



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



4th June 2021 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Well, what a super Bank Holiday weekend it was for the whole country for once with fine weather just about everywhere and so nice to see families finally able to get out and about and enjoy this half term break in the sunshine with all of our new found freedoms. Long may they continue!

This **Sunday 6th June** is the **First Sunday after Trinity** and we have a **Service of Parish Praise at St James's Church at 9:30 am** and an **11:00 am Holy Communion Service at St John's Church.**

If you are unable to attend either service, the one at St James's 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 130; 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1 and Mark 3:20 - end.

Also this week we have **Thursday Church** on the **10th June at 10:00 am** in the **Church Centre.**

Attached to this mail you should also find the services poster for the month of June which we hope you may be able to display somewhere.

It is with great sadness that we share with you the news that Joan Evans died on 31st May. She was a lovely lady and we were all fortunate that she and her husband Derek chose Winscombe as the place to retire to.



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.

Let us especially remember the families of Jill Noy, Pauline Keen and Joan Evans.

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

- Countries e.g. India, Nepal, Brazil and the Yemen where the healthcare system is unable to bear the demands placed on it by the current 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.

From the Parish Registers

Our love and sympathy go to the families and friends of

Brenda May Sweeting whose funeral was held at All Saints Church on Friday 7th May 2021 followed by committal at Ilex Lane Cemetery.

Jill Elizabeth Noy whose funeral was held at St James's Church on Friday 21st May 2021 followed by committal at Ilex Lane Cemetery.

Pauline Helen Keen whose funeral was held at St James's Church on Thursday 27th May followed by cremation at Sedgemoor Crematorium.

News this Week



Putting the love of Christ in the heart of our community.

A reminder of our Church Community Vision as explained in last week's newsletter. This week you should find a volunteer form attached to this newsletter which will enable you to get involved.

A Date for your Diaries - 'A Time of Thanksgiving and Remembering'

Our Churches are planning Times of Thanksgiving and Remembering.

These are 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

St John's Church Churchill July 25th 2021 at 3 pm followed by refreshments

For further information, please contact Ann Ogram (01934 820972) or Pauline Hurst (01934 852784)

There will also be a service at The Church Centre led by Pauline Nixon, more details to follow.

For All Healthy Living Centre Donations

For anyone wishing to make a donation to the 'For All Healthy Living Centre', please note that if you are making a bank transfer, the name of the organization is '**For All Healthy Living.com**' and **not** 'The For All Healthy Living Centre'. Many thanks.

Sort Code: 60-23-32

Account Number: 81267320

As a reference use the words 'Food Bank Donation'

Diocese Bids Farewell to Bishop Peter



On Saturday 22nd May people across the diocese came together to watch Bishop Peter's farewell service from Wells Cathedral, witnessing him placing his staff on the altar, signalling the end of his seven years leading the diocese.

During the service Bishop Peter's wife Jane read Colossians 3, 12-17, there was a Reflection by Bishop Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton, and songs from the pupils of St Mark's School, Worle.

In his sermon Bishop Peter said: "It has been an enormous privilege to serve as the 79th Bishop of Bath and Wells and I am so grateful for the welcome you have given me as I have travelled around, visiting parishes, schools and chaplaincies, and sharing in all that is happening across the diocese.

"As I come to retirement, I also want to thank everyone for the support and prayer you have given Jane and me since I was diagnosed with leukemia last year. At times it has been a hard road to walk, but your love and prayers have been more uplifting and encouraging than I can tell you. And we look forward, with faith and hope, to all that the future holds."

We end this Newsletter with a prayer

**God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.**

Amen

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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