



Five Crosses
Tintinhull, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil Marsh,
Thorne Coffin, Lufton
NEWSLETTER
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Dear Friends,

There are some important events for our Churches this month. At Chilthorne Domer and Thorne Coffin we shall celebrate the Harvest. At Lufton we look forward to our O Taste and See service and sermon at the beginning of November and welcome Taffy Thomas back for another evening of *Tales*. At Tintinhull we are holding a two-day event in Church to publicise the work that we hope to be undertaking to preserve and improve our beautiful building next year. We want you to be aware of the work that needs to be done, why it's important and why it will be necessary to close the building for about six weeks next year. I do hope that you will come along to find out all about it. There are more details about that elsewhere.

All of this will be a considerable distraction from the Rugby World Cup (and from the "goings on" in Westminster)! I'll cope more easily with that distraction in one case than the other – I leave you to decide which. By the time you read this Somerset could be County Cricket Champions for the first time in their history – if they manage to beat Essex in their final game of the season. Here's hoping that they did. It sometimes feels as

if Somerset rarely merits national attention so this could be a moment in the spotlight.

Such things may appear trivial, and in the bigger scheme of things they probably are. But they give us an opportunity to celebrate and to feel pride in this beautiful part of the country in which we live. That makes us all feel better. It reminds us too that being human is about more than the toil and labour that takes up so much of our lives. There are many areas where we can find value for our existence and not all of it is measurable in the usual ways.

Finding value in our lives is important for us. As Christians we believe that the ultimate value we have is the value that God gives us. John, in his gospel wrote that God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten to Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life. That means that each and every one of us is important to God; we matter – all of us.

Sadly, not everyone feels that they matter. There are many in our society who have a strong sense of their worthlessness – and many of those people are young people or children who should feel that they are the most important people in the world

– and probably to someone they are, but they just don't know it or don't believe it.

We should all do what we can to make others feel important, to feel as if they matter. It can be as simple as telling them so, or by making time for them.

With all best wishes in Christ, Fr Peter

A letter from the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells: Journeying together

I was on the train today and a South Western Railway poster caught my eye. The headline was 'Our Promise to You'. It then said: 'We are passionate about delivering a great service for you and are here to make travelling easier.' It went on to spell out what that meant in these words:

- Be visible and available to you when you need us
- Offer information and answer questions you may have
- Make announcements about the destination and its calling point
- Keep you informed should things be delayed during your journey

Obviously this was talking about trains, but it got me thinking as some of those things could also be applied to my role as Bishop. My role, and that of Bishop Ruth, the archdeacons, our other colleagues and the central support staff in the Old Deanery is to support the work of mission and ministry which takes place across the parishes, chaplaincies and schools of the diocese. And we are all passionate about doing the best we can to support you and to 'make your travelling easier'. And by 'travelling' we mean the walk that we have with Jesus as his followers.

One way we seek to support you by being visible and available. Bishop Ruth and I like nothing better than getting out and about across the length and breadth of the diocese, meeting people and hearing all that you are doing to live and tell the story of Jesus. Every month we meet hundreds of new people and we try, as and when we can, to answer questions and let people

know what is going on.

These parish magazine articles are another way in which we try to keep in touch and share what we are up to. The diocesan website, our e-newsletter, Connect, Manna magazine and our social media feeds on Face book and Twitter are other places you can catch up with what we are doing, but more importantly to hear and read about what God is doing among us and within the communities we serve.

The train poster ended with the words 'Let us know how we are doing'. And that is another important reason why we love to get round the diocese so that we can hear what else we can do to support you and to share with you in living and telling others about the love of God.

With my prayers and very best wishes

Peter + Bath and Wells

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

YEOVIL MARSH

Christine Salmon writes: "This month the PCC at Yeovil Marsh would like to say some **"Thank you"**. Thank you to all who joined us for the Ramble and Roast in September – it was a lovely chance to get together again and to raise some money for the hall repairs and upkeep and for the kind donations to make this event possible. (Please see church notice board for the final amount). Thank you for the reliable dedication from Cedric for cutting the grass and keeping the grounds looked after. And finally we would also like to say thank you to Nicola and her children, Viv and Howard, Harold, Caroline and Susan for their kind services in delivering our Newsletters to keep everyone informed of the church and hall events for Yeovil Marsh and our neighbouring village.

Thank you, for all the help and support so kindly given".

