



## Five Crosses

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

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***“Guided by faith”*** by Michael Beasley,  
Bishop Elect, Diocese of Bath, and Wells:

“Visits undertaken, trees planted, ambassadors welcomed, honours awarded, miles travelled! Just a fraction of what our Queen has done. When, on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, Elizabeth II pledged herself to our service her whole life long, she could scarce have imagined the commitment she was making.

What has enabled all the achievement that we celebrate in this year of the Platinum Jubilee? Her reign has seen joy and sorrow, triumphs, and setbacks. The Queen gave an insight into what has seen her though in 2002 when she said: “I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.”

I’m inspired to be coming to Bath and Wells during this Platinum year that sees us celebrate the Queen’s steadfast service that flows from her Christian faith. Just as the young Elizabeth II couldn’t know what lay ahead as she looked to the future, neither can we. As we emerge from COVID, see war in Ukraine and confront a cost-of-living crisis we live in challenging times. To face our days, we’ll need all the faith and experience, creativity, and skills of everyone in Bath and Wells. Above all we have the hope of the Christian Gospel that has stood our Queen in such good stead throughout her long life. It’s the faith I’m looking forward to serving and celebrating with you as together we live and tell the story of Jesus. Every blessing.” ***Bishop Michael***

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

A message from Mrs Ann Clarke: “My family and I wish to invite you to a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Reverend Peter Clarke, at 2pm, on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Church of the Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm, Westover, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3RA. Peter died on December 23<sup>rd</sup> last year and restrictions, due to the Covid 19 virus, meant only a limited number of people could attend his funeral service. Some of you may remember him as curate in your parishes between 1976 and 1988. Now restrictions have been lifted but churches have confined spaces, so you may wish to continue to wear masks at the church service. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the church hall.”

### TINTINHULL

*John Gower writes:* “Summer must be coming as we had a swallow in our house the other day. After leaving us a few presents, which we have now cleared up, I managed to catch the bird in a fishing net and was successfully released, flying high up in the sky. I apologise to Fr Peter, as a letter I had received from his wife Hilary asking me to thank everyone who helped him during his treatment, unfortunately got lost in my office until I found it the other day. I know how grateful he was.

There will be a **Jubilee Service** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at St Margaret’s at 10-30 am. Revd Tim Horsington will take the service supported by Revd Graham Perryman who will be playing the organ. At the end of the Jubilee service, there will be a short break to allow those who do not wish to take Eucharist, which will follow, to leave, but of course you can just remain in your pew or receive a blessing if you would like to. Rev. Perryman is a brilliant organist so do stay to enjoy his music. Please come and support this service before retiring to your street parties or whatever else you have arranged. As I write this, the new vestry is being decorated but all will hopefully be back to normal for the weekend. The benefice wardens are continuing in their efforts to appoint a new priest, but I think this will not be, unfortunately, in the short term. Our grateful thanks for all who are giving their support in these difficult times. “

### CHILTHORNE DOMER

*Angie Clothier writes:* “As we have no priest and Sallyann is away for our next family service slot at St Mary’s on Sunday 26 June 10.30am, I thought we could try something a little bit different and informal. It would be nice to see some new faces along with the “old” faces, of all ages, come along for coffee/juice and a chat, followed by singing and prayers. This month’s theme will be “*Jesus teaches us to pray*”. Bring along a prayer you have found, or written, to read out, or choose a hymn to sing. Please come along to support us. Bring your family and friends,

babies and toddlers included.

“From the register. Saturday, 7th May, Marriage of Oliver Gardner and Amy Finlayson. May they enjoy a long and happy married life together. *Editor*

## LUFTON

**From Francis Burroughes:** This month sees the longest day, and then the nights will start drawing in. For some time, Lufton has felt the lack of lighting at the Churchyard gate in winter months, and local and distant Architectural Salvage Yards have been scoured for a suitable, preferably period, lamp post. At last one has been found, in keeping with the period of the church, and not too large. It will be installed in the coming months and will be ready for the darker evenings which will soon be with us.

