



Five Crosses

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

It's August and it's high summer. At least, it probably is – it's not impossible that you'll be reading this on a day that is several degrees cooler than the average for this time of year, or maybe it's been raining all morning and all those outside jobs you wanted to do have had to be postponed until another day. So let's hope it's summer. The schools have broken up, many people are away on holiday – perhaps a flight to a sunny beach in Spain or a b&b in Wales or a long weekend in Paris. August is a time for us to recharge our batteries, to seek a little relaxation in the good weather, to get away from the normal routine.

That's important. They say a change is as good as a rest. For many people, I think, a holiday has become more important than ever. For lots of us our daily lives are so busy and full of activity that we have little opportunity to draw breath. And that can't be good for us. The stories of creation in the book of Genesis paint a picture of a perfect world before everything was ruined by human sinfulness. In that perfect world we are told that after six days of creation God rested. When we come to formation of the people of

Israel in the wilderness we find that day of rest enforced in what we know as the Ten Commandments, *Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work...* (Deuteronomy 5.12-15). Our time is divided into these units – days, weeks, months, years which give us a natural rhythm to our lives. When we disregard those rhythms we do ourselves great damage. We need to work, of course, but we need to rest too. August, even if it is not our holiday time, reminds us that it is important to find a change of pace and a time of rest and refreshment in our lives from time to time.

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Brian Madden. Brian was for many years a key figure in the life of St Mary's Church, in the village of Chilthorne Domer and, indeed, in the wider community of Yeovil. Many of you will have reason to remember with thanksgiving his generosity, his warm hospitality and his ready wit and charm. A few of you will be thankful for his skill as an orthopaedic surgeon over many years at Yeovil Hospital.

His years as a lay reader in the Church of England and the way in which he led worship and preached with dignity and integrity are part of what has made St Mary's the place it is today. We give thanks to God for his rich life and pray that he may rest in peace and rise in glory.

With best wishes in Christ, **Fr Peter**

A message from Bishop Peter Hancock:
The Contemporary English translation of the Bible translates Proverbs 4:6 as: 'Know where you are headed, and you will stay on solid ground'

That is good advice for everyone, not least for us as God's people here in Bath and Wells as we seek to live and tell the story of Jesus. As followers of Jesus we are called to listen to his words, follow in his steps and allow his Holy Spirit to transform our lives. You may be aware that there has been a lot of thinking going on about how we might shape our future as a diocese and become more missional and intentional in our use of all that God has given to us and entrusted to us. That thinking, listening, praying, dreaming and talking has led the Diocesan Synod to adopt three priorities that need to shape our diocesan life. The first is to place mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do. The second is to re-align our ministry resources so that they are more clearly focussed towards mission. And the third is to identify, develop and use the gifts which have been given to each of us so that we can more faithfully serve one another and the communities where we live and work.

I believe this is the start of an exciting new chapter for Bath and Wells and one that we all have a part in writing. The vision that I believe God is laying

before us is that - in response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus. There will need to be much more listening and talking together for this to become a reality and I look forward to those conversations and the journey ahead of us. As we pray and seek faithfully to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit we can be confident that the Lord will sustain and strengthen us on our journey with him.

With warm greetings in the Lord

Peter Bath and Wells

NEWS FROM AROUND THE

FIVE PARISHES

YEOVIL MARSH

From Christine Salmon and Michael Kane: "On Tuesday 9th August we will have an 'Open Day' for the Church from 9am - 8pm - The PCC Yeovil Marsh invite you to come along to All Saints Church and to the Church Hall and share with us what your church means to you. Following a recent increase in numbers we want to make sure we are listening to what is wanted. We have repaired the roof, we plan to rehang the bell and increase events and activities. We will have a suggestions box, people to talk to about plans, services and ideas. Join us for tea or coffee and help us to take your church forward.

