



# Five Crosses

## NEWSLETTER

### NOVEMBER 2019

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

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### *Dear Friends,*

“Here we are in November already. The year has flown by.

November is a month of remembrance. Most obviously we remember all those who have died in the two World Wars and other conflicts. This year the Royal British Legion has very specifically stated that we will use remembrance time to remember not only those members of the armed forces but also those civilians who died in time of war and in acts of terrorism. This seems appropriate for our age. War today comes in many forms and deeply affects more than those serving in the forces. War shows no respect for the status of its victims. While we rightly applaud and remember with thanksgiving the courage and commitment of those who are combatants in time of conflict we have seen that same courage in events such as those in the Manchester Arena, London Bridge and at the Finsbury Park mosque. It is right that we should remember those who die as a result of our inability as a race to resolve the differences and injustices which affect our societies.

Although our local branch of the Royal British Legion no longer exists we shall continue to hold our annual Remembrance Service on Remembrance

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, and lay wreaths at our War Memorials. This year the service will be in St Mary’s, Chilthorne Domer at 3 pm. I do hope as many of you as possible from all our villages will join us to remember those killed in war, conflict and terrorist events.

In our churches, though, this season of remembrance holds more. We will remember, on All Souls’ Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, all those of our families and friends who have died. There will be a service at 7.30 pm on All Souls’ Day at St Margaret’s, Tintinhull. If you would like someone remembered by name at that service please let me know or write their name on the lists which will be in our churches.

We also remember all those throughout history who have served God faithfully and have gained the crown of glory that God has promised to all his saints. On All Saints’ Sunday we shall celebrate all of the saints, known and unknown to history at our Benefice Eucharist at All Saints’ Church, Yeovil Marsh, at 10.30 am. This is one of the most important days of the year in our Christian calendar. We commemorate the saints whose names we know through the year but there are countless more whose names

are no longer remembered. We'll have known some of them personally because they were our friends or members of our families. They'll have taught us about Jesus and how God sent his Son into the world to save us. They'll have shown us by their example how to live the Christian life. They'll have prayed for us and with us; they'll have forgiven us and encouraged us; they'll have assured us of God's love for us. These faithful Christians have lived in every age. Some have died for their faith, others have lived for their Lord, others will have given up their lives in the service of their neighbours for love of God.

It is important to remember. I invite you to join us in this season of remembrance. ***Yours in Christ, Fr Peter***

*Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth*

*Worsley, Bishop of Taunton:*

### **“Treasure the Earth**

As I write this parish letter, we are in the midst of two weeks of action by Extinction Rebellion drawing our attention to the concerns of climate change. Following Greta Thunberg's rousing speech to the UN and the various climate strikes undertaken by young people around the world, we are becoming more aware of the dangers of neglecting such an important matter. Whether we are young and passionate about this issue or one of Boris's so-called 'crusties' and equally passionate, it seems to me that we are all called to be passionate about caring for the world God has made, and which He has entrusted to our care.

The fifth Mark of Mission calls for us to 'Treasure the Earth' or, to 'safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Here in Bath and Wells we focus on placing mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do. This often means we highlight the story of Jesus and the opportunity for us to know God's grace and forgiveness in personal ways. All really important for us to know how much we are loved. However, mission and evangelism isn't just limited to those people we live amongst in the present day. St Paul

speaks about how our salvation and that of the world or creation are bound up together....

*'The created universe is waiting with eager expectation for God's children to be revealed. It was made subject to frustration, not of its own choice but by the will of him who subjected it, yet with the hope that the universe itself is to be freed from the shackles of mortality and is to enter upon the glorious liberty of the children of God.'*  
*Romans 8: 19-21*

Sometimes I hear people dismiss concerns for the world and its future as being insignificant in the light of the eternal hope we have in Christ. I think this misguided and often selfish. It's a bit like the attitude which says, 'well as long as it sees me out!'

This month you have the opportunity to get involved yourself. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Wells Cathedral and in Christ Church, Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>, there are opportunities for you to find out more. Look on the diocesan website.

And it's not just for individual action, we as a diocese want to encourage churches to look at how they might become Eco churches in the way in which they respond in worship, theological reflection, make practical changes to their carbon footprint, and in bringing about that freedom for the whole universe to be sustained and renewed. What might **you** get passionate about and do?

***Ruth + Taunton***

### **News from the Parishes**

**Children's Society Boxes:** It is indeed November again and so it's time to collect the boxes which are sitting on various shelves and mantelpieces in homes in and around Tintinhull and Chilthorne Domer. Some of these boxes have been collecting small change for very many years and every small amount adds up to a worthwhile donation to send to this Church of England fund-raising society which helps vulnerable children and young adults. During the second week in November Hilary Cozens will collect the Tintinhull boxes and Jill Coe has kindly stepped in to collect up the Chilthorne ones. They will contact you to arrange this. Close neighbours, Pat

Lowman and Barbara Tasker have collected and returned boxes in Chilthorne for many years but now, for personal reasons, we must say goodbye and send a very big thank you for all their loyal efforts in assisting the charity. We will open all the boxes and let you know the total collected next month and of course your boxes will be returned.

