

The United Benefice
of Tintinhull with Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil Marsh
and Thorne Coffin

† **NEWSLETTER** †
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Dear Friends,

This month sees the centenary of the start of the first World War on August 4th. There will be national commemorations taking place on the day and we are holding a special service to commemorate the beginning of the conflict on Sunday 3rd August at 3 pm at St Margaret's. You will be most welcome.

It seems a little strange in some ways to mark the beginning of a war, especially one so terrible. But that war has had, and will continue to have, a profound impact on our society. It can be hard to see the First World War as anything other than a pointless waste of human life, but, of course, it is much more complex than that. While the war was perhaps the first truly modern war and changed the way that wars are fought, it was also the instigator for the changes in society which led to our modern world. The role of women was forever changed by the war, the way that the media reports and records (not just about war) changed. The technology that being at war caused to be developed, especially cars, trucks and aeroplanes, have had a

profound impact on our world. But most importantly is the change to the way that we see ourselves and our place in the world. These four years will give us much more than an opportunity to remember the war dead, but that is where we will begin. So do join us if you are able to do so.

Many of you will be taking the opportunity that August, with its warm weather provides to take a holiday. Whether you are flying to the sun or enjoying a "stay-cation" holiday time is an important time to recharge our batteries and enjoy a break from our everyday routines. I wish you a very happy time.

Another reminder about Confirmation this year. It will take place on November 1st in Wells Cathedral. A few people have already expressed an interest. If you, or anyone you know, is interested please contact me for more details.

Look out too for more details, coming soon, about the forthcoming Pilgrim Course this autumn.

With best wishes, yours in Christ,

Fr Peter

THE UNITED BENEFICE TINTINHULL

**From the Bishop of Bath & Wells,
August 2014**

Dennis Lillee, the Australian fast bowler once hit a batsman on the leg. Although he was given out, he remained at the crease and Lillee forcibly insisted he must go. The batsman replied: *'Dennis I'd love to go but I daren't move. I think you have broken my leg'*. Moving isn't always easy, and although Jane and I have only been here a short while we are already feeling settled and at home. Thank you to everyone for making us so welcome since we arrived.

The batsman's words *'I daren't move'* got me thinking about how we as Christians and we as a Church also often find moving difficult. There have been so many changes in society, in attitudes and in technology in recent years, the development of IT being an obvious example, that I am sure there are times when we wish it would all slow down and we want to say 'I'm not moving'. But the gospel calls us to move in all sorts of ways. Our spiritual lives should not be allowed to become stagnant or static. God is always drawing us and inviting us into a deeper relationship with him. He also calls us to move outwards and move onwards in loving service to our families, neighbours and the communities where we live and work. I am being challenged at the moment by the words of 1 Peter *'be eager to do good.'* As we open our lives to God the Holy Spirit may he find us eager and willing to keep moving in our journey of discipleship as we follow Jesus and seek to make him known to other people. Michelangelo, one of the greatest artists and sculptors of all time once said: *'Lord, grant that I may desire more than I can accomplish.'* That may be a bit more than some of us can pray, but let's all be praying: *'Lord, keep me moving.'*

With warmest best wishes

+Peter Bath and Wells

From John Gower, Church warden: "A quiet month which is just as well in view of the present temperature! There were two notable exceptions – the Poetry & Prose and the Bring and Buy at the Post Office. The *Poetry & Prose* was well supported. It was wonderful to have pupils from Tintinhull and Chilthorne Domer schools taking part in this event. The standard was very high and a very enjoyable evening. Thank you Jill for all your hard work organising it and to Philip for providing refreshments. We are very sorry he could not be there due to an illness and we all wish him well. The *Bring and Buy* at the Post Office was organised by Hilary Cozens in aid of the Church Flower Group. It was also well attended and, judging by the chatter, a fantastic success. This may result in more people attending the Wednesday Coffee Shop which is held weekly in the Tintinhull Working Men's Club. It also raised £320.90 for flowers for St. Margaret's Church, particularly for church Festivals so the Church will be as spectacular as always! Thank you Hilary and to all who helped in so many ways."

