



# Five Crosses

## NEWSLETTER

### NOVEMBER 2016

Tintinhull, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil Marsh,  
Thorne Coffin, Lufton

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### *Dear Friends,*

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November the Rt Rev'd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath & Wells will be our preacher of the annual *O Taste and See* sermon at St Peter's & St Paul's, Lufton. This will be his first visit to a church in the benefice. I hope that many of you will be there to hear him and take the opportunity to meet him. (And to see if he receives the guinea that the preacher of this sermon receives for preaching to the text!) The service is at 6 pm.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November are always important dates in the Church calendar. 1<sup>st</sup> November is All Saints' Day and also the patronal festival of All Saints' Church in Yeovil Marsh. There will be a celebration of the eucharist on that day at 7.30 pm. We would be delighted if you were able to share this special day with us. 2<sup>nd</sup> November is All Souls' Day. Our service this year will be at St Mary's in Chilthorne Domer at 7.30 pm. Again it would be lovely to see a good congregation there. At the service the faithful departed will be remembered with thanksgiving. If there is anyone particular that you would like us to remember by name please let me know either by writing their name on the list which will be in our

churches ahead of the day. Alternatively you can email me or use the contact form on the benefice website [fivecrosses.weebly.com](http://fivecrosses.weebly.com).

13<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Sunday and there will be the Royal British Legion's Service of Remembrance at St Margaret's at 3 pm, and acts of remembrance will take place at all of our services that day.

And then at the end of November we enter the season of Advent. We often think of Advent as a time of preparation for Christmas, but it is much more than that. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on some of the central beliefs of our faith. Sin, judgement, heaven and hell are the key themes of Advent That may appear a little gloomy but as Christians we rejoice at the victory of Christ over sin and death and, because of our belief in that victory, judgement is something to be welcomed as through judgement we will be vindicated in the sight of God and, we pray, welcomed into heaven. The bible speaks of heaven as our true home. In this light Advent is not simply a preparation for Christmas but also a time of making ourselves ready to meet Christ at his second coming. So Advent is heavily laden with

important themes of our faith. As I have done in recent years I have been preparing a booklet to help us focus our thoughts and prayers throughout this joyful season and to help us focus during the hectic lead up to Christmas. It will, as usual, be available in the churches and on the benefice website a couple of weeks before Advent begins.

Finally, the PCCs have been considering the proposed changes to our pattern of Sunday worship. We will start using the new pattern from the first Sunday in January and details of the new service times are on the benefice website and will be displayed in the churches. Full details will also be in next month's newsletter.

With best wishes in the Lord, *Fr Peter*

### ***Thoughts from Bishop Ruth :***

'Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, gunpowder, treason and plot...'

This is a month of memories, not only the violent ones such as Guy Fawkes and those that remind us of the horror of war but also more personal ones no doubt. I remember my dad whose birthday falls in November but who died 11 years ago at almost 98. I remember him as someone who taught me what it meant to say 'sorry', to be hospitable, and to faithfully give his all to God. He wasn't a man of many words, preferring a back seat yet providing the stability and solidity of one who is passionate about his faith.

Who have been the influences on your life? Who do you remember as someone who has stirred your faith into being? Who has encouraged you to grow in your gifts and discipleship? Who has prayed for you?

As we develop our diocesan strategy we are seeking to grow confident disciples who can live and tell the stories of their faith, who will be influencers and encouragers of the next generation. That's all of us

folks! You may feel that your part is small or insignificant but you have no idea how something you may say or do will impact on another.

This month make it one where you look to encourage someone into a deeper understanding of who they are in God's great scheme. Perhaps there's someone you know who needs to know God really loves them. Or that they are particularly good at something and should think about doing more of it. Perhaps they have a ministry they are not even aware of but you could affirm it. Be part of their story of discovery and growth! + *Ruth of Taunton*

### ***NEWS FROM THE PARISHES TINTINHULL***

*John Gower writes:* "The Harvest service was held on 25<sup>th</sup> September which was well attended and successful. Thank you to those who made the Church look so splendid. This was followed by the Harvest Supper. Thank you Mary and Carol for your hard work organizing it and all who helped or attended. The auction raised £206 which will be divided between the MacMillan Trust and the Red Cross charity. We appreciate those who gave items to be auctioned and those who made such generous bids. Special thanks to Tony Brunt, the auctioneer, for squeezing the last penny out of bidders and Alex Perry who did an excellent job as auction porter. There will be the Parish Remembrance service at St Margaret's Church at 9.15 am and the Royal British Legion service at 3.00 pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November."

