

Putting the Love of Christ in the Heart of our Community



Signpost

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Parish Magazine***



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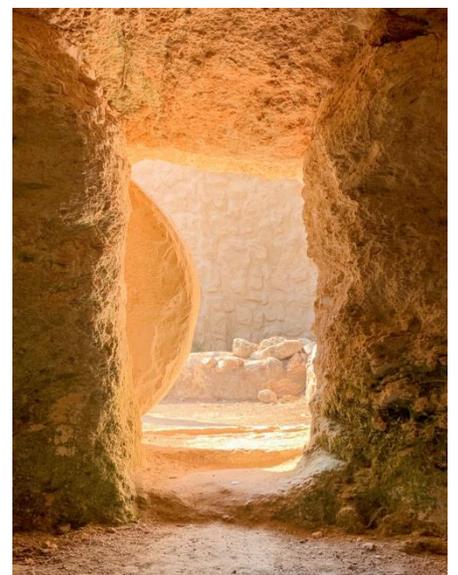
Spring is here!



Spring always seems a long time coming. As a little boy I remember being taken to a pantomime and being transfixed by the 'transformation' where one scene was succeeded by another each one more beautiful than the previous one, until the whole stage was filled with a wonderful spectacle of colour and light. Our Spring starts in January with the first small flowers and proceeds with ever larger and more colourful flowers until finally in April the trees burst into leaf and provide the perfect back drop to nature's transformation!

This year April is also the backdrop to Easter. For many, Easter means a holiday; probably the first and very welcome break after the long winter. For Christians it is also the time when we recall the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These include Palm Sunday when Jesus echoes Judas Maccabees' celebratory ride into Jerusalem about 164 BC. Whilst Judas' purpose was to destroy the pagan idols, cleanse and reconsecrate the Temple, Jesus wants to rid the Temple of the money changers and corruption; the idols of his day. He is directly challenging the authority of the High Priest. Holy week takes us through the events that follow; his last meal with the disciples, the betrayal, the trial, the crucifixion and ultimately and most significantly, the resurrection.

Whilst Easter Day is the day when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, in reality the realisation of Jesus' resurrection for many of his followers took much longer. For many of his original followers it never came! Simon Schama, in his history of the Jews, records that there were and still are many 'Messianic Jews'; those who accept Jesus as the Messiah but cannot accept that he is divine. Schama says they are right in as much as the Old Testament prophecies never claim divinity for the Messiah. So where does that leave Christians?



I believe the answer can be found in the account of the transfiguration. I often wondered why Jesus found it necessary to take Peter, John and James up onto that mountain when Peter had already declared his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. The answer, I now understand, is that it wasn't sufficient to assert that Jesus was the Messiah in the OLD Testament sense. When they hear that voice "This is my Son, my chosen; listen to him!" it changes everything for them and for you and me!

Many people say they try to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ but say they cannot accept his divinity nor can they believe in his resurrection. That is the critical challenge of Easter for all of us, both Christians and non-Christians alike! Without faith in Jesus' divinity and resurrection there can be no transformation!

Shaun Darley

Spring into Easter!

It's a wonderful time of year
To celebrate Jesus's new life
As buds and flowers appear



Jesus died on the cross
To show the world God's love,
On the third day he rose again
With the power of God above



Spring into Easter
It's a wonderful time of year
As church bells ring on Easter morn
For everyone to hear.

So with delicious treats
And Easter eggs galore,
Let's celebrate Jesus's new life
For now and ever more!

by Sara Fox



Signpost - The Parish Magazine

This magazine is created by volunteers from the Anglican Churches in the Benefice of Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill. It aims to serve and reach out to the local village communities and in doing so provide opportunities for the residents to become more aware of activities across all Christian denominations and within our villages.

Next Month's Magazine

The deadline for the May Magazine is Sunday 10th April. Please submit items as Word documents to parishmag2@gmail.com which should be no longer than 400 words. If you are including photographs please ensure that you have the permission of anyone appearing in the photograph for them to be published in this magazine. Please supply high resolution photographs as jpegs.

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www.winsandchurches.org.uk

Our website is the 'go to place' for information about our Churches and activities. It is regularly updated with the latest news and information.

