



Five Crosses

NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear Friends,

It is very easy at the moment to feel despair at the state of our world — climate emergency, the state of politics, the threat of species extinction. The list goes on. We are right to feel anxious, but we should not lose hope. History is littered with examples of individuals and societies overcoming enormous odds, and we should take encouragement from them.

There are also some encouraging signs in our own time too. We know that to be successful in triumphing over great difficulties we need imagination, inspiration and strong leadership. We wonder, of course, where those might come from, and that still remains to be seen.

But there are little shoots of hope that things can be different. In the news recently we have seen the Swedish schoolgirl Greta Thunberg challenging political leaders to take seriously the climate emergency facing our world. Of course, she's not going to make much difference on her own.

But that doesn't mean that she's wrong, or that her message should be ignored. So we need others to pick up the baton and be inspired to follow her example. Change has to start somewhere and perhaps she can be the catalyst to kick start that change.

Also in the news recently has been the Extinction Rebellion movement. While it is easy to dismiss them as politically motivated agitators we all know that the issues they are protesting about (species extinction and misplaced priorities in political life) are real and important.

Things never change unless individuals call for change, and change starts small. I suppose it's like the spark that starts a forest fire. It's easy to put out when it's just a spark, but once it takes hold it becomes irresistible. If we believe that things need to change we need to "fan the flames" by becoming the change we wish to see. We do that by changing the bit of the world we can affect and challenging others to do the same.

It starts with our families, down our street, in our village and it grows. We can make our world a better place and more sustainable for our children and grandchildren — but it's not good enough to wait for somebody else to do it. We need to do it ourselves.

With best wishes in Christ, Fr Peter

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

“Time to reflect”

“By the time you read this I may be a Granny! Our first grandchild is due on June 30th. Very exciting! So our holiday this month will be up in Scotland, cooing over a new-born. Let’s hope he or she looks more like their parents than their grandparents.

I remember when our eldest son was born that he received a little T-shirt that said ‘If you think I’m cute you should see my dad’. No prizes for guessing who gave it to him!

I wonder who people see when they look at you. I’m not speaking of the familial physiological likeness but rather whether you reflect something of the nature and character of your heavenly Father. Can people look at you and recognise you as part of the Christian family?

It’s easy for us to point the finger at others and say they are hypocrites or fail to live up to the high standards of Christian faith. I have to own that as I write this, following President Trump’s visit, that I find some of his views far from the Christian ones I espouse. If I allow myself I can get quite heated about the different ways in which people make Christian claims. ‘Living the story of God’s love’ shouldn’t be about taking pot shots at others but

rather seeking to become more like Christ ourselves. We all fail at that.

I’ve been doing some reassessment of my life as I realise a new generation is entering our family. It makes you think about what really matters and how you apportion your time. May I encourage you during July, traditionally a holiday month, as you come to the end of school and college programmes, put down the tools of your trade, to take time to reflect on your life? Think about the next phase or chapter and how you might allow God’s graces to shape you to become more like Him. What needs to change? How will you make space for that? Are you ready to wear the T-shirt?”

Wishing you God’s blessings!
Ruth + Taunton

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

LUFTON

Susan Collins writes: “Services are as usual during July and in addition we shall enjoy the second of 3 Summer Concerts, featuring mainly English composers. On Sunday 28th July at 7.30pm we are delighted to welcome Mary Morgan, once again, with Steve Graham, in ‘The Golden Age’, a programme of Lute Songs from the Court of Elizabeth I and James I. All are most welcome and there will be free admission by Programme (generous donations invited) which will include refreshments. For details and to reserve tickets please contact Francis Burroughes on either e-mail:- churchwarden@lufton.co.uk or on 07730 526166. Please do join us and assist in raising essential funds. Parking (with care) is on The Church Green only and car sharing is advised. Lastly, our United Benefice service is on 4th August at 10.30am. Do join us if you can.”

YEOVIL MARSH

Christine Salmon writes: “A heartfelt thank you to everyone who kindly supported the Yeovil Marsh Church Hall summer fete - for the dedication of those who ran stalls, for the background preparation, for the willingness of our great helpers and for those who showed up on the day - we hope you enjoyed it!

We have got the offer to set up a morning (or possibly day) foot treatment session, according to numbers, in the hall, for nail cutting, massage and many more soothing and relaxing treatments. If you are interested please contact the hall caretaker, Sandy on 01935 429510.”

CHILTHORNE DOMER

Angie Clothier writes: “Firstly, very many thanks to all those who so kindly donate to The Lord’s Larder. As we are now at Yeovil Marsh on the 4th Sunday of each month, in future please could you possibly bring your donations of in-date tins or packets of food for this much valued and vital cause for the 3rd Sunday in the month, when St Mary’s holds a 10.45am Parish Eucharist service.

Secondly, I want to say thank you to all who helped with the Big Breakfast. We raised £300 for church funds. And now a hopeful reminder not to forget to visit the tea tent in aid of St Mary’s at the village fete on Saturday 6 July. It would be lovely to see you there supporting us. “

From Jill Coe: “Thank you everyone for supporting the Christian Aid Jumble Sale. We made £258.50p profit. A wonderful result”

TINTINHULL

John Gower writes: “The annual Poetry and Prose evening was organised by Janet Young on Thursday 15th June and was an

outstanding success. It was wonderful to see so many children from St. Margaret’s and Chilthorne Domer Schools taking part and also Hayley Robinson, the new Head Teacher of St. Margaret’s School making a spirited debut. They were well supported by local adults who recited with gusto some of their favourite poems. It was a light hearted and amusing time which warmed a somewhat chilly summer’s evening. I understand that Mary Ostler and Carol Perry will be organising a bring and buy sale for Christian Aid funds which I do hope will be well supported. Finally, with sadness, we acknowledge the death of Eliea Cornelius who was a member of our congregation in the past.”

Ray Cozens writes: “Here is a date for your diary well in advance! The next St Margaret’s Church Spring Flower show is on Saturday 4th April 2020 - in Tintinhull Village Hall as usual. Depending on the weather you might like to think about growing some later flowering bulbs in case of a repeat of this year’s early flowering bonanza which created such a challenge for exhibitors.”

St Margaret’s Church Tintinhull Church Teas.

To raise money in support
of Christian Aid.

Saturday 10th August
2.30 to 4.30pm

In the churchyard - if fine, or
inside church if not!

Also bring-and-buy table with
Home-grown vegetables, flowers
and produce.

From the editor: please let me have any items for inclusion in the August Newsletter on or preferably before 19th July. Many thanks, Hilary.

SERVICES DURING JULY 2019

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne Domer	Lufton	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne Coffin
2nd July		10 am No Eucharist	6pm Evensong		
7th July Trinity 3		10.30am Benefice Eucharist			
14th July Trinity 4	8am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45am Together 4God	10.45am Matins	6 pm Evensong		4 pm Evensong
21stJuly Trinity 5 St Mar- garet's Day	9.15am Parish Eucharist	10.45am Parish Eucharist	6 pm Evensong	10.45 am Morning Worship at The Elms	
28th July Trinity 6	9.15 am Parish Eucharist		6 pm Parish Eucharist (BCP)	11 am Parish Eucharist	
4th August			10.30 am Benefice Eucharist (BCP)		