



# Five Crosses

## NEWSLETTER

### OCTOBER 2016

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

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### *Dear Friends,*

This month we have our Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mary's (the other parishes held theirs in September). We would be delighted if you could join us. The service is at 10.45am on October 9th and will be followed this year by our Harvest Lunch at Pound Farm.

At our Benefice Eucharist this month we have a guest speaker. Sue Fielding has been speaking in churches for a number of years. She describes herself as an ordinary Christian who has experienced God's extraordinary love. Her talk is entitled *Faith and Fear*, "Fear came knocking at the door. Faith answered and there was no one there." The service on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30 am will be at St Margaret's and not at St Andrew's as previously advertised, partly because we have a guest but mainly because the road closure of Thorne Lane makes St Andrew's more difficult to get to. I do hope that as many of you as possible will be there.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> at St Peter's & St Paul's, Lufton we are holding our annual *O Taste and See* service. This year's preacher, who earns a guinea if he preaches to the text from Psalm 34.8, will be the Rt Rev'd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath & Wells. We look forward to welcoming our bishop for his first official visit to a church in our benefice. Do come along to hear him if you are able. The service is at 6 pm.

Over the past couple of weeks we have

been enjoying great success at the Paralympics in Rio. The British team have done remarkably well surpassing their medal haul in London in 2012. We are rightly proud of their achievement. One of the really good things about the Paralympics is the way in which they put people with disabilities in the spotlight. These young men and women are making disabled people be noticed in a way that doesn't often happen. How many disabled people do you normally see if you spend an evening watching the television – and of those how many are the centre of attention. A hope many of us have is that the success of our Paralympics team will have the effect of making disabled people more visible in our society – not just for two weeks every four years but all of the time. We hope that it will make us more accepting of the place of disabled people in our society. To do that will require a real commitment from all of us. And if we are to make that commitment it will require a recognition that not all disabled people are like the athletes whose competition we have been enjoying. The disabilities they have to cope with are often more restricting, the attitudes they have to face in society are much less positive, accessing services and buildings that we take for granted is much more difficult. Many disabled people have been disproportionately disadvantaged by cuts in social care and face a daily struggle simply to survive. The

success of the Paralympics team is marvelous but we should not allow it to blind us to the lives that too many disabled people are enduring in our society today.

*Yours in Christ, Fr Peter*

**A message from Bishop Peter Hancock:**

“Looking ahead I am excited that the Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting our diocese for three days in November. I’m excited because he’ll be praying with us, encouraging us in our new strategy to put mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do, and encouraging us at parish level to be active in our local communities. The programme for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> is still being finalised, but I am delighted he will be visiting all three archdeaconries, meeting farmers and overseas students, leading a prayer walk, speaking in several venues and hopefully experiencing and enjoying something of the scenery he will see as he travels among us.

I have had the privilege of meeting Archbishop Justin on a number of occasions and I am humbled and encouraged by his faith and commitment. Inevitably in just three days he will only get a snapshot of the Diocese, but I know that all who meet him or hear him speak will be moved by his deep personal commitment to Christ. It is clear that his relationship with Jesus and his life of prayer are at the very heart of all that he is and does. I look forward to his stay with us and the leadership that he offers to our Church and our nation and internationally in his daily ministry.

Encouraging others is part of the ministry of the Body of Christ and so this October can I encourage you to join in with Thank Your Vicar Week which is 16 – 23 October. We all respond well to appreciation and encouragement and whilst the work of our clergy often goes unnoticed I’m sure each one of us can think of a special moment when we’ve received something through the ministry of our clergy. This is the grace of God, working through the Holy Spirit and through his followers. We are all called to be followers, disciples of Christ, and we pray that through our lives and the lives of those around us that the Kingdom of Heaven comes closer and that God’s love is known more clearly. As we grow as dis-

ciples we come to see more of God, we experience more of his grace and we discover (and) know more of the good things he has planned for us all.

So, I’m excited about the Archbishop’s visit but I’m even more excited about what’s already going on in our lives and our parishes and all this is still to come. As we continue to walk with Jesus and listen to his words we come to understand and experience more of his love. This starts with prayer as we open ourselves to God and respond to the love he has for us. And it continues with encouragement. As we meet and share with each other we can bear one another’s burdens and rejoice in the amazing grace that we find in our togetherness. As autumn comes upon us and as we approach the cold of winter may we warm one another with fellowship and love. As the evenings begin to draw in let’s make time for some stillness and quiet to discover the peace which floods our lives when we turn our hearts and minds to God.”