- ❖ Home Page: latest news, monthly service plan
- ❖ Our Vision: find out about our plans for the future
- ❖ Church Life: our activities and groups
- ❖ Our Podcasts and Videos: a library of Church services to watch or listen to
- ❖ Parish Magazine: download the latest copy and find out how to contribute
- ❖ Hire A Venue: how to hire our Church Centre, Churches and meeting rooms

How To Find Our Churches - If you need directions to:-

- St James the Great Church, Church Lane, Winscombe, BS25 1DE
- All Saints Church, Hill Road, Sandford, BS25 5NY
- St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Churchill, BS25 5QW
- Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA

Please use your Satnav with the postcodes, or visit the website www.achurchnearyou.com

Visit the Easter Garden Experience



**Saturday 16th April
Church Centre, Winscombe
10.30 am - 3.30 pm**

**Refreshments
Easter Activities for children**

We invite people of all ages and community organisations to make a small Easter Garden to add to the display

Gardens can represent any aspect of Easter using any medium

Bring your gardens to the Church Centre on Saturday 16th April between 9.00 am and 10.00 am

**For more information contact Jo on
01934 843014**

LENT LUNCHESES 2022



**Come and join us for our FRIDAY
Lent lunches with speaker**

12.30 pm - 2.00 pm

Friday 1st April	Church Centre, Winscombe <i>Speaker: Cheddar Food Bank</i>
Friday 8th April	Cheddar Catholic Church, Tweentown, Cheddar <i>Speaker: Weston Young Carers</i>

A simple light lunch will be followed by a short talk by the speaker.
Donations for each charity will be most welcome.



Good Friday Walks of Witness

Winscombe

Please join us in an ecumenical Walk of Witness on Good Friday (15th April) starting at the Lynch Chapel at 10.00 am and culminating in a short service outside the Woodborough Inn (or the Church Centre if weather inclement).

Churchill

Alternatively there is a Good Friday Service at St John's starting at 1.30 pm. Following this service there will be a Walk of Witness to the Methodist Church in Front Street, Churchill.



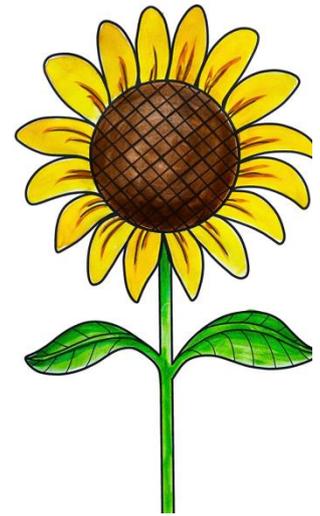
Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Join local churches at a Service of readings and reflections, remembering Jesus' Way of the Cross. To be held at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Tweentown, Cheddar, at 7.00 pm. on Monday 11th April.



Supporting the People of Ukraine

Our churches were open throughout the day on Wednesday 2nd March for private prayer for the situation in Ukraine.



On Sunday 6th March, at our Cafe Church, we launched our Ukraine Appeal asking for donations in aid of the International Red Cross to support their work within Ukraine and with refugees in neighbouring countries.

Over £600 was raised on that Sunday alone with more donations made throughout the rest of March.

A uniting faith

Andrew Avramenko, a curate at St Stephen's & St Mary's, Bath who has Ukrainian connections, reflects on the importance of hope in challenging times.

What's the Ukrainian connection?

My father is Ukrainian. His parents survived the Holodomor, a forced famine in the 1930s by Stalin that aimed to wipe out Ukrainian identity - over 7 million died. They escaped from Stalin's forces and from the Nazis when my father was a young child. They travelled across Europe on foot before being welcomed as refugees into the UK. I also have connections with both the Anglican and Orthodox Ukrainian churches.

Is faith important to Ukrainians?

Faith is very much part of the Ukrainian identity and their way of living. On social media you can see people praying and holding services in underground shelters, in underpasses and even in front of a church while warning sirens sound. Ukrainians are asking for prayers, not just for themselves but also for Russians, and have been deeply touched and encouraged by them.

Is faith a support in challenging times?

Faith is a very active thing that strengthens us, unites us and calls us to a better way, a peaceful way, out of this. It helps us to see people as human rather than a label, even our enemies. It unites us with people around the world, bringing us together in such a way that we couldn't do in many other ways.

How does conflict affect your faith?