We will probably include a plaque to record that it was erected in the year of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee and will form our commemoration of this historic occasion. We will also enjoy a glass of bubbly after Evensong on the 5th. June. Lufton needs little excuse for a party, and three bottles of vintage champagne have been quietly and secretly maturing ready for the celebration.”

**Susan Collins writes:** “Our Lufton congregation were shocked to hear that Francis Burroughes had suffered a stroke. We sincerely hope that he will give himself time to recover sufficiently before attempting to return to his exceptionally busy lifestyle. My husband, Marvin, was once again, acting Churchwarden and was able to arrange cover for all but one service. Our sincere thanks go out to Sallyann Batstone for taking two Evening Prayer services – fitting us into her incredibly busy schedule & family commitments. We are always grateful to our regular ‘retired’ priest – Rev. John Tyler for celebrating our Communion Services. We look forward to our Benefice Holy Communion Service on 29<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 & to visiting St. Margaret’s Church, Tintinhull for the Benefice Jubilee Celebration Service on 5<sup>th</sup> June.’

## YEOVIL MARSH

**From Christine Salmon:** “From All Saints Yeovil Marsh we would like to express our sincere thanks to Sallyann for her continued dedication and commitment to all the churches in our Benefice. Her sermons have been inspiring and heartfelt, spreading Gods word for all. We also enjoy the return of Matins and Family Services giving a variety of approaches that cover traditional, more modern and involve the children who like to come along. Thank you Sallyann!

We have been truly Blessed by the continued help in keeping our Church and Church Hall accessible for all as Cedric has kindly kept the grass cut throughout the covid time and still does. Thank you too Cedric!

It is wonderful this time of year to reflect and count our blessings, from the people around us to the natural gifts that make our countryside particularly beautiful as we head into the summer. Enjoy the better weather and the holiday season everyone.”

**Services during June 2022. All services are combined United Benefice Parish Services. You are always very welcome to join in any of these services so do come along.**

<b>Sunday 5th June</b>	St Margaret's Church Tintinhull 10.30am Combined Service of Thanksgiving with Eucharist for the Platinum Jubilee Celebration With Rev. Horsington and organist Rev. Perryman	Lufton Weekly Services Evensong with Celebration 6 pm
<b>Sunday 12th June</b> Trinity Sunday	St Mary's, Chilthorne, 10.30am Matins with Sallyann Batstone	Evensong 6 pm
<b>Sunday 19th June</b>	10.30am All Saints', Yeovil Marsh, 10.30am Matins TBA	Evensong 6 pm
<b>Sunday 26th June</b>	St Mary's, Chilthorne, 10.30am Relaxed family service "Jesus teaches us to pray"	Eucharist 6 pm
<b>Sunday 3rd July</b>	St Margaret's, Tintinhull, 10.30am, Eucharist TBA	Evensong 6 pm

**Lastly from the Editor:** Please note that the cut off date for any church related item to be included in the July issue is 19th June so please let me have your requests in good time. Thank you.

Secondly on a personal note, (for those who do not take the Tintinhull Magazine and others throughout the United Benefice who **do** receive the Newsletter), I would like to thank all those involved in the St Margaret's Church, Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival which opens on Thursday 2nd June at 5 pm when a small reception will be held in the church and you can view the results of much effort. So, thank you Lucy Horsington, Carol Perry and Mary Ostler for all your organisation, in order to make this happen. Many Tintinhull Clubs and Groups will have put in displays and so many hands and hearts were put into their floral efforts. So I do recommend that all those in the United Benefice come along and see the result. In some displays there may be a trip down memory lane but who knows! The church will be open daily from the Thursday evening and continues over the celebration weekend. The flowers will make a beautiful back drop to enhance the special service of Thanksgiving on Sunday morning for our Queen's wonderful years of dedicated service to our Nation. Thank you for reading this,

*Hilary Cozens*