

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

✠ **NEWSLETTER** ✠  
**NOVEMBER 2014**

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*Dear Friends,*

As every year, the second Sunday of November is Remembrance Sunday. We will, as always, be observing this important but solemn occasion in all of our services. If you would like to join in our observance of the commemoration of those who died in two world Wars and other conflicts of the last century and this, please do join us, most particularly for the Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance which takes place this year at St Mary's Church in Chilthorne Domer at 3 pm. Full details of our other services are at the back of this newsletter or on the Benefice web site.

The weekend before that we celebrate All Saints' Day. We will do that at a special Eucharist at All Saints' Church in Yeovil Marsh. All Saints' day reminds us that God calls each and every one of us to be a saint. Saints are not remarkable people but ordinary people empowered by God and inspired by Jesus to do remarkable things. It also reminds us that the huge majority of God's saints are unknown to history. God calls us all to make a difference, to be the presence of Jesus in the world. That's what makes someone a saint.

All Saints' day is followed by

All Souls' Day. We will celebrate All Souls with a eucharist at St Mary's. At that service we will remember the departed. If there is anyone that you wish to be remembered at that service please let me know either by adding their name to the lists which will be in the benefice churches or by using the contact form on the benefice web site.

At the end of this month we enter the Advent season. It's a very special time in the life of the Church as we prepare to celebrate the incarnation at Christmas. Of course for Advent to be of the greatest benefit to us we need to prepare for it a little. Unlike Lent, Advent is less about fasting as it is about reflecting on our mortality, our way of life and the judgement which we will face when we stand before God. It could be a good time to take the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) as your text for Advent. I will again be producing a simple study guide for Advent which will be available in the churches towards the end of the month and on the benefice web site. Look out for more details. With best wishes,

Yours in Christ,

*Fr Peter*

*From the Bishop of Taunton:  
Remembering Jesus now*

We are in the season of 'remembering'. On November 1st and 2nd we celebrate the double feast of All Saints and All Souls with a particular focus on remembering our loved ones who have died. A few days later there is the opportunity, perhaps especially for children, to remember, remember the 5th of November and they will celebrate with bonfires and fireworks, probably not knowing why! Then, a week or so after that, the poppy takes centre stage as we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives in the service of their country, with a particular poignancy this year as we mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War 1.

But why do we remember? Is it not more important to put the past behind us and move on? Certainly there is a danger that our remembering becomes rather too focussed on the past, and that we become very nostalgic both about people and events and see them, as it were, through rose coloured glasses.

But that isn't the way that people of faith are invited to remember. Each and every week, for those of us who come to church to break bread together, we are invited, in the words of Jesus to 'do this in remembrance of me'. This is not an invitation to go back in time and try and remember Jesus as he was. Rather it is an invitation to bring our memory of him into the present and in so doing to bring the love, the compassion and the forgiveness that was so much a part of his life into the way we live our lives. In other words, to make all that he meant to his disciples then real for us now.

A couple of verses from Lucy Whitmell's poem, '*Christ in Flanders*', speak into that reality for me especially in this anniversary year.

"Now we remember; over here in Flanders – (it isn't strange to think of You in Flanders)  
The hideous warfare seems to make

things clear.

We never thought about You much in England  
But now that we are far away from England  
We have no doubts, we know that You are here

Though we forgot You – You will not forget us

We feel so sure that You will not forget us

But stay with us until this dream is past  
And so we ask for courage, strength, and pardon

Especially I think we ask for pardon –  
And that You'll stand beside us to the last"

*+Peter Taunton*

## **THE UNITED BENEFICE**

It is time to collect the Children's Society boxes once more. Ginny and Hilary will be coming round to collect them in the week beginning 24th November. Thank you for your support.

## **THORNE COFFIN**

Now that the evenings are drawing in early please note that Evensong begins in St Andrews at the earlier time of 4pm on 23rd November. Every one welcome.

## **YEOVIL MARSH**

Our Harvest Festival service congregation numbered 21 which was extremely encouraging, however our morning prayer on the 12 of October fell back to only two, mainly due to an outbreak of illness. However, starting in November we are going to open the church every Thursday between 11am and 1pm for prayer or meditation or a chat with a member of the church.

*Mike Kane, Church Warden.*

## **CHILTHORNE DOMER**

This year All Soul's Eucharist is being held in St. Mary's on Monday 3rd November. Do please try to come to this moving service where we remember our loved ones.

*From Angie Clothier:* St Mary's Christmas Supper party will be held on

Saturday 6 December, 6.30 for 7pm supper at the Recreation centre. Christmas table sale and raffle. 8-10pm *skittle for a turkey*, everyone welcome. Supper tickets available end of November from Angie, 841659. £8 adult, £4 child.

If anyone would like to join this year's ladies Christmas choir, please ring Zanne Gardner 849239.

On October 12th we welcomed Daisy Amaya Buckley for Baptism.