If anything it strengthens my faith. I came to faith in part due to the last war in Europe, in Yugoslavia, and took aid to refugees. Although we may feel powerless, we do have the power to act; just as we have the power to do evil, we have the chance to do good and replace hate with love.

Read the full interview at: bathandwells.org.uk/a-uniting-faith

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



WINSCOMBE VILLAGE SHOW

(formerly Michaelmas Fair)

Saturday 10th September 2022

The Winscombe Community Association need your help to help relaunch and reinvigorate this great village event.

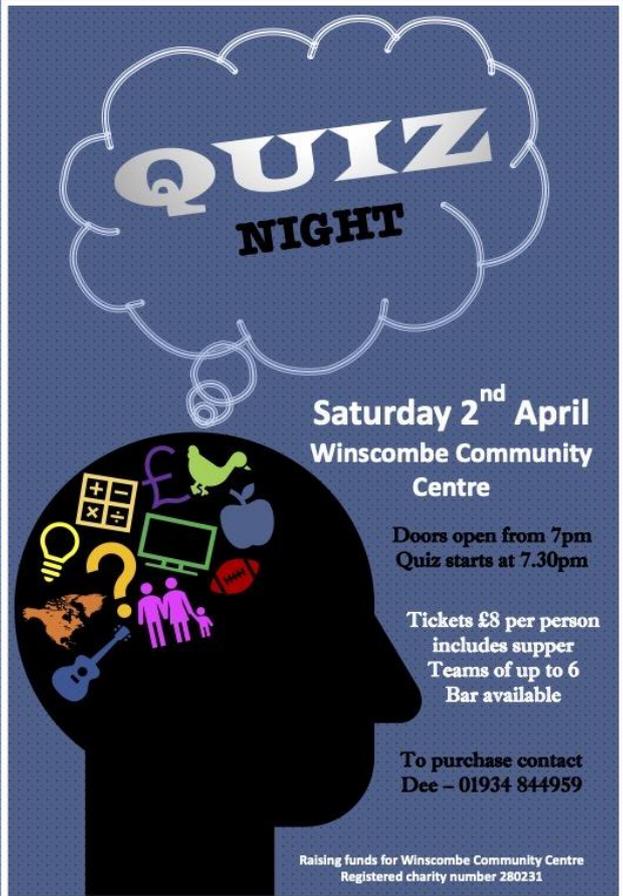
No matter how little time you have to spare, YOU can help.

Meet People, Have Fun, Support the Village

Please get in touch

Call Jackie: 07811 292909 or email Jo at riskjo4@gmail.com

 Winscombe Community Centre



QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 2nd April
Winscombe Community Centre

Doors open from 7pm
Quiz starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £8 per person includes supper
Teams of up to 6
Bar available

To purchase contact
Dec – 01934 844959

Raising funds for Winscombe Community Centre
Registered charity number 280231

Michaelmas Fair News

This year the Michaelmas Fair is being relaunched in September as the **Winscombe Village Show** and your help is very much needed to make this happen.

Many of the experienced WCA members have now retired so we're looking for people to help with various events, including this village show.

Whether it's bringing new ideas, helping to plan or offering a couple of hours on the day you can make a huge difference - many hands really do make light work. It's good fun too.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to help.

Please see contact details on the poster above.

All Saints Church Community Café



All Saints Church Community Café
Saturday 2nd April and Saturday 30th April
from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

We serve coffee, a variety of teas and soft drinks along with
homemade cakes, biscuits and soup

The café in March raised £372.75 (including gift aid) for All Saints Church

There will be no cafe in June as this is the Platinum Jubilee Weekend.
There will be a 'High Tea' for retired residents on Thursday 2nd June.

We look forward to seeing you again.

Sandford & Churchill Fellowship

These are our meetings for the month of April.

Tuesday 5th April - Members' Day

Tuesday 19th April - Barbara Ellis

at Churchill Methodist Church at 2.30 pm

All are very welcome to join us for a time of worship, friendship and fellowship.

For more information contact **Ann Pursey** on **01934 823234**
or **Eileen Westlake** on **01934 822433**.



**Save the
Children**

'Save The Children' Lunches

This month's 'Save the Children' lunch is at
Shipham Village Hall

Friday 1st April at 12.30 pm.