*Yours in Christ, +Peter Bath & Wells*

**NEWS FROM THE PARISHES  
CHILTHORNE**

Angie Clothier writes: “A big thank you to Sallyann and her helpers for making the Grand Raffle at the Village Fete such a success. £401 worth of tickets were sold. Also thank you to all who donated such lovely prizes. It was a beautiful day and good to see so many villagers take part. **Harvest Festival** at St Mary’s will be Sunday 9 October. There will be a Harvest Eucharist at the usual time of 10.45am, followed by Harvest Lunch, 12midday at Pound Farm (if cold & wet, at the Village Hall). Everyone is welcome to come to just the lunch, or just the service. There will be an Auction of Produce, proceeds to a local charity, following the lunch. Please let Angie, 841659, know if you would like lunch. **The Christmas Supper Party** will this year be on Saturday 3 December at The Old Rectory at 8pm. Keep the date free. Take Art at the Recreation Centre. **SUNDAY 23 October.**“ Son Yambu” in concert. If you like Latin American music or Salsa dancing come and listen to this band playing authentic Cuban soul. Doors open 7pm Tickets £10, child/

student £5. Tickets from Angie 841659 or Lesley on 840424.”

### YEOVIL MARSH

All Saints book and DVD exchange is going very well during the afternoon sessions and a small group of regulars enjoy the chance to change books and have a bit of discussion time with each other. I have tried to extend the time to cater for those villagers who are out during the daytime but sadly there hasn't been any interest at the moment. We may consider trying evenings again next year around springtime. We are still trying to get the bell rehung and at the moment are being delayed by circumstances outside of our control but are hoping to proceed in the very near future. If there is anyone in Yeovil Marsh who enjoys a good singsong they would be welcome to come and join us for a practice, Not just hymn singing, but it would be nice to have a strong choir for our Christmas Service. It doesn't matter if you are tone deaf as there is a bible verse that says "make a joyous noise to the Lord thy God". Anyone interested can give me a call on 01935420538 and we'll see what we can do. We do pray for everyone in Yeovil Marsh and if anyone has anything specific that they would like some prayer support for there is a book in the church porch that can be used to write requests in. There is also a suggestion box if anyone has views on how All Saints can be of help to the village.

*Mick Kane and Christine Salmon*

### LUFTON

The Rev.'d David Keen celebrated our Holy Communion on 4<sup>th</sup> September After the service he spoke about the ways in which Lufton Church may play a part in the life of the new Lufton School. Also, about how we may relate to the new residents in the future and what grants may be available to us to apply for, in order to improve our facilities. Members of our congregation have already been visiting residents in the new developments with gifts of biscuits and a Welcome Pack. We look forward to welcoming our honoured guest the Bishop of Bath and Wells on 6<sup>th</sup> November. We hope that you will **join us for this special event and for our Parish**

**Tea afterwards.** Let's see if our Bishop is able to earn his guinea from the Batten Trust bequest, by sticking to the text .

*Susan Collins*

### TINTINHULL

John Gower writes: "As I write this, we have not yet had our harvest festival but hope our local farmers have had a good year. I regret to inform you that Richard Gowring is stepping down from running the Wednesday coffee morning raffle. I am delighted to tell you Jill Harris is taking over from Richard. While writing about the Harris family, the grass will soon stop growing so quickly. I would again thank Simon for the excellent way he has, and is continuing, to look after the Churchyard."

And now, from your editor, a little bit of history concerning the Post Office Coffee Shop. When Ray and I moved into Tintinhull 12 years ago refreshments were available in the WMC on a Wednesday during the Post Office session - it had been held for quite a while with Ruth Gifford and Graham Wilcock running it on alternate weeks. Graham soon asked me to lend a hand and subsequently, over the years I have taken over the organisation, moving the Coffee Shop ever onwards so that there are now 12 great volunteer helpers involved with providing the weekly refreshment service. There has been a steady increase in regular partakers who enjoy the chance of a friendly, social chat and valued church funds are also raised. Early in 2012 Richard Gowring and his wife Margaret thought it would be good to have a cake raffled each week and since then Richard has been organizing village volunteer bakers (including most of the above mentioned helpers) to provide the raffle prize and his weekly presence selling raffle tickets has become an important and loved feature of the Coffee Shop experience. Sadly, the time has come for Richard to step down from this commitment and I welcome and warmly thank Jill Harris who is taking on organising the raffle. Jill would gratefully appreciate offers of home made cakes for the raffle. She can be contacted on 822320 or

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*Hilary*

## SERVICES DURING OCTOBER 2016

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne Domer	Lufton	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne Coffin
October 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trinity 19	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist Guest Speaker		6 pm Eucharist (BCP)		
October 4 <sup>th</sup>		10 am Eucharist (BCP)			
October 9 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 20	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	Harvest Thanksgiving 10.45 am Har- vest Eucharist	6 pm Evensong	10.30 am Morning Prayer	8 am Eucharist (BCP)
October 16 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 21	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45 am Together4God	10.45 am Matins	6 pm Evensong		
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> Last Sun- day after Trinity	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45 am Together4God	6 pm Evensong	10.30 am Parish Eucharist	6 pm Evensong
October 30 <sup>th</sup> All Saints' Sunday	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	10.45 am Parish Eucharist			
November 6 <sup>th</sup> 3rd before Advent			0 Taste and See Sunday 6 pm Eucharist (BCP)	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist	

**Last but not Least:**

### THORNE COFFIN

No news from Thorne but there are two services to be held in St Andrew's Church this month - October 23rd may be the last Evensong starting at 6pm this year - as the nights will soon draw in, so this service usually changes to a 4pm start. *Ed*