### **TINTINHULL**

**Pat Whitlock, Church Warden writes:**

We had a very good Harvest Festival this year. A well-attended service was followed by a very tasty supper with almost sixty people sitting down. Many thanks to Mary Ostler and Carol Perry who as usual produced a Ploughman's followed by apple pie, custard and cream. And then great fun at the Auction thanks to Tony and Amanda Brunt. We now look forward to Trafalgar Night on 21st November (Terry Loughran later reminds you all to bring MONEY\*\*) Lastly, it is nice to hear that we have two new members of our choir and it would be extra special to have a few male volunteers!" *So gentlemen please do step forward:editor*

*Church Treasurer, Ray Cozens writes:* "Some of you will be aware of the plaque in the west vestry of our church celebrating the fact that no one from Tintinhull who went off to fight in the Second World War lost their lives. Since the end of the war the Tintinhull community has changed considerably. I am sure that people resident here at the end of the war and more recent incomers have many reasons to remember those war years - be they happy ones, maybe for comradeship shared or for help given and received in difficult times. But perhaps there will be sad remembrances of a lost loved one or may be an event which caused much distress.

On May 8th, 2015 the world will be remembering the end of the Second World War in Europe. In St

Margaret's, Tintinhull, for our part, we will be holding an early evening service to commemorate the event. The PCC would like to display in the church on that day any prayer, poem or short reminiscence or any object or photograph which has a direct link to events during the years 1939 to 1945. It will be even more meaningful if the provider could give a description of the story which made it so important to them. For continuity, nearer the time, please send any such items directly to me and I will keep them safely. The theme of the service needs to be developed and if anyone reading this has any suggestions I would be pleased to hear from you. More about this will follow later."

**Trafalgar Night:** HMS Victory under sailing orders! The combined French and Spanish Fleets will be brought to battle off Cape Trafalgar on Friday 21st November at 1845 (6.45pm doors open). Period costume or Last Night of the Proms attire encouraged and win prizes! Pockets of Doubloons for big raffle and great wines essential - come in fine voice! Sorry - Ticket Holders only.

**Rear Admiral Terry Loughran CB**

**Film Night:** apologies but we had to postpone the October film evening until January 17th 2015, so please put the NEW date in your diary; something to look forward to for the New Year! We will contact in Dec/Jan to sell tickets accordingly still in aid of the Church and Riding for the Disabled.

**Philippa and Sarah.**

**DIARY DATE** from Richard Gowing: TAKE ART is returning to Tintinhull with another super, not to be missed show "**THE BUFFALO GALS' OLD TIME COUNTRY STRING BAND**" on **SATURDAY 14th MARCH 2015**. Full details in the December edition, when the Box Office will also be open.

**Christmas Flowers:** If you would like to have a loved one remembered in the special festival arrangements please put a small donation in an envelope, write the person's name clearly and pass it to Hilary Cozens, Little Crofton Yeovil Road.

## SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER 2014

Day	Tintinhull	Chilthorne	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne
<b>Sunday</b> <b>2nd November</b> <b>All Saints</b>			<b>10.30am</b> United Benefice Eucharist	
<b>Monday</b> <b>3rd November</b> <b>All Souls'</b>		<b>7.30pm</b> All Souls' Eucharist		
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>4th November</b>		<b>10am</b> Eucharist (BCP)		
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9th November</b> <b>Remembrance</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>10.45am</b> Parish Eucharist <b>3pm RBL</b> Service of Remembrance	<b>10.45am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>8am</b> Eucharist (BCP)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>16th November</b> <b>2 before Advent</b>	<b>8am</b> Eucharist (BCP) <b>10.45am</b> Together4God	<b>10.45am</b> Matins		
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23rd November</b> <b>Christ the King</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>8am</b> Eucharist (BCP) <b>10.45am</b> Together4God	<b>10.45am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>4pm</b> Evensong
<b>Sunday</b> <b>30th November</b> <b>Advent Sunday</b>	<b>9.15am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>10.45am</b> Parish Eucharist		
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>2nd December</b>		<b>10am</b> Eucharist (BCP)		
<b>Sunday</b> <b>7th December</b> <b>Advent 2</b>		<b>10.30am</b> UB Eucharist		

### Last but not Least:

**PENSION SCAMS:** Recent Government legislation allows people to cash in their pensions. Sadly the result has been a number of scams which can defraud the Pension Holder. Individuals could be targeted in a number of different ways and our Village Agent, Carolyn Roche has information available which may help avoid these problems. She can be contacted with complete confidentiality on 07968521746 or email on [crocheva@somersetrcc.org.uk](mailto:crocheva@somersetrcc.org.uk) - The Village Magazine may well have more on this: *editor*

The Lord's Larder boxes await your gifts for people in our area who are finding life hard to manage. There are boxes in St Margaret's and St Mary's to leave your donations of in-date packets and tins of food etc.

Contributions for the December issue of the Newsletter should be sent to my on or before 19th November. Many thanks. Hilary Cozens