Join us for soup, bread, cheese, pickle and
homemade biscuits, tea or coffee

£4.00

Fridays 15th April (Good Friday)

Soup, cheese and biscuits plus hot cross buns, tea/coffee

£4.50

Payments will be taken on the door and all profits go to
Save the Children charity.



**Save the
Children**



Supporting Your Local Foodbanks



Our churches continue to support the **Cheddar Valley Foodbank** and the Foodbank based at the **For All Healthy Living Centre** in Bournville, Weston-Super-Mare.

We are pleased to be able to deliver a considerable amount of non perishable foods to the Foodbanks.

There are collection baskets for each village in each of the churches and at the Church Centre.

These are some of the items that can be donated and are always gratefully received.

- ❖ Soup – packet and tinned
- ❖ Instant mashed potato
- ❖ Cereals
- ❖ Sauces – tins and jars of pasta sauce
- ❖ Tinned cold meat – corned beef, spam etc
- ❖ Long life fruit juices
- ❖ Desserts – tinned fruit, rice pudding, sponge
- ❖ Pasta, rice, instant noodles
- ❖ Sugar
- ❖ Personal items – soap, toothbrushes & paste
- ❖ Confectionery
- ❖ Tinned vegetables
- ❖ Tinned fish
- ❖ UHT milk
- ❖ Main meals in tins (not Fray Bentos pies please)
- ❖ Squash
- ❖ Paper goods – toilet rolls, kitchen rolls etc.
- ❖ Custard – tinned or instant
- ❖ Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate
- ❖ Biscuits
- ❖ Men’s and ladies’ toiletries
- ❖ Snack bars and crisps

In the run up to Easter, chocolate eggs would also be appreciated as a treat for families.





WINSCOMBE ST JAMES'S CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COMMITTEE AGM THURSDAY 28th APRIL - 11.30 am LYNCH CHAPEL

Normally the AGM of the Winscombe St James's Children's Society Committee is a very low key event but this year is different! After over 40 years of Service to the Children's Society Margot Sampson has decided that the time has come to step down as our Chairman.

This is a devastating decision for the Committee as we have relied on her enthusiasm, her determination, her powers of persuasion for over 20 years! Until 2000 Margot organised most of the fundraising events in Winscombe single-handedly - it was because of her that Christingle Services came to Winscombe; she managed the door-to-door collections every April, and through her, Winscombe raised huge sums of money for the deprived and neglected children in the care of The Children's Society. In 2000 the Committee was formed and we learnt through Margot's example, commitment and hard work how to fund raise effectively within our village.

Jess Meale, the Children's Society Community Relationships Manager, South-West, is going to join us as we thank Margot from the bottom of our hearts, for the work she has done. We would be delighted if as many supporters of The Children's Society as possible could also join us at 11.30 am on Thursday 28th April at the Lynch Chapel – coffee and cakes will be served!



Due to the clash of Easter with the third Saturday of the month, there will be no Refresh-men-t (Men's Breakfast) in April.

We reconvene on the 15th May and wish all our members a Happy Easter.

Recent speakers have included Reverend Karen Murphy, the Chaplain and Spiritual Lead at Weston Hospicecare, whose topic 'Death and Dying' provided us with an insight into the much valued work of the hospice.

In February we welcomed, Mark Caddy, our local Scout Leader, who talked about 'Superheroes in the Community'. This was a motivational talk on the theme of talent which carried the message that we are all 'Superheroes' and can contribute in some way to the life of our local area. We were encouraged to 'Lead, Inspire and Entertain'.

The aim of Refresh-men-t is to welcome regular participants and newcomers as we meet together in a relaxed informal way, to enjoy a quality breakfast with friends and receive some inspiration from a guest speaker.

For further information contact Derrick Claridge on 01934 843014 or Reverend Andrew Hiscox on 07970 011502.



Family Services at the Church Centre
(St. James's, All Saints and St. John's)

Join us on

Sunday 3rd April : Café Church / Family Service 10am

Sunday 1st May : Café Church / Family Service 10am

Children's activities including lego, colouring and crafts.

April Fools Day



April Fools' Day may date back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around 1st April .

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognise that the start of the new year had moved to 1st January and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through to 1st April became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April Fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolise a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

April Quiz

In celebration of April Fools day this month's quiz is all about fools and being fooled and includes references to some famous hoaxes.

