



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



2nd July 2021 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

A warm welcome is extended to everyone to join us in worship at our **Family Service at the Church Centre (Formerly St James's Church Hall) on Sunday 4th July at 10.00 am.** Families with young children/grandchildren will be especially welcome as there will be activities for them and some dancing - but rest assured no 'Dad Dancing'! Our theme for the Service is Jesus, the Light of the World.

On **Tuesday 6th July** there will be a **Midweek Communion at 10.00 am at All Saints Church** and on **Thursday 8th July** there will be **Thursday Church at 10.00 am at the Church Centre.**

If you are unable to attend any of these services, 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:- Ezekiel 2: 1-5; Psalm 123 and Mark 6: 1-13.

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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:

Bishop Peter, Liz Elvins, Tim Walton, Geoff Norton, Sara B, James, Jacque Bravery, Jim McGeoch, Myra Burroughs, Pat Gray, Pippa Cobden-Ramsay, Katie Brookman, Russ A, Rachael, Ken Martin, Nigel J, Miriam Taylor 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.

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From the Parish Registers

Our love and sympathy go to the families and friends of

Brenda Roberts whose funeral was held on Friday 11th June at Weston Crematorium

Irene Avery whose funeral was held on Tuesday 15th June at Weston Crematorium

Sonia Harris whose funeral was held on Wednesday 16th June at St James's Church followed by cremation at Sedgemoor Crematorium

Joan Evans whose funeral was held on Monday 21st June at Sedgemoor Crematorium

Lynda Driver whose funeral was held on Thursday 24th June at St James's Church followed by committal at Ilex Lane Cemetery.

Mandy Hutton, whose funeral will be held on Monday 12th July at St James's Church.

News this Week



A Time of Thanksgiving

and Remembering

Sunday 25th 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

Report from St John's Church Committee Meeting

Well thank goodness the England V Germany match didn't run into penalties for once, or we may not have had such a good turnout at our meeting this last Tuesday! It was also great to be back in the Stable once again (with doors wide open of course!) and lovely to see those people who had not necessarily been able to attend the Zoom meetings over the past few months.

Some of the points raised included:-

Bell tower repairs and maintenance.

Fundraising Activities recommencing.

Positive outlook of 3 churches working together and the possibility of youth worker.

Finances looking better than usual due to faithful giving over the past year and reduced energy costs.

Home Group proposal.

Open the Book re-started at Churchill Primary School.

Churchill and Langford Minibus Society looking for a Trustee to join the board as a representative from St John's.

Possible sale of the Reading Room.

Forthcoming Winscombe and Sandford PCC Meeting on 5th July

This will be the first meeting of the new PCC; and we welcome to their first meeting Hilary Bebb, Meryl Leach, Pauline Nixon and Sue Reed. Some of the important topics that will be considered include:

- Development of the Church Centre
- Welcome Packs for new homeowners
- The re-launch of the Parish Magazine.

Plea for Keys for St James's Church and the Church Centre

We are very short of keys for our buildings - but it may be that you have previously been given a set which you no longer use. If this is the case, please can you return them to Derrick.

Church Office

Earlier this week, we said farewell and thank you to David Ashton-Hilton. From now on, it does mean that telephone calls to the office will not be picked up immediately. A message on the answerphone will explain this. Emails should continue to be sent to: admin@winsandchurches.org.uk - and will be picked up regularly and replied to and/or forwarded as appropriate. In addition, the post box will be checked regularly and incoming mail dealt with as appropriate.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in 2022

The media this week featured details of the pageant that will take place in London on 5th June 2022. The good news is that you will not need to go to London to see a pageant. The plans for the celebrations in Winscombe and Sandford are starting to gather pace, and one proposal is for a Parade of Floats, Fire Engine, vintage cars and tractors etc. travelling from Sandford to Winscombe on 2nd June. However, all of this does not happen without volunteers getting behind the idea and helping to make it all happen. If you are interested in helping, please contact William Du Croz (wducroz@hotmail.co.uk).

We end this Newsletter with a prayer

Almighty God,

send down upon your Church

the riches of your Spirit,

and kindle in all who minister the gospel

your countless gifts of grace;

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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