



# Five Crosses

## NEWSLETTER

### APRIL 2018

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

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I am sorry to say that Reverend Peter Down is still too unwell to write his monthly piece for the Newsletter – the first time he has missed the cut off date since he took on our Benefice when he wrote his first piece in March 2011. I am sure everyone will hope that our priest in charge will feel better very soon and remember him in our prayers. So for that reason, this month I am able to find the space for greater details regarding two recent Tintinhull church events and I hope that those in other villages will excuse the indulgence! *Editor.*

A message from The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton:

#### **Love and foolishness**

***'Christ is Risen! Alleluia!***

***He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!***

April 1<sup>st</sup> is both Easter Sunday and April Fool's Day. Not a bad combination. For 'it is the foolish things of God which confound the wise of this world', so says Paul in his letter to Corinth. The message of the cross itself is foolish he says, and he, Paul, in telling the story of it, does so inexpertly, and through his own weakness.

The story of God's grace doesn't make sense to many...

'What does God see that's worth redeeming in this world?'

'Why love **me**?'

And if we get past these questions, then...

'How come his forgiveness is for **everyone**, when ..... evidently doesn't deserve it?!'

Perhaps like Paul we find it difficult to communicate the message of the cross well to others. We may feel we lack theological understanding, be unfamiliar with all the atonement theories, find it hard to put into words. But the simple fact is that the best way of telling the story, the message of Easter is through you, yourself.

As people look at the way you live, do they see someone with faults and failings, flawed and yet someone who knows that God loves them. Do they see you accepting the grace of God shown through his giving of himself on a cross for us? Do they see someone who now lives in the freedom of that forgiveness, living a life in all its abundance and fullness?

I have to confess that I find myself often continuing to strive to earn

God's love and grace. My life becomes full of all that I seek to do in ministry for him - forgetful that the message of the cross is the expression of his love for me, freely given, without strings. All I need do is receive his love.

What foolishness! Such love!

**Ruth Worsley + Taunton**

## **NEWS FROM AROUND**

### **THE PARISHES**

#### **LUFTON**

*Susan Collins writes:* "Whilst preparing this copy, we are still in Lent and contemplating how we shall '**Let Our Light Shine**' in the darkness, now and following our Easter celebrations. We hope to have many visitors joining our congregation during Holy Week and to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday

We shall also be celebrating the long term loan of our new Freiburger/Spath Organ. This organ is numbered Opus 859 and is one of only 14 instruments in the UK, built by this famous company, founded in 1834. Please come and see, hear it and help to '**sing it in**' for yourselves by joining us for a 'Songs' of Praise' on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30 pm. Send your favourite hymn requests to Francis Burroughes at e-mail:- [churchwarden@lufton.co.uk](mailto:churchwarden@lufton.co.uk) or Mob:- 07730 526166. (No Worship Songs please!!). Refreshments will be available for a donation. Each month from now until July we shall be hosting an 'organ event'.

We would like to wish all those in the benefice and beyond **A Very Happy Easter**. Please note that our AGM and Easter Vestry will be held during April, following one of the 6 pm Evening Services. All are most welcome at our services and talks."

#### **YEOVIL MARSH**

"As Spring starts and Easter approaches we

find ourselves thinking about new life and new starts. On more of a business front we will be posting details of the accounts of 2017 and planning for 2018 at our APCM so please keep an eye on the notice board at All Saints Church for full details of the accounts and the date and time for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting which is open to all parishioners; do please come along and have your say."

*Christine Salmon*

#### **CHILTHORNE DOMER**

*Angie Clothier writes:* "A very happy Easter to everyone from St Mary's. Thank you again to the cleaners, flower arrangers and grounds-man who make our Church look so welcoming. "

#### **TINTINHULL**

*Church Warden John Gower writes:* "MOONRAKER was a fantastic success even if one person thought he was going to see a James Bond film! Our grateful thanks go to Ray Cozens who was the inspiration and lead on this event. Sadly it was an evening where several supporters were missing, quite a few due to illness and some because of unforeseen events. It was particularly sad that Richard and Margaret Gowing (prime previous organisers of what is affectionately known as the church Take Art event) were unable to come as they had planned but I am pleased to say that Richard is now out of hospital. I am sure we all wish him well. Thanks also to the PCC members who helped in this production. I am even more grateful to so many villagers who cooked cottage pies, helped set up the evening and cleared up afterwards. I had well over 100 glasses to wash up but willing hands did most of that without even being asked to help. I think the community spirit in Tintinhull is wonderful and something we should be immensely proud of.

