



# Five Crosses

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

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **SEPTEMBER 2016**

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### ***Dear Friends,***

We can never really know what the future holds. Perhaps it's just as well that we don't – but sometimes we'd like to. It would make planning so much easier. And, because we can't predict the future sometimes our plans need to be changed at the last moment; we have to adapt quickly to a new situation.

September, perhaps more than any other month is often a time of great change – especially in the lives of our young people and children. Some are starting school for the first time, some are changing school, moving from primary to secondary; lots of them will be in a new class with a new teacher. Many of our older children will be making an important move off to university or college, perhaps in another part of the country. And, as I'm writing this some of them will be revising their plans because they did not achieve the A level results they were hoping for.

For all the planning and preparation

this can be a time of uncertainty and even anxiety for all of our young people. Of course, experience teaches us that in a few weeks they'll have settled in and adapted to their new situations and will thrive and grow because of the experience. Some, though, will find the changes and the uncertainty more difficult.

Later this month (and next month at St Mary's) we will be holding our Harvest Thanksgiving services (we'd love to see you there, of course). Whenever we give thanks for the great bounty of the earth – whether that's the fruits of the land, the harvest of the seas, the resources from the earth or the results of our labour – underlying our thanksgiving is the knowledge that we are not completely in control of the harvest. Even in our temperate climate harvests can fail; our economy is at the mercy of unpredictable fluctuations in the markets and on the stock exchange. This knowledge of the frailty of our situation drives our thanksgiving. We give thanks because we have enough

for ourselves and our family – and perhaps some to share with those poorer than us. But nothing is certain – a good harvest this year does not mean a good harvest next year. The future is so uncertain. So when things are good it is important to give thanks and to remember our responsibility to those less well off than ourselves. Many in the world face hardships because of poor harvests. And that situation looks like getting worse as we have to deal with the impact of global warming. Around the world weather appears to be getting more extreme and this year, we are told, will be the warmest on record. At the moment the effects are less apparent for us but in California, according to the news today, there are huge wild fires threatening people's homes and livelihoods and whole towns are in danger as we saw earlier in the year at Fort McMurray in Canada. As we give thanks for a good harvest we need to be aware of the need to prepare for failed harvest.

During the next few weeks our PCCs will be considering a change to our pattern of Sunday services. A change is needed because of the necessity of serving five churches well instead of four. There will be details of the proposed changes in the churches to allow you to make any comments you might have to members of your church's PCC. These proposals are for discussion and are not yet accepted. The proposed changes will also be available to download on the benefice website.

Yours in Christ, *Fr Peter*

*September's message from Bishop Ruth:* 'The night has passed and the day lies open before us. Let us pray with one heart and mind'. Words with which we begin morning prayer.

September can often be one of the busiest months of our church calendar. I suppose it's partly because holidays have come to an end, children have returned to school, and we feel the need to get back into the swing of all those meetings! Somehow we feel we must have a PCC due to the summer break (never mind that the legal requirement is just 4 meetings a year); or we want to fit in a confirmation course before Advent; or there's all those appointment interviews to be had if we want someone to start in the new year.

Busy, busy, busy! Last month Bishop Peter spoke about our first diocesan strategic priority as putting mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do, 'living and telling the story of Jesus' love for us'. And if we are going to be able to fulfil that charge then we must underpin our 'living and telling' with prayer. Otherwise it will just be about giving busy people more things to do. As we enter into that conversation with Jesus so we will be able to discern what is important, where we should focus our efforts and what we may need to stop in order to do so. Earlier in the summer we heard the Sunday gospel of the story of Mary and Martha, welcoming Jesus into their family home. He evidently found their home to be a place of welcome and hospitality, somewhere where he could relax and be himself. We were once invited to dinner with a couple

who we had got to know through church. It was an amazing evening, a seven course dinner, in effect Christmas with all the trimmings although it was summer. There were even silver candelabra! I found out later that Rose had never had folk round for supper before. She'd purchased the candlesticks specially. Over the next few years we got to know them well to the point where we all could relax over a coffee rather than be worrying about dropping peas on the carpet. Prayer needs to become part of our daily bread and butter where we don't find ourselves self-conscious but entering into the welcome of family. Where sitting and listening with Mary or sharing our worries and concerns as Martha did becomes a natural way of living. And where we can hear the voice of Jesus encouraging and challenging us in our living and telling of his story of love.

