



Five Crosses

NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear Friends,

We come to the beginning of another year. As always the start of a new year brings two feelings – anticipation and anxiety; and this year is no different. We hope that there will be prosperity, peace and unity, but we feel as well that our world is a fragile place.

There are many things that we can feel uncertain about – global warming, destruction of crucial habitats, plastic pollution, political uncertainty, Brexit. But there are reasons to feel positive too – even if most of those revolve more around family, community and personal interests and concerns than they do around the global situation.

But it's in our personal lives that change starts and hope is always to be found. Our world is changed for the better not by governments or huge corporations or organisations. Our world is improved because individuals have great ideas, imagination, courage and vision to see what needs to be changed and goes about making it happen. Scientists, charity workers, good neighbours, philanthropists and people who just care make a difference. There are people in our families, villages, communities and nation who add value to our lives and the lives of people with whom they come into contact. They are people who give us all hope, and who

show us that we too can add value to the lives of the people that we know.

These are the people who see something that is not right and set out to change it. These are people who see a need and work hard to meet it. These are people who notice what is going on around them and make things better. And the best thing about this is – we can all be that person; we can all look around us and make our bit of the world a better place. It might be picking up litter, or visiting someone who is lonely, or running a coffee morning for a local charity – and lots more besides. If we just sit around and wait for someone else to put things right or make things better, nothing will happen. We need to be responsible for our own part of the world. The new year will be fullest of hope when we are all active in making the world a better place to be.

Can I thank everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so special – not only in our Churches but in our villages. We are very fortunate to have so many good neighbours in our communities who really do make a difference. Long may that continue. Our communities – and our world – can only be as good as we make it.

*With best wishes and blessings for a
happy and fulfilled new year in Christ,
Fr Peter*

A Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton:

"A rich journey

'A cold coming we had of it
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey
T.S. Eliot's 'Journey of the Magi'

How many of us are making journeys over the turning of this New Year? perhaps it has been an opportunity to catch up with family or friends we haven't seen for a while. Perhaps for some of us, it's been about fun and relaxation (although skiing doesn't appeal for me!). Perhaps some of those journeys have been disrupted by weather or illness. Or perhaps they've been punctuated by the plaintive cry, 'Are we there yet?' During winter months we are often seeing the journey as a 'means to an end' rather than something of value in itself. However travelling with others or meeting people on the way can make journeys so much richer.

On my windowsill at home sits a wooden cross with a shell attached. It's made from the stick my son used to walk the Camino de Santiago, one of the most popular of pilgrim paths in Europe. I'm not sure I have the legs to do it! Two of my sons have walked it from France to the coast of Spain, each on their own, but meeting strangers along the way who have become friends.

2020 is being marked by our Cathedrals as a year of pilgrimage. You will be hearing more from our Cathedral here in Wells as they invite us to share in pilgrimage with them. Journeying together gives opportunity for us to discover something new as we share in others' perspectives and experiences, not just our own. At this time of Epiphany we remember the journey of the wise men who travelled together to seek out something new. A star had appeared which indicated to them there was new learning to be had. And so they left the familiar and went to explore what was new. So... what new thing might you wish to explore this year? Who might you travel with? And what might you do once you find it? *Wishing you a very special new year. Ruth + Taunton*

News from the Parishes CHILTHORNE DOMER

Church Warden, Angie Clothier writes: "Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas at St Mary's a joyous occasion, and we wish everyone a very happy 2020."

YEOVIL MARSH

Church Warden and Treasurer, Christine Salmon writes: "A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Carol Service at All saints Church and to all who joined in the social evening that followed, your generosity made a total of £110 to help towards the internal repairs and decoration of the Church Hall - **Thank You**. We hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas celebrations and followed the traditional trend to reflect and take time to be with family, friends and those we struggle to see during our usually busy lives and we wish you good health and happiness for 2020. The PCC at Yeovil Marsh would like to offer their sincere thanks to Phillip for kindly refurbishing the bench outside the Church Hall - a lovely job Thank you. Our appreciation also goes out to all who keep our newsletters delivered, keep our grass cut and keep the church clean and prepared with flowers for the services each month. These jobs quietly bubble along in the back ground and your kindness and reliability help to keep our church in the centre of our community. Well done and **thank you!**"

LUFTON

Susan Collins writes: "At the time of preparing this copy, we still look forward with anticipation to Christmas – the Candlelit Carol Service and Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. We thank all those who will be preparing the Church for the Festive Season and have assisted throughout the year with so many tasks – cleaning, adorning the Church, and providing the refreshments following the Carol Service, other events and services. Not forgetting the Lufton College students who have cleaned areas of the Church fortnightly and will soon enjoy their Christmas festivities and break. A special 'thank you' to those we may take for granted, who carry out the

grass cutting and tidying up in the churchyard. Thanks also to Francis Burroughes who not only provided our wonderful organ, but plays it so well throughout the year at our services and special fundraising events, which he has mostly organised. We are promised more musical events during 2020 to raise funds in order to have a water supply and a composting toilet at our Church. We also look forward very much to being able to utilise the Community Room at the new Kingfisher School in Lufton, hopefully for Messy Church and Community events, when the facility is open for public use. We hope you all continued enjoying Happy Twelve Days of Christmas. All of us here in Lufton would like to wish all in the Benefice and beyond, a Peaceful, Happy and Healthy New Year."

