



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



25th June 2021 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

This **Sunday 27th June** is **St John the Baptist Patronal Festival** and we have a **Holy Communion at 11.00 am** at **St John's Church**.



A Patronal Festival is the celebration of the Patron Saint of a church, in this case St John the Baptist, and in the past St John's normally celebrates this festival with a BBQ or Summer Lunch as an opportunity for the congregation to get together and raise some much needed funds too. Sadly the Pandemic has made this impossible the last two years, but we hope you will join us for the service.

For those of you who may not know, St John the Baptist was a Jewish prophet of priestly origin who preached the imminence of God's Final Judgment and baptized those who repented in self-



preparation for it; he is revered in the Christian church as the forerunner of Jesus Christ. After a period of desert solitude, John the Baptist emerged as a prophet in the region of the lower Jordan River valley. He had a circle of disciples, and Jesus was among the recipients of his rite of baptism.

On **Tuesday 29th June** there will be a **Holy Communion at 10.00 am** at All Saints Church.

If you are unable to attend either service, the one on Sunday at St John's Church 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:- Isaiah 40: 1-11, Luke 1: 57-66, 80 and Acts 13: 14-26.

Please find below the service schedule for July which you can also find as an attachment to this mail:-

Date	St James's Church Winscombe	All Saints Sandford	St John's Churchill	Church Centre Winscombe <i>(St James's Church Hall)</i>
Sunday 4th July			8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	10.00 am Family Service*

Tuesday 6th July		10.00 am Midweek Communion		
Thursday 8th July				10.00 am Thursday Church
Sunday 11th July	9.30 am Morning Worship & Baptism	11.00 am Holy Communion	11.00 am Morning Worship & Baptism	
Tuesday 13th July		10.00 am Midweek Communion		
Thursday 15th July				10.00 am Thursday Church
Sunday 18th July			11.00 am Morning Worship & Baptism	10.00 am Family Holy Communion*
Tuesday 20th July		10.00 am Midweek Communion		
Sunday 25th July	09.30 am Holy Communion Patronal Festival	11.00 am Pandemic Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving	15.00 pm Pandemic Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving	15.00 pm Pandemic Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
Tuesday 27th July		10.00 am Midweek Communion		
Thursday 29th July				10.00 am Thursday Church

Facemasks need to be worn to all Services in the Churches and Church Centre



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 death of:-

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 her family and friends.

News this Week

Tuesday Coffee Mornings

We are hoping to start Coffee Mornings again in August on Tuesdays in the Church Centre. It would be really good to have more volunteers so that no one has to be on the rota too often. A great opportunity to meet and welcome newcomers to the village and to catch up with old friends.

If you could help or want to find out more then please contact:

Iris (01934 782651), Chris (01934 844656) or Beth (01934 844529)

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in 2022

In recent weeks you will have seen some announcements about the national celebrations that will take place in June 2022 to mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne – a quite remarkable achievement. It is good to report that in Winscombe and Sandford we are already developing plans for our own celebrations. The next planning meeting will be on Zoom at 7.00pm on Tuesday 29th June. If you would like to join the meeting, please contact William Du Croz (wducroz@hotmail.co.uk).

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.](#)

We end this Newsletter with a prayer

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
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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