TINTINHULL

John Gower writes: "We are all delighted that little Charlie Hoskins was baptised during the Together 4 God service in September and we all welcome him into our Church along with his family. St Margaret's also welcomed two couples

for their weddings; Rachel Ivins and James Trott in August and Amy Willis and Alex O'Donovan in September. Good news for Roy and Wendy Morley who have now moved to a new home in Yeovil. Wendy has, for a long time, helped with church cleaning, has delivered food from our Lord's Larder to the food bank, has run many raffles and tombolas and helped husband Roy to provide masses of flowers at Harvest Festival and not forgetting often providing a special harvest loaf – I am sure I will have forgotten to mention something but Wendy and Roy have been such great joiners and helpers. We greatly appreciate all their services, wishing them well and know that we will still see them from time to time. Good news - Chris Flanagan has kindly taken over the Lord's Larder for which we are extremely grateful.

We are forming a group called Friends of St. Margaret's. This group will probably meet three or four times a year and the aim will be to help raise finance for the restoration of St. Margaret's. We are looking for members of the Village who appreciate our wonderful Church but do not necessarily attend Church services. Please contact me, or any PCC member, if you would be interested in joining. Finally, we extend a warm welcome to Ms Hayley Robinson, who is the new Head Teacher at St. Margaret's School. We hope she will be very happy in our community. “

Church Flowers. If there are any budding but tentative flower arrangers living nearby please don't hesitate to ring Hilary Cozens on 01935 824220 if you would like to explore the possibility of flower arranging in St Margaret's Church. Our small group is always on the look-out for new members to join us; so why not take a step forward and learn from us as you go along? Most of the team learnt that way too and your involvement can be as little or as much as you feel willing to do. It is always good to share the love and the load and make new friends.

CHILTHORNE DOMER

Harvest Festival Sunday 13 October.

Harvest Praise 6pm at St Mary's is

followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at 7pm. Tickets £6 from Angie tel. 841659. Everyone welcome to either or both events. Or just take time to visit the Church over the weekend to admire the harvest flowers (avoiding the wedding taking place on Saturday lunch-time).

There will be a Take Art performance at the Village Hall on Sunday 27 October. Details on posters throughout Chilthorne village. **Angie Clothier**

Jill Coe writes: “There will be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 5th October in Chilthorne Village Hall, doors open 2pm and entrance just 20 pence. Everyone is welcome to this fund raising event for The Blythswood Care Shoe Box Appeal. Please ring me on 840466 if you would like to do a shoe box and would like an informative leaflet. The box leaving date is 28th October for them to arrive in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. “

St Mary's welcomed Isabel Ivy Morgan for her Baptism during August.

LUFTON

Susan Collins writes: “Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 15th September was well attended by our regular congregation, all of whom enjoyed singing the traditional harvest hymns. It is always a very special time of mellow fruitfulness and the Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce. All produce was donated to the Pathways Project, incorporating the Night Shelter. The staff and residents are always so grateful and extend a sincere ‘thank you’ for the generosity of our congregation.

On Sunday 20th October at 7.30pm, Taffy Thomas, M.B.E. Story Teller Laureate from Ambleside, (originally from Yeovil) will visit us once again, by popular request, with a new collection of ‘Tale Teller's Tales’. This extraordinary man's stories and verses are too good to miss and his ‘Storyteller's Coat’ is a work of art in itself. Taffy's new book is inspired by the legends and folk tales woven around birds. Refreshments will be available for donations. Please support this unique event.

SERVICES DURING OCTOBER 2019

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne Domer	Lufton	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne Coffin
October 1st		No Eucharist (BCP)			
October 6th Trinity 16	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist		6 pm Evensong		
October 13th Trinity 17	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45 am Together4God	6 pm Harvest Praise NB – no morning service	6 pm Evensong		4 pm Harvest Praise
October 20th Trinity 18	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	10.45 am Parish Eucharist	6 pm Evensong	10.45 am Morning Worship at the Elms	
October 27th Trinity 14	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	See Yeovil Marsh	6 pm Eucharist (BCP)	11 am Parish Eucharist – Yeovil Marsh	
November 2nd All Souls Day	7.30 pm Benefice Eucharist				
November 3rd All Saints' Sunday			6 pm Evensong	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist	

Lufton News Continued:

A date for your diary: Sunday 3rd 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 a guest speaker. We look forward to welcoming our guest and we shall see if they earn their guinea by sticking to the text. We hope that you will join us for this special event and for our Parish Tea afterwards. “

From the editor: cut off date for items for inclusion in the November issue is 19th October. Please let me have your submissions in good time. Many thanks. Hilary