Still on the subject of Poetry & Prose, Jill Harris wishes to say "Thank you to everyone who supported Poetry and Prose. As always there was a good mixture in the programme and some contributors had written their own items. Both church schools were very well represented and their contributions were excellent.

Here's free entertainment to look forward to at the end of August so do make a note in your diary. **Parnham Voices** will be visiting Tintinhull church on Saturday August 30th as part of their annual 'Safari'. They are a Dorset based 'alla cappella' choir of about 20 voices singing music from seven centuries, both sacred and secular. A few weeks ago they sang full Choral Evensong in Martock, and in the Beaminster Festival. Around noon, on 30th August they will be performing for about **half an hour** in St Margaret's church. The performance is informal, free to all and there will be a bucket collection in aid of the Julia House children's hospice in Dorset. Drop in and enjoy some uplifting music. So, if you have half an hour to spare that day come along to listen and take the opportunity to support the work of the hospice. After the singing it is usual for the choir to visit the local pub so I think they will make their way to the Crown and Victoria!

Ray Cozens

Another date for your diary: Mary Ostler wishes you to know that St Margaret's Church **Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper** will be on Sunday 28 September with Harvest Songs of Praise at 6pm in the church, followed by supper in the Village Hall at about 7pm. Tickets will be available from 24 August, in church after services or from members of the PCC - price £5 adults / £3 children, or telephone Mary Ostler on 826584.

CHILTHORNE DOMER

From Angie Clothier, Church warden: Bank Holiday Monday will see the annual **Village Fete**, this year with a Fun Dog Show & Car boot sale. St Mary's Church will be running the

Grand Raffle. Donations of prizes will be gratefully accepted by Zanne Gardner, Tel 849239. **Thank you.**

And, the next **Churchyard Tidy Up** is due on Saturday 9th August from 10am. Thank you to the few who turn up to help. We are always pleased to see others.

Jill Coe wants you to know that the next **Jumble Sale** in aid of WI funds will be held on Saturday 30th August starting at 2pm in Chilthorne's Village hall. It costs just 20 pence to get in to pick up all those bargains!

Everyone welcome so please come and support us

Blossom Hope Bungay celebrated her Baptism at St Mary's in June. We welcome Blossom and ask you to pray for her and her family

YEOVIL MARSH

Our next **Coffee Morning** will be held on Wednesday 13th August in the Church Hall. It usually starts at 10.30am. Do come along for a chat and some refreshments.

From your editor: I often wonder if pleas for help for this and that are answered or whether they remain unresolved. Last month your new Churchwarden asked for flower and cleaning volunteers to give a very little of their spare time to help out. I really do hope that the response was positive so that next time I come to a service in your lovely church all will be pretty and the spiders will have been ousted!

Small tasks make such a big difference

THORNE COFFIN

Sadly no news from Thorne this time. Spiders must be gloriously happy in St Andrew's!

SERVICES DURING AUGUST 2014

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne
Sunday 3rd August Trinity 7	3pm Service of Commemoration for the start of the First World War	10.30am United Benefice Eucharist		
Tuesday 5th August		10am Eucharist (BCP)		
Sunday 10th August Trinity 8	9.15am Parish Eucharist	10.45am Parish Eucharist	10.45am Morning Prayer	8am Eucharist (BCP)
Sunday 17th August Trinity 9	8am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45am Together4God	Blessed Virgin Mary 10.45am Matins		
Sunday 24th August Saint Bartholomew	9.15am Parish Eucharist	8am Eucharist (BCP) 10.45am Together4God	10.45am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong
Sunday 31st August Trinity 10	9.15am Parish Eucharist	10.45am Parish Eucharist		
Sunday 7th September Trinity 11	10.30am United Benefice Eucharist			

Last but not Least:

If you have an item for publishing in the September issue of the United Benefice Newsletter please let me have it before or on the **17th August - note early cut off date this time.** It is always nice to print letters of thanks or remembrances of happy times or anything else to give a little extra life and colour. So please don't hesitate to send me an e-mail, pop a note through my letter box or telephone me if you must! Keep things short and sweet.....

Above all keep reading your copy!

Best wishes for a happy holiday season *from your editor, Hilary.*