TINTINHULL

Church Warden, John Gower writes: "Richard Gowing died peacefully on the 5th of December aged 79 in Southhampton. He had been well cared for in a local Nursing Home where he had been with his wife Margaret. Richard rose to the rank of Group Captain in the air force, his last commission being Station Commander at Scampton where the Red Arrows were stationed. He received the CBE for his charity work there but typically said it was for the work that all the members of the station had done. He had been a very long serving member of Tintinhull PCC and Treasurer of St. Margaret's Church. Richard was very active in fund raising including our famous Take Art productions and Lent Lunches. He was a direct descendant of Robbie Burns and hosted many memorable Burn's evenings at Leaches Farm. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, his daughters Sheena and Fiona and his four grandchildren, of whom he was immensely proud. He will be greatly missed by us all.

There will be an inaugural meeting of **The Friends of St. Margaret's** on Tuesday January 14th at 12a St. Margaret's Road, Tintinhull. The objective of the organisation is to show support for

the £250,000 project undertaking the essential repairs to our beautiful Church and to consider how funding can be raised and to support fund raising events. If you would like to consider getting involved, please come to the meeting. The Church is looking fantastic for Christmas and thank you all for achieving this. Apart from the clergy, flower arrangers, bell ringers, music makers and cleaners, special thanks also must go to the children of St Margaret's School who have been doing brilliant displays in their corner of the Church. The Little Pippins display for Christmas is no exception. Aged 7, I did a painting of **Dark Night** as instructed. Having presented a page of paper painted jet black I was thrown out of the classroom to wash out other pupils' paint jars! Personally, I consider my effort superior to a banana attached to a wall with duck tape and it didn't get eaten! I also thank all of you who came to take part in the services over Christmas.

I wish you all a Happy New Year. "

From Janet Young:" The school Governors are holding a fund raising auction on the 24th January 2020 at the Crown and Victoria Inn at 7pm. All proceeds to go to the school and all are welcome."

Church Treasurer, Ray Cozens writes: Here are two dates for your diary! On Friday March 6th in Tintinhull Village Hall, 7:30pm start, **The Church Fitters** will entertain you. It will be an evening of musical cabaret, fun and laughter by a band producing music from a variety of homemade instruments. Hot supper provided. Advance ticket sales only. Tickets £15, so contact me, Ray Cozens on 01935 824220 or email ray@littlecrofton.co.uk. Limited numbers so do book your tickets NOW. And on Saturday 4th April, in Tintinhull Village Hall, **The Spring Flower and Home-craft Show** will be held. Schedules available mid January - so be prepared to show off your expertise with flowers, fruit or foliage, display your cakes, bread, chutney or pickled onions, or maybe show some recycled article that might change the world

BE IN IT TO WIN IT."

SERVICES DURING JANUARY 2020

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne Domer	Lufton	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne Coffin
January 7 th		10 am Eucharist (BCP)			
January 5 th Epiphany	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist		6 pm Evensong (BCP)		
January 12 th Baptism of Christ	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45 am To- gether4God	10.45 am Matins	6 pm Evensong	10.45 am at Chilthorne Domer	4 pm Evensong
January 19 th Epiphany 2	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	10.45 am Parish Eucharist	6 pm Evensong	10.45 am Morning Prayer at the Elms	
January 26 th Epiphany	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	11 am at Yeovil Marsh	6 pm Eucharist (BCP)	11 am Parish Eucharist	
February 2 nd Presenta- tion of Christ in the Temple			6 pm Evensong	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist	

Last but not Least: Tintinhull Continued-

From the Editor: "What a great time for giving thanks all round. I would like to give my own special thanks to all the Newsletter distributors who, come rain or shine, volunteer to post a monthly copy, to every household in our United Benefice. You do a great job. Also thanks for the kindness of several Tintinhull gardeners who gave me free rein to collect greenery for Christmas Festival flowers; thanks to Derek Williams for helping Ray put up the arch lights and Sue Moore for helping me with the church Christmas tree. Lastly (and of course) thanks to our happy band of ladies who gave their time to make the flower arrangements Happy New Year to all our Readers!." **Cut off date for the February issue is on or by 19th January."**

From the Registers: During November – Burial of Ashes of Gordon John Duke at All Saints' and the Funeral of Clytie Porter at St Mary's. May they rest in peace.