## **BENEFICE NEWS TINTINHULL**

### ***Harvest Festival & Supper***

A warm invitation to Harvest Songs of Praise at St Margaret's Church on Sunday 25th September at 6pm and, after the service, Harvest Supper in the village hall. Supper tickets will be available from 1st September either in church after services or from members of the PCC, price £6 for adults and £3 for children. Please bring harvest gifts to the service and these will be auctioned after supper in aid of charity. Any questions please phone Mary on 079 299 44562.

***St Margaret's Church Teas***

Thank you everyone for the enthusiastic support for this event on 20th August - baking, giving produce, helping, buying, eating, enjoying! You raised £333 for Christian Aid.

## **LUFTON**

**Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service** will be held on Sunday 18th September at 6.00pm. All suitable produce e.g. useful store cupboard items & useable fruit & veg, will, once again be donated to The Pathways Project at Barnabus House, a foundation dedicated to helping the homeless and those in the community needing support (between the ages of 16 – 65). Please offer to help our small team with produce, cleaning or preparing the Church in any other way. All are most welcome at this very special service and we hope, each year, to receive visitors from the Lufton Allotments, with any spare produce they may be willing to share. Produce may be left in the Church porch, if desired during the few days, prior to the service. We hope to be joined by students from Lufton College during September. We shall welcome new students and those returning for their second year. **Please Note** that the lower Lufton Lane is scheduled to be re-opened at the end of August. However from 19<sup>th</sup> September Thorne Lane will be closed, east of Adams Peak, in Lufton for 2- 3 weeks as Wessex Water continue to lay new water mains to the new estates. This will affect any parishioners from Thorne Coffin or Chilthorne Domer from accessing the Church from that direction. Those travelling via Tintinhull are not affected and there are alternative routes through Western Avenue and around through Bluebell Road to the Montacute Road.

**Sorry, no news from Chilthorne or Thorne this time**

## SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER 2016

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne Domer	Lufton	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne Coffin
September 4 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 15	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist		6 pm Eucharist (BCP)		
September 6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No</b> 10 am Eucharist			
September 11 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 16	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	10.45 am Parish Eucharist	6 pm Evensong	10.30 am Morning Prayer	8 am Eucharist (BCP)
September 18 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 17	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45 am Together4God	10.45 am Matins	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b> 6 pm Evensong		
September 25 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 18	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b> 9.15 am Harvest Eucharist 6 pm Harvest Praise	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45 am Together4God	6 pm Evensong	<b>Harvest Thanks giving</b> 10.30 am Harvest Eucharist	<b>Harvest Thanks giving</b> 6 pm Harvest Praise
October 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trinity 19			6 pm Eucharist (BCP)		10.30 am Benefice Eucharist

### YEOVIL MARSH

There will be another evening book and DVD exchange on Tuesday 13th September at All Saints Hall, Yeovil Marsh from 7pm to 8pm. Bring some books or DVD's; take some books or DVD's; have a tea or coffee - this is a free exchange for all people of Yeovil Marsh.

**From the editor:** please note that the cut off date for October's issue is **16th** September.

**From the Parish registers:** During July/August

St Margaret's - Baptisms of Daisy Hunt, Cortney and Mary Isaacs and Joey Holmes; the weddings of James Dowding and Natasha Elloway and of Charlie Emmerson and Chrissi Walsh. Also the funeral of David Kelly

At St Mary's: Funeral of Mr Brian Madden

At All Saints': Wedding of Tony Woodward and Maggie Urvoy. Pat Simpson - funeral at Yeovil crematorium and burial of her ashes at All Saints'.

**Volunteer Visitors required for** charity helping blind and visually impaired people. Contact Sandra Harris on 01823 325785 or email [Sandra@somersetsight.org.uk](mailto:Sandra@somersetsight.org.uk)