**Dear reader, would you like a personal box?** Do contact Hilary on 01935 824220 - she has a box ready to fill a space on your shelf if you'd like one too.

**“The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** house to house collection for Tintinhull and Chilthorne Domer will be from 26 October until 9 November. I would like to thank all the Volunteer Poppy Collectors for their time and support again this year.” from **Chaz Harvey**, Poppy Appeal Organiser.

## LUFTON

**Susan Collins writes:** “On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm our Annual Sermon (inspired by v.8 Psalm 34) entitled ‘O Taste and See How Gracious the Lord Is’ will be delivered this year, during the Evensong Service by our guest speaker **Father Chris Jones, Assistant Priest at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Yeovil.** We look forward to welcoming our guest and we shall see if he earns his guinea by sticking to the text. We hope that you will join us for this special event and for our Parish Tea afterwards. Advance notice that our traditional Candlelit Service of Carols & Readings will be held on Sunday 22nd December at 6 pm. To be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. All are most welcome at this special service.” Contact details for Rev. Down are given at the head of this Newsletter.

## CHILTHORNE DOMER

**Angie Clothier writes:** “It was good to see so many enjoying Harvest Festival this year. A big thank you to all those who helped make it such a happy occasion. Christmas is the next festival on the agenda. We will look forward to seeing many of you at St Mary’s annual Christmas supper party on Saturday 7 December at the Village Hall. Look out for further

information nearer the time.”

**News from Jill Coe:** “Thank you to everyone who supported our Jumble Sale for the Shoe Box Appeal. We raised an amazing £370 clear profit. This will go towards the fuel costs to send the boxes to Eastern Europe. The boxes leave me on 11<sup>th</sup> November and I will keep you in touch with any information I receive.”

**From the register:** The funeral of Philip Hocking was held at St Mary’s on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember Philip in your prayers and those who mourn. Daniel Hartley and Lucy Hancock were married at St Mary’s on 12<sup>th</sup> October. May they have a long and happy marriage.

## YEOVIL MARSH

**Mike Kane writes:** “At our last P.C.C meeting after dealing with church operational matters we had a brief discussion on the verse “Man cannot live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”, and how as Christians, for us the words of God’s son, Jesus hold significance for guidance and also as spiritual food. So if we read our bibles, we can in theory, feed our spirit and grow in the way God wants us to. Peter commented that he knew a lot of us read our bibles but maybe lack confidence to speak to others about our beliefs. I have given a lot of thought to that and think that although we may all find it hard to listen to Gods prompting in our lives, I don’t think we lack confidence, I think rather that our confidence is undermined by Satan pointing out our faults and failings to us in a steady stream in order to make us doubtful in ministry. Why is it so hard to listen to God but so easy for Satan to remind us of our inadequacies. I used to think his distraction methods were used during church services but now believe they happen almost constantly every moment of our lives.”

## TINTINHULL

**John Gower writes:** “Congratulations to Rob Rawles and Bridgette Winfield on their recent marriage which was held at St Margaret’s Church; we wish them well. On a less happy note, Peggy Hinkley died recently, just before her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; a long-time member of our church, Peggy lived in Vicarage St. until about 2 years ago when she moved to Cookson Court in Yeovil.

## SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER 2019

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne Domer	Lufton	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne Coffin
<b>November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Day</b>	7.30pm Benefice Eucharist				
<b>November 3<sup>rd</sup> All Saints' Sunday</b>			6pm Evensong	10.30am Benefice Eucharist	
<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b>		10am Eucharist (BCP)			
<b>November 10<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent Remem- brance Sunday</b>	8am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45am Together4God	10.45am Matins 3pm Remembrance Service	6pm Evensong		4pm Evensong
<b>November 17<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday before Advent</b>	9.15am Parish Eucharist	10.45am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	10.45am Morning Worship at the Elms	
<b>November 24<sup>th</sup> Christ the King</b>	9.15am Parish Eucharist	<b>See Yeovil Marsh</b>	6pm Eucharist (BCP)	11am Parish Eucharist at Y. Marsh	
<b>December 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Sunday</b>		10.30am Benefice Eucharist	6pm Evensong		

**Tintinhull continued:** There has been an open weekend at St. Margaret's concerning the urgently needed restoration. This was well attended and received positive feedback. One person came to volunteer to join Friend's of St Margaret's and other pledged support to the restoration project. Our thanks to all who arranged the presentation and particularly thanks to Martin Wragg who took the photographs. Thank you also to all who gave gifts of food at Tintinhull's Harvest Festival and those who bid at the auction. An amount of £120 was raised to be given to the Lord's Larder in Yeovil. Very special thanks to Tintinhull Working Men's Club for saving the day, very much at the last minute, by taking us in at the Club to hold the supper - a truly warm thank you. Thanks also to those who helped prepare, set up and all those who cleared up afterwards. The event was very successful and we are grateful for all the help we received. Just as a reminder, the Service of Remembrance will be held at St. Mary's, Chilthorne Domer this year.- see details above"

**NB : cut off date for December's issue is 19th November. Many thanks, Hilary**