



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



3rd September 2021 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this final edition of our Churches Newsletter! I want to start by conveying my sincere thanks to William Du Croz and Emma Stocks for producing this newsletter during the pandemic. It has been a pivotal medium to help keep us all informed, engaged about church and community life, as well as sharing prayer requests and good news items, which were especially important during periods of lockdown and restrictions. Thank you to William and Emma, for a job well done!

Looking forward, the newsletter is being replaced by our new parish magazine, **Signpost**, in which you can continue to find articles and news to inspire and encourage, as well as keeping updated with what's going on in our locality. Signpost's first edition for September 2021 is out now and copies are available via email or hardcopy. (See later for more details of how to get your copy.)

With every blessing,

Rev'd Andrew.

This **Sunday 5th September** is the **14th Sunday after Trinity** and we have an **8:00 am BCP Holy Communion** at **St James's Church** and a **10:00 am Café Church** at the **Church Centre**.

A warm welcome to everyone coming to Café Church on Sunday at our Church Centre at 10.00am. This return to the 'new' normal follows on from the resumption of the Tuesday coffee mornings at the Church Centre and Community Café restarting at All Saints. Please note that the refreshments will be simpler than previously – coffee, tea and biscuits – but it will be good to share refreshments together as we worship. **Importantly, we are keeping in place the measures to keep us all safe. Thus, we ask that you continue to wear facemasks and use the sanitisers.**

Our readings for this Sunday are:- Joel 2 : 21-27; Psalm 127; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Matthew 6: 25-33.

On **Tuesday 7th September** there will be a **Midweek Communion** at **10.00 am** at **All Saints Church** and on **Thursday 9th September** a **Thursday Church** at **10:00 am** at the **Church Centre**.

And looking a little further forward we will have Harvest Festivals in all three Churches on Sunday 26th September

- **9.30am - Holy Communion at St James's**
- **11.00am - Morning Worship at All Saints**
- **11.00am – Holy Communion with Baptism at St John's followed by a Harvest Lunch**



Also attached to this newsletter is the service poster for September.



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, 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

- All students and teachers returning to schools and colleges over the next few weeks.
- The people of Afghanistan, particularly for those who mourn and for those who are fearful.
- Wisdom and guidance for all our world leaders on how we can work together to bring peace to this world.
- Wisdom and guidance for all our world leaders on how we can tackle climate change.
- 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 congratulations go to:-

Oliver Macfarlane and **Esther Munnion** who were married at St James's on Saturday 7th August 2021.

Darren Jones and **Peach Sellers** who were married at All Saints on Friday 20th August 2021.

Our love and sympathy go to the family and friends of:-

Joyce Sweeting whose funeral was held at All Saints on Wednesday 18th August 2021, followed by committal at Ilex lane Cemetery.

News this Week



Christian Aid Quiz on 8th October

We all love a good Quiz, and the Christian Aid Team are organising a special Quiz at the Church Centre (BS25 1BA) at 7.00pm on 8th October. We will be raising funds for the Haitian Earthquake Appeal. Tickets (£7 per person) are available from William Du Croz (07960697874). Buy tickets individually, or for Teams of 5 people. Attendance is limited to 50 people to avoid overcrowding. Please bring your own drinks. There will be a light supper and a raffle. It promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Next Winscombe and Sandford PCC Meeting

The PCC for Winscombe and Sandford meets on 6th September. Items on the Agenda include:-

- A Review of our Safeguarding Policies
- Holy Communion - use of the Common Cup
- Update on the Church Centre Development
- Promoting the Vision - including the distribution of Welcome Packs to new residents
- Fabric Reports for All Saints and St James's.

Please also note that we will be restarting the practice of displaying Agendas and draft Minutes in the Blue Folders at the rear of our Churches and in the Church Centre."

Community Café at All Saints, Sandford

Our Community Cafe at All Saints will re-open on Saturday 4th September. This is the best news for those of us who love cake and a good chat with old friends. Doors open at 10.30am. This brilliant initiative helps raise funds for the Church – so that is another reason to visit.

Jubilee Planning Meeting

The next Jubilee Planning Meeting will be on 21st September 7.00 pm at the Church Centre. This will be an important meeting as we will be reviewing our plans for the celebrations in June 2022 and assessing the level of support across the community. If you feel that there should be Jubilee celebrations in Winscombe and Sandford next year, please do come to the meeting.

Publication of the Parish Magazine



STOP PRESS!

A new Parish Magazine covering Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill was launched on 1st. September. And it's FREE!