Ray Cozens and Tony Brunt have been in discussion regarding the Spring Flower and Homecraft Show. Ray writes: "As we will not have the Village Hall as a venue for next year's Show we are hoping to use the church or the pavilion instead. Which ever

venue we choose the size of the show will have to be reduced by some 30%. We do hope that where ever we hold it we will receive the support that you have given over the years and continue to make the show a success. The date for your diaries is Saturday 8th April."

**Harvest flowers in St Margaret's:** special thanks to Roy and Wendy Morley once again for their contribution of the Harvest Loaf and a goodly number of their front garden Dahlias which always make such a lovely colourful sight when mixed with autumn berries, Gladioli and hops mostly gathered from other village gardens. And of course very many thanks to Denny Robbins and her team for all their efforts in the displays that made our church look so welcoming.

#### **Hilary Cozens**

During October St Margaret's church welcomed **Ethan Philip Tanner-Lewis** for his Baptism. Remember Ethan and his family in your prayers.

### **LUFTON**

**Susan Collins writes:** "We were delighted to be joined by students from Lufton College to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving on 18<sup>th</sup> September. We all enjoyed singing the traditional Harvest hymns and the students sang with great gusto. All produce was donated to the Pathways Project at Barnabus House and gratefully received. On Sunday 6th November at 6.00pm we will hold our **Annual Sermon** (inspired by Psalm 34 v. 8) already mentioned by Father Peter in his leading piece. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Peter and hope you will all join us for this special event, followed by a parish tea. On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm we will hold a **Remembrance Evensong** and lastly, a date for your diaries : our traditional candlelit Christmas Service of Readings & Carols will be held on Sunday 18th December at 6.00pm. "

Finally, from **Frances Burroughs** "We are anticipating our Quinquennial Survey, when the Architect will be made aware of our plans for the church, and he may have some thoughts to share at our next PCC meeting at the end of the month. We will also be preparing for the first visit of the new Lufton School to the church as part of their Christmas celebrations."

### **YEOVIL MARSH**

PCC Yeovil Marsh would like to say thank you to all who attended the Harvest Service last month and for the generous donation made for Christian Aid raised from the auction of the wonderful local produce. Thank you also for the kind donation of products given to the Lord's Larder. We look forward to welcoming you all to the very popular book club on the second and fourth Tuesday between 2.00 and 4.00pm in November to select your next juicy title from the large array of books available.

**Christine Salmon**

### **CHILTHORNE DOMER**

A date for your diaries from Angie Clothier : "Our Christmas Supper Party is on Saturday 3 December, 7pm at the Old Rectory, Main St. Tickets £8 adult / £4 child, includes 2 course supper, available from Zanne Gardner 849239 or Angie Clothier 841659. There will be a Christmas raffle, fun and games, or you can buy your Christmas presents from the amazing craft table."

Tom Allaway mentions there will be a 2pm- start, Jumble Sale in Chilthorne in aid of the RBL on 26th November.

#### **Funerals from the Registers:**

During October the funeral of Edgar Ferro was held at All Saints, Yeovil Marsh and one for Stan Jeanes was held in St Margaret's, Tintinhull. May they rest in Peace.

*Do remember The Lord's larder boxes need your in-date packets and tins of food.*

## SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER 2016

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tintinhull</b>	<b>Chilthorne Domer</b>	<b>Lufton</b>	<b>Yeovil Marsh</b>	<b>Thorne Coffin</b>
November 1 <sup>st</sup> All Saints' Day		10 am Eucharist (BCP)		7.30 pm Benefice Eucharist	
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> All Souls' Day		7.30 pm Benefice Eucharist			
November 6 <sup>th</sup> 3 before Advent			<b>O Taste and See Sermon</b> 6 pm (BCP) Eucharist	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist	
November 13 <sup>th</sup> 2 before Advent Remem- brance Sunday	9.15 am Parish Eucharist  3 pm RBL Service of Remembrance	10.45 am Parish Eucharist	6 pm Evensong	10.45 am Morning Prayer	8 am Eucharist (BCP)
November 20 <sup>th</sup> Christ the King	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45 am Together4God	10.45 am Matins	6 pm Evensong		
November 27 <sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45 am Together4God	6 pm Evensong	10.45am Parish Eucharist	6 pm Evensong
December 4 <sup>th</sup> Advent 2		10.30 am Benefice Eucharist	6 pm Eucharist (BCP)		

### Last but not Least:

**Ginny Fraser and Hilary Cozens will be coming round the last week in November to collect your Children's Society Boxes so that the contents can be counted before Christmas. We will contact you to say when we will be coming. *Hilary & Ginny***