



**NEWSLETTER
FOR ST JAMES'S, WINSCOMBE;
ALL SAINTS, SANDFORD; AND
ST. JOHN'S, CHURCHILL.**



18th June 2021 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

In case you have not already heard about it, our churches are planning “**A Community Time for Remembering and Thanksgiving**” which is aimed to provide a quiet space for reflection to remember not only the sad and challenging times of the past year, for many this will be those they have loved and lost, but also an opportunity to be thankful for neighbours and others in our communities who’ve gone the extra mile in caring and providing services when times have been difficult.

The Dates are as follows:-

All Saints Church Sandford on July 25th 2021 at 11 am followed by refreshments
For further information, please contact Ann Ogram (01934 820972)

St John’s Church Churchill July 25th 2021 at 3 pm followed by refreshments.
For further information, please contact Pauline Hurst (01934 852784).

The Church Centre, Winscombe July 25th 2021 at 3 pm followed by refreshments.
For further information, please contact Pauline Nixon (revpolly@gmail.com).

We hope you will come and encourage friends and neighbours also to take this moment to remember and to give thanks.

This **Sunday 20th June** is the **Third Sunday after Trinity** and we have a **Joint Family Holy Communion at 10.00 am at The Church Centre in Winscombe.**

On **Thursday 24th June** there will be **Thursday Church at 10.00 am** also at **The Church Centre.**

If you are unable to attend either service, the one on Sunday at The Church Centre will be recorded and a podcast/video will be available later on our church website: <https://winsandchurches.org.uk/podcasts/>

The readings for this Sunday are:- Psalm 107: 23-32 and Mark 4: 35-41.



In your continuing prayers, let us join as a church community in bringing before God those dear to us, who are suffering in body or mind at the moment especially:

Bishop Peter, Liz Elvins, Tim Walton, Geoff Norton, Sara B, James, Celia Hine, David, Jacquie Bravery, Jim McGeoch, Myra Burroughs, Pat Gray, Pippa Cobden-Ramsay, Katie Brookman, Russ A, Rachael, Ken Martin, Nigel

J, Miriam Taylor and those known only to ourselves and to God, and for all the people who love them.

We give thanks for answers to prayer especially for those who are recovering from recent operations or time in hospital.

Let us also pray for

- Wisdom for our government in all the decisions taken during this pandemic.
- Our NHS - particularly for those staff exhausted by the demands of the last twelve months
- A fair distribution of coronavirus vaccine across the world
- Those who are sick or ill as a result of the coronavirus and those who have been bereaved

If you would like a new name added to the prayer list, please feel free to contact Revd. Andrew - contact details on the website.

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Funeral Notifications

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the recent deaths of the following:-

Brenda Roberts, from Winscombe, died on 25th May 2021. Her funeral took place on Friday 11th June at Weston Crematorium at 12.30 pm.

Sonia June Harris, from Coxley, died on 30th May 2021. Her funeral took place at St James's Church, Winscombe, on Wednesday 16th June at 12.00 noon followed by committal at Sedgemoor Crematorium at 1.00 pm.

Lynda Driver, from Winscombe, died on 19th May 2021. Her funeral will be held at St James's Church, Winscombe, on Thursday 24th June at 11.00 am followed by committal at Ilex Lane Cemetery at 12.00 noon.

Our love and condolences go to their families and friends.

News this Week

Thanks from Tony and Llyn

Tony and Llyn Callow would like to thank everyone for their kind gifts presented at All Saints Church last Sunday. This was most unexpected but very much appreciated. We will use the money to go away for a weekend in September. Tony is retiring as Church Warden but we will both still be around doing all our usual stuff.

Tony would also like to thank the PCC for their kind gifts presented at APCC meeting a couple of weeks ago. The rose is in full bloom and looking lovely in a large pot on our patio.

Jazz in The Paddock – Cancelled

Due to the extension of the Covid restrictions, The Friends of St James have, with great regret, had to cancel Jazz in the Paddock on Saturday 3rd July. We know that many will be very disappointed by the decision but The Friends are hoping to re-arrange this event later in the summer. Watch this space!

Update on the Church Centre

Work tidying the area around the Church Centre has started, thanks to Chris and Bridget Andrews. Any additional volunteers to help them would be most welcome.

Work has also started on the decorating of the front of the Church Centre. Thank you to Steve Reed, it looks much more cheerful in its new Cornish Cream coat. Keep looking as it is hoped the lettering will start to be added soon.

Join the Young Christian Climate Network Relay as it makes its way through Bath and Wells



In the run up to the COP26 climate change talks, taking place in Glasgow in November, the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) are walking 750 miles from the G7 venue in Cornwall, to the COP26 climate conference in, to raise awareness of the urgent need for action not words in caring for God's creation. The exciting news is the walk will be passing through several areas of the Diocese of Bath and Wells in July allowing everyone who wants to, to join them along the way.

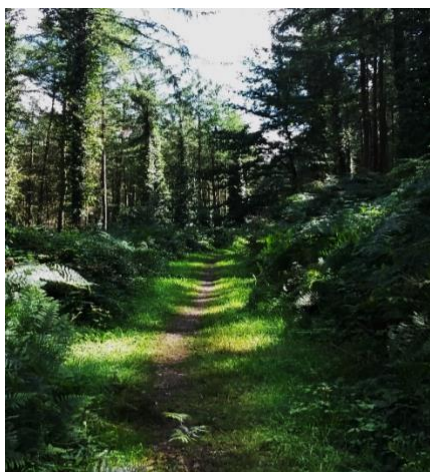
With the pandemic it has been hard to organise this event and now they really need the support and encouragement of churches, particularly those along their route. People of any age can get involved, but it would be really great to involve young people of the diocese.

YCCN welcome people walking with them and they also need volunteers to be lead walkers, to provide accommodation, to be planners and to provide refreshments, as well to cheer them on their way. For information please [go to the YCCN website](#) where you can sign up or [contact Rachel Mander](#) if you have a specific offer to make. And do spread the word to others. [Find out more, including the dates the relay will be in Bath and Wells.](#)

Farewell to David Ashton-Hilton

After many years loyal service to the Church in Winscombe and Sandford, David will be leaving us on 30th June. In recent months he has done excellent work for us as he has concentrated on looking after our finances. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for David, please can you put your donation in an envelope and deliver it to the Church Office - marking the envelope 'Farewell Gift for David'. As David is now working from home, he will not see the gifts coming in. The last day for making your donation is 27th June.

Diocesan Healing Forum



Summer Healing Forum
Wednesday, 7th July 2021
7:30pm – 9:00pm on Zoom
Healing in a Changing World –
Session 3
**The Journey Towards
Health & Healing**

With Special Guest
Rev. Dr. Gillian Straine
Chief Operating Officer
Guild Of Health



(See attached poster for more information.)

We end this Newsletter with a prayer

God our saviour,

look on this wounded world

in pity and in power;

hold us fast to your promises of peace

won for us by your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

God bless you all

Andrew, Derrick, Diana and Tricia

Sent on their behalf by William Du Croz and Emma Stocks.

If you know of other people who might like to receive this Newsletter, or if you do not wish to receive future copies, please let William know.

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