The two Lent Lunches were well supported and we send our gratitude to the hosts. Unfortunately two planned lunches, the lunch

at Little Crofton and the St. Margaret's School lunch were cancelled due to difficult circumstances. The fifteenth Spring Flower and Home-Craft show was held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. It was very well attended and the standard of exhibits extremely high. Thank you to Ray Cozens and Tony Brunt for all of the organising and to all who helped in many ways. And, of course thanks to those who entered exhibits for the show and also those who gave raffle prizes, knitted chicks, gave cakes etc and many great tombola prizes – your generosity was, as always, remarkable. It was wonderful to see Rev. Steve Hartree and his wife Barbara back in Tintinhull; Steve came especially to present his own new cup to the winner Miss Beatrice Harris for her *garden of the imagination* and, due to Father Peter's illness, he presented all of the other trophies too and of course the Easter eggs! The event was very well attended and the number of entries and people entering was well up on last year. Congratulations to those who won prizes. The standard was very high particularly that achieved by the children. The profits will be shared between St. Margaret's Church and the Yeovil MacMillan Charity."

**Church Treasurer, Ray Cozens writes:** "Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March saw a sell out crowd in Tintinhull village hall relaxing and enjoying the music from **MOONRAKER**, part of the larger Bath Gorgeous Big Horns. These excellent professional musicians played a plethora of much loved, foot tapping music from the 1920's to the 1960's and a wonderful vocalist with a voice comparable to some of our very best singers, kept the audience thoroughly entertained. Hot supper was served during the interval with amazing rapidity considering we were catering for well over 100 people; a wine bar kept the audience refreshed too and this well honed

combination made for a great Tintinhull village gathering. A splendid raffle meant that some in the audience went home very happy indeed. The acoustics in the new hall were exceptional. An outstanding evening only made possible by the generosity in time and energy given by many who helped in various ways throughout the evening and in the days leading up to it. With your help £1,100-70p was raised towards church funds. Thank you all. And secondly I would like to make mention of The Fifteenth Spring Flower, Home-craft and Handicraft show which was held in our new hall on 17<sup>th</sup> March, not spring like weather, for the day seemed bitterly cold, but nevertheless there was a display to gladden the heart. Painstaking work went into so many of the exhibits, lovingly displayed as exhibitors sought to win one of the sixteen trophies available. The event was one of the largest yet held with 53 exhibitors showing 236 potentially prize-winning entries. Sadly not all could win; but congratulations to those who did. My thanks to all who helped in producing the show, our judges, exhibitors, raffle runners, tombola tellers, refreshment providers and our Show Secretary Tony Brunt and his wife Amanda without whom the show would not take place. The prizes were presented by the originator of the show, The Reverend Steve Hartree. A very special thank you to my wife Hilary who worked so hard walking **fast** between home and hall helping collate results, sorting and placing prize cards for placed exhibits, counting and distributing prize money and primarily keeping me sane despite the efforts of my computer to do the opposite. Another successful year – Details of donations to be made are not available as yet. More next month"

Editor's Apology: nothing from the parish registers for March. Secondly, if you have any item you would like to have put in the May issue of the Newsletter please let me have it before or at latest on the 19th April.

## SERVICES DURING APRIL 2018

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne Domer	Lufton	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne Coffin
1st April Easter Day	9.15am Easter Eucharist	10.45am Easter Eucharist	6pm Easter Eucharist		
8th April Easter 2	8am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45am Together 4God	10.45am Matins	6pm Evensong	6pm Evening Worship	4pm Even- song
15th April Easter 3	9.15am Parish Eucharist	10.45am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	10.45am Morning Worship	
Wednes- day 18th April	7pm APCM in St Marga- ret's School				
22nd April Easter 4	9.15am Parish Eucharist	10.45am Matins	6pm Parish Eucharist 7.30pm Songs of Praise	10.45am Parish Eucharist	
29th April Easter 5	9.15am Parish Eucharist	10.45am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong		
6th May Easter 6			10.30am Benefice Eucharist		