As far as I know it will still be on line only. *Hilary*

SERVICE DURING NOVEMBER			
Sunday	Morning Worship	Evening Worship	Online Worship
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November All Saints' Day	10.30 am – All Saints, Yeovil Marsh	6 pm – St Peter's & St Paul's Lufton	7 pm 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct) St Mary's
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 3 before Advent; Remembrance Sunday	10.30 am – St Margaret's, Tintinhull	6 pm – St Peter's & St Paul's Lufton	7 pm (7 <sup>th</sup> Nov) All Saints
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2 before Advent	10.30 am – St Mary's, Chilthorne Domer	6 pm – St Peter's & St Paul's Lufton	7 pm (14 <sup>th</sup> Nov) St Margaret's
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November Christ the King	10.30 am – All Saints, Yeovil Marsh	6 pm – St Peter's & St Paul's Lufton Holy Communion.	7 pm (31 <sup>st</sup> Oct) St Mary's
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday	10.30 am – St Margaret's, Tintinhull	6 pm – St Peter's & St Paul's Lufton	7 pm (7 <sup>th</sup> Nov) All Saints
Online Services are recorded on Saturday evenings at 7 pm. You are welcome to be present and receive holy communion if you would like to. Check the Benefice website for details and for any changes to these services.			