



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



**16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Newsletter**

Dear Friends,

Following on from the Government's announcement this week regarding the easing of restrictions from 19<sup>th</sup> July, our church leaders felt that given where we are nationally, and locally, with the Delta variant and the importance of keeping our elderly and vulnerable safe, it would be wise to continue with masks, social distancing and registration for the time being in our churches. This will hopefully allow people to build confidence in returning to church. There is also the exciting prospect that we may all be allowed to sing – but alas not on this Sunday. There will be more news on this in the next Newsletter.

We also wanted to confirm to you that there will be a Church newsletter produced on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July but no newsletters during the month of August – time for everyone to take a little break!. A final newsletter will go out on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and hopefully from then on we should have the Parish Magazine back up and running.

**We encourage you all to join our Whatsapp group if you have a smartphone.** It's called 'Church Matters' and you can be added if you contact Jo Claridge on 07986 665618. This is a great way to share information and then of course, there is our website <https://winsandchurches.org.uk/>, in addition to the Parish Magazine.

This **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July** will be the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity and we have a **Family Holy Communion** at the **Church Centre** in **Winscombe** at **10:00 am** , plus an **11:00 am Morning Worship** with **Baptism at St John's**.

On **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** there will be a **Midweek Communion** at **10.00 am** at **All Saints Church**.

The readings for this Sunday are:- Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-end and Mark 6:30-34, 53-end.

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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:

Pauline and Ken M, Celia H, Tim Walton, Geoff Norton, Sara B, James, Jim McGeoch, Myra Burroughs, Pat Gray, Pippa Cobden-Ramsay, Katie Brookman, Russ A, Rachael, Ken Martin, Nigel J, Miriam Taylor, the family and friends of Mandy Hutton, whose funeral was at St James's on Monday and Rosie T 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.*

## News this Week

### **Two Requests for Help from Winscombe Bellringers**

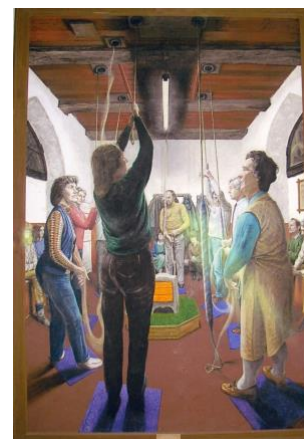
#### **More Bellringers needed**

St James's Church are very much in need of some more bellringers if there is anyone out there who might be interested. If so, please speak to Revd. Andrew or John Matthews for more information.

#### **Help to purchase Ros Cuthbert's painting of 'The Ringing Chamber'**

Ros Cuthbert, an artist of national renown, painted ringers in the Ringing Chamber in 1983 as an entry in a National Portrait Gallery competition. For many years this painting hung in the Chapel of the Bishop's Palace in Wells. When a new bishop was installed the chapel was re-ordered and the painting measuring 6ft by 4ft was returned to Ros who sold it. The painting has now come up for auction again and the Ringers are trying to acquire it to hang in the Ringing Chamber where Ros let them have it for a few months before she sold it the last time. They are trying to find ways of raising some money but need to find it quickly as the sale is on 25th July. The painting affords a unique glimpse into the life of the church. Scott Smart has taken responsibility for coordinating the funding.

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#### **Come along and help transform the front of our Church Centre.**

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July we are holding a 'Painting Day' at the Church Centre from 10am onwards.

We want to paint the flowers for the mural that is planned for the front and side of the building, and continue painting the frontage with cream coloured paint.

So there is plenty for old and young to do. We would particularly like our younger members to come along and paint a flower for the mural.

All the materials will be provided so just come along at any time from 10am to offer your help.





## New bishop: have your say!

As part of the process of finding our new bishop, people across the diocese are being asked to share their views. A questionnaire is now available to [complete online or to download](#) from the Diocesan website.

The questionnaire can be completed as an individual or by groups, by clergy and lay people, churchgoers and non-churchgoers so do help us spread the word. Parishes are encouraged to print off copies for anyone who may not have internet access. Printed copies can also be made available if needed – do phone 01749 670777.

The general consultation remains open until the 20 August 2021 - and it's not the only way to feed in thoughts on a new bishop. In September the Archbishops' Appointments Secretary and the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary will meet with various groups of people in the diocese and then hold an open public meeting (details to follow). You can also [email newbishop@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:newbishop@bathwells.anglican.org).

[Find out more about the process for identifying a new Bishop of Bath and Wells.](#)



### ***A Time of Thanksgiving and Remembering***

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**11am at All Saints Church, Sandford  
3pm at St John the Baptist Church, Churchill  
3pm at The Church Centre, Winscombe**

Readings, Music and Contemplation  
after a challenging year.  
Followed by refreshments  
You are all welcome

Further details 01934 820972 or 01934 852784

**\*\*\*Don't forget to spread the word about these events.\*\*\***

For our Winscombe event we also need more volunteers to help staff the kitchen so we can offer refreshments after the event. For safety reasons, we will not offer cakes, but donations of biscuits in little packs will be much appreciated. If you can help please contact Andrew, Derrick or Pauline.

We end this Newsletter with a prayer

Generous God,

you give us gifts and make them grow:

though our faith is small as mustard seed,

make it grow to your glory

and the flourishing of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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