1. In 1957 the BBC current affairs programme, Panorama, showed a family in southern Switzerland harvesting which foodstuff?
2. Which famous group recorded the song The Fool on the Hill?
3. What is another name for the mineral iron pyrites?
4. What French phrase meaning 'deceives the eye' is used to describe paintings that create the illusion of a real object or scene?
5. What did cousins Elsie Wright and Frances Griffith claim to have photographed in their garden in 1917?
6. Which much loved British Sit com was created and written by John Sullivan, and was set in Peckham in South East London?
7. The broadcast of a dramatisation of which H.G. Wells novel in 1938 led many listeners to believe that the Earth was under attack?
8. Who wrote the lines 'Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise'?
9. What is the name of the fictitious island invented by the Guardian newspaper in 1977? It shares its name with a font and many of the place names on the island were also taken from printing terminology?
10. What is the name of the fool in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night?

Answers can be found on page 28.



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Winscombe and Sandford



Jubilee Street Parties: Meet, greet and eat!

Nationwide events in early June to mark Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years on the throne give us the ideal excuse. And if it's dry and sunny, so much the better. The date suggested is **Sunday, June 5th**. The links below tell you what you need to know.

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/libraries-leisure-open-spaces/events/queens-platinum-jubilee>

<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch>



Have you bought your wristband yet?

For the Jubilee Grand Festival

4th June 2022

Winscombe Memorial Recreation Ground

1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

If you purchase your wristband before 4th June - £5 pp. On the day - £10 pp Children aged 6 and under – Free entry – incl. appropriate activities.

You can purchase your wristbands from:
Premier Stores, Sandford; Farrons Estate Agent, Winscombe
Wine Shop, Winscombe

ST GEORGE'S DAY QUIZ

Fund raiser for the Jubilee Celebrations on our doorstep

Test your knowledge of our Monarch, Patron Saint and Shakespeare

With Bingo Bonus Session and Raffle

Saturday 23rd April – Winscombe Cricket Club

Recreation Ground

Only cash payments please - Tickets £6 from Alison 07776235435



Teams of six - Doors open 7:00 pm – Cricket Club Bar will be open

Would You Like To Be A Volunteer?



'I wish I could still be here even when I'm 100.'

Matilda, aged 6

girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows

Contact Victoria Hogg on 07588652479 or email strawberrylinerrainbows@yahoo.com

Did you know...

93% of new leaders would recommend volunteering

85% of new leaders joined guiding to make a contribution to their **COMMUNITY**

43% of employers believe that **volunteering** leads to a better chance of **promotion & salary increases**

68% of employers feel that volunteering & learning new skills aids the workplace

APRIL 2022 DIARY

FRI 1	12.30pm	Lent Lunch:Speaker Cheddar Food Bank - Church Centre
SAT 2	10.30am	All Saints Community Cafe
SUN 3	Lent 5	See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 5	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 6	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
	7.30pm	Sandford & District Gardening Club – Sandford Village Hall
THURS 7	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	10.00am	Holy Communion – Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
FRI 8	12.30pm	Lent Lunch – Cheddar Catholic Church Hall.
SUN 10	LENT 6 – PALM SUNDAY	See opposite page for details of Services
HOLY WEEK	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 12	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 13	2.45pm	Holy Communion – Sewell House
THURS 14	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
FRI 15	GOOD FRIDAY	See opposite page for details of Services
SAT 16	10.30am	Display of Easter Gardens – Church Centre
SUN 17	EASTER DAY	See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 19	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 20	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
THURS 21	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
SUN 24	EASTER 2	See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 26	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 27	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
THURS 28	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	11.30am	Children’s Society AGM – Lynch Chapel
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
SAT 30	10.30am	All Saints Community Café

BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL

Sunday 3rd April Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4-14 John 12:1-8	Sunday 10th April Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-end Luke 19:28-40
Sunday 17th April (Easter Sunday) Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2 & 14 - end 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12	Sunday 24th April Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-end Revelations 1:4-8 John 20:19-32

Church Service Times Opportunities to Worship in April

Sunday 3 rd April	8.00 am	St James's	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Church Centre	Café Church
Sunday 10 th April	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Morning Worship
	11.00 am	St John's	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th April	9.30 am	St James's	Easter Day Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Easter Day Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St John's	Easter Day Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th April	9.30 am	St James's	Matins
	11.00 am	All Saints	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St John's	Holy Communion