Also on Tuesday 9th August our Book Exchange will take place from 2.00 - 4.00pm and again from 7.00 - 8.00pm for those who can't make the afternoon. It's a chance to swap, recommend and choose titles to read but also to catch up with neighbours and villagers who enjoy a good book or even just to share time with a cuppa. We are also going to hold a book exchange between 7 and 8 pm on the second Tuesday in August for the benefit of villagers who are out in the daytime.

Our *morning praise* service on Sunday 14th August at 10.45am will take place in 'The Elms'- this is an informal service of hymns and praise, shared by residents and enjoyed by all. Visitors are made most welcome too, so come along and join us. Looking forward to seeing as many people who can make it along to these events right on your doorstep."

LUFTON

"Services as usual this month but without the Lufton College students on the third Sunday, as they will be on their Summer holiday.

Please note that throughout August Lufton Lane will be closed to through traffic, whilst Wessex Water run the new, much larger water main through the hamlet. This will only affect vehicular access from the main Montacute Road, or those trying to pass through the 'rat run' from the Tintinhull direction. It will not affect access to the Church from our new benefice.

Our next PCC Meeting will be held on Sunday September 4th, following the 6pm Holy Communion Service."

Susan Collins

CHILTHORNE

Just news of the next WI Jumble sale this time. Jill Coe wants you to know it will be held on Saturday 13th August in Chilthorne Village Hall, doors open at 2pm and entrance is just 20 pence.

I am sure that we would all like to send our condolences and love to Brian Maddens' family and friends. Brian will be much missed by many, both in Chilthorne Domer and around the other parishes.

TINTINHULL

John Gower writes: "Congratulations to Jill Harris for organising another brilliant Poetry and Prose. It was greatly enjoyed by all who attended

and raised £141.00p for St. Margaret's. The electricians re-vamp in the Church have just finished—an update so we are now in the 21st century. As I sit here in a temperature of over 30 degrees centigrade, I feel it is hardly the time to report that we should soon have a quote for a new heating system. I have not dared to approach our treasurer to see if we could put in an air conditioning! Mary Ostler is organising Church Teas on Saturday 20th August so let's hope for a really fine day"

Poetry and Prose.

A big thank you to every who contributed to another successful evening. The school children did so well and were also beautifully behaved. The programme ranged from Winter poems to an entertaining flea and from a script worthy of "Yes Minister" to Roald Dahl's "The pig". Thank you also to those who helped with the organisation. We look forward to evening number 20 in July 2017.

Jill Harris

Church Teas on Saturday 20 August

Afternoon Tea with delicious home-made cakes and scones will be served at St Margaret's Church between 2.30 and 4.30pm on 20 August - in the churchyard if the sun is shining. There will also be a small bring and buy table selling home-grown vegetables and produce.

Gifts for this are welcome, please bring to the church on the Saturday morning or ring 826584 for collection. If you would like to come to tea but would find it difficult to walk to the church, please ring and we will arrange a lift

All proceeds from the teas will go to Christian Aid.

Mary Ostler

THORNE

Sorry no news this time.

SERVICES DURING AUGUST 2016

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne Domer	Lufton	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne Coffin
Tuesday August 2nd		10am Eucharist (BCP)			
Sunday August 7th Trinity 11		10.30am Benefice Eucharist	6pm Eucharist (BCP)		
Sunday August 14th Trinity 12	9.15am Parish Eucharist	10.45am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	10.30am Morning Prayer	8am Eucharist (BCP)
Sunday August 21st Trinity 13	8am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45am Together 4God	10.45am Matins	6pm Evensong		
Sunday August 28th Trinity 14	9.15am Parish Eucharist	8am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45am Together 4God	6pm Evensong	10.30am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong
Sunday September 4th Trinity 15	10.30am Benefice Eucharist		6pm Eucharist (BCP)		

Last but not Least:

Don't forget the Chilthorne Domer Village Fete on Bank Holiday Monday. It sounds lots of fun especially if you are the proud owner of the dog chosen as best in the Dog show—I am rather assuming there is such a category! Let's hope for a lovely sunny day...

Please let me have any contributions for the next issue on or before 19th August to ensure inclusion. Editor.