- A **one off printed copy** is being delivered to everyone who subscribed to the old magazine. At the same we are sending out email copies to people who have subscribed to this Newsletter in the past. Please check your spam if you don't see it

in your inbox.

- From October, Signpost will be available by email and only those few people who are unable to receive it electronically can request a printed copy by calling the Church Office on 01934 844650, leaving a message including their full name and address.
- A copy of the magazine will also be available to download from the church website.
- A limited number of printed copies will be available from our three Churches and the Church Centre plus a few local shops.
- Signpost is being produced by a team of volunteers and printed on our own photo copier.
- We hope you enjoy it and that you will want future copies. If so, send an email to parishmag2@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.
- If you wish to contribute an article to the magazine please email parishmag2@gmail.com. The deadline is the second Sunday of the month prior to publication.

Refreshment is Back!

Calling all men, both young and old. The delicious breakfast that you last enjoyed 19 months ago returns on **Saturday 18th September at The Railway Inn, SANDFORD at 9.30**. If you would like to attend, please contact Richard Noy (01934 843529) before 11th September. The choice is a Full English, bacon or sausage sandwich [what colour bread?!], or just the juice, coffee, tea, toast and jam).

North Somerset Arts Week 2021 - 10th - 19th September



There are exhibits including artworks and contemporary crafts all over North Somerset but there are two in Churchill that would love to see some local support.

Venue 5– Churchill Memorial Hall, Ladymead Lane

Breakaway Art Group

Friendly, talented group of artists working in different styles and media.

Open: 11th, 12th & 18th, 19th Sept; 10am-5pm

Venue 6 – Reading Room, Front St, Churchill BS25 5NG

Liz Johnson's Bead Jewellery & Viv Hunter Painting & Drawing.

Browse colourful paintings, prints, cards and unique bead jewellery while enjoying some homemade cakes and tea or coffee. Find us in the Reading Room behind the Clock Tower.

Open every day: Fri 10th - Sun 19th Sept; 10am-5pm

Brochures are available from Churchill Post Office or can be accessed at www.northsomersetarts.org

Free training for those interested in Bereavement Support

Age UK are offering a free training programme to guide local residents through the process of setting up their own bereavement peer-support group. These groups will be resident-led, self-sustaining, free of charge and open to anyone aged 18 or over.

The training is based on the successful model of the STAR (Share, Talk and Remember) bereavement peer-support group in Stockwood in Bristol which provides free support for people grieving from a bereavement or difficult transition in their life. The course will be delivered by Jan Perry, STAR Network Co-ordinator & Freelance Trainer, and is supported by Bristol Ageing Better.

The free training course involves 4 workshops which will take place online via Zoom. After the training, you will be invited to join catch up sessions for the STAR Network every 2 months to connect with others who have done the training and provide ongoing support for each other as you set up your groups.

The same course will run on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings

Click on the following links for more information and to sign up to the training:

Tuesday mornings (10am – 12pm) 5 th – 26 th October 2021	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/166717603841
Wednesday afternoons (1pm – 3pm) 6 th – 27 th October 2021	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/166800078525
Thursday evenings (6pm – 8pm) 7 th – 28 th October 2021	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/166801264071



Harvest for the Climate – A Gift of Trees.

Can you undertake a practical response to climate change this Creationtide?

In November global leaders come together in Glasgow at COP26 to discuss how they can tackle the effects of climate change together. The world will be waiting to hear what more can be done.

Here in Bath and Wells we can start now.

Creationtide is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life and we as Christians, use this time to give thanks for God’s wonderful world. It is also the time of year when we celebrate Harvest with gratitude and thanksgiving.

Why not come together this Creation and Harvest time with farmers in your local area to plant trees? Bath and Wells Rural Affairs Adviser, Rob Walrond is already in talks with organisations who may supply the trees.

As a first step this Creationtide please consider inviting local farmers to a Creationtide or Harvest Service and ask if they are happy for church members to plant trees at a suitable place, or places on their land and identify a group of volunteers who can plant them.

Following Creationtide, we expect to widen the scheme to other landowners such as parish councils.

[If you are interested please email using the heading Trees](#)

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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.

We end this Newsletter with a prayer

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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To join our **WhatsApp Group 'Church Matters'** just text your name and number to Jo Claridge on 07986 665618.

To receive updates via **Facebook** 'like' our page, 'Parish of Winscombe and Sandford' or send a request to become a friend of 'St John's Churchill'