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday All Saints 10.00 am Holy Communion

Special Services April

Thursday 7 th April	Dunster Court	10.00 am	Communion in the Community
Tuesday 12 th April	St James's	7.00 pm	Compline
Wednesday 13 th April	Sewell House	2.45 pm	Communion in the Community
Wednesday 13 th April	St James's	7.00 pm	Compline
Thursday 14 th April	St James's	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Friday 15 th April	Lynch Chapel	10.00 am	Walk of Witness
	St John's	1.30 pm	Walk of Witness
	St James's	2.00 pm	Good Friday Reflection

We Remember

Our love and sympathy go to the families and friends of

Judith Margaret Elliott whose funeral took place at All Saints Church on Thursday 3rd March 2022 followed by cremation at Sedgemoor Crematorium.

Evelyn Jean Higgins whose blessing took place at All Saints Church on Tuesday 15th March 2022 followed by funeral at Weston Crematorium.

Hazel Isobel Leslie whose funeral took place at St James's Church on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 followed by cremation at Weston Crematorium.

Organ Music at St James the Great in April

Date and Time	At the Beginning of the Service	At the End of the Service
Sunday 10th April 9.30 am	Movements from Partita in A minor JS Bach Played on the Ibach Grand Piano	Movements from Partita in A minor JS Bach Played on the Ibach Grand Piano
Sunday 17th April 9.30 am Easter Day	Christ Lag in Todesbanden Chorale Chorale Prelude by FW Zachau Chorale Prelude by GP Telemann Chorale Prelude by JS Bach BWV 625	Prelude G Pierre



St George's Day: April 23rd

When you think of St George do you picture a heroic knight slaying a fire-breathing dragon?

Here is a guide to some of the fact and fiction surrounding our patron saint.

St George wasn't English

St George was born in the 3rd Century, over 2000 miles away from England, in Cappadocia in modern day Turkey. He is thought to have died in Lydda in the Roman Province of Palestine and his tomb in Lod, was a centre of Christian pilgrimage.

St George wasn't a knight

Although he is usually depicted as a knight in shining armour it is more likely that he was an officer in the Roman army.

St George was a martyr

Like many saints, St George is believed to have died for his Christian faith. It is thought that St George was executed for refusing to make a sacrifice in honour of pagan gods.

St George never visited England

Although St George never visited England, his reputation for being a virtuous and holy man spread across Europe. He became popular with English kings. Edward I had banners bearing the emblem of St George, a red cross on a white background, and Edward III owned a relic of his blood. However, the St George cross was not used to represent England until the reign of Henry VIII.

The dragon was added later

The story is that St George rode into Silene (modern day Libya) to free the city from a dragon, but it is a story that post dates the real George by several centuries!



St George was a saint long before the 'holiday'

St George was canonised in AD 494 by Pope Gelasius who claimed he was one of those 'whose names are justly revered among men but whose acts are known only to God'. The feast day for St George, on 23rd April, has been celebrated in England for hundreds of years. This was possibly the date of his martyrdom.

England isn't the only country to celebrate St George

St George is truly an international saint. England shares him with Venice, Genoa, Portugal, Ethiopia and Catalonia among others and many of these places have their own celebrations in his honour.

People turned to St George for protection

During the Middle Ages people believed that St George was one of the 'Fourteen Holy Helpers', a group of saints called upon for protection from disease. His help was also sought to protect the English army. Shakespeare's Henry V contains the famous line 'God for Harry, England and St George!'

St George represents those who we honour

In 1940 King George VI created a new award for acts of great heroism or courage. The George Cross named after the king bears the image of St George defeating the dragon. His image also adorns many war memorials.

The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society



The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society runs two minibuses and operates a schedule of trips every month to shops in Wells, Nailsea, Clevedon, Worle and Weston. In addition it also provides transport for members to their healthcare appointments and subject to availability runs non scheduled trips for its members. In the past these have included Churchill Music, Theatres, Cinema, pub lunches, trips to the coast and social events etc.

To see the current schedule of trips please visit

[https://www.churchillpc.org.uk/Minibus Society 36635.aspx](https://www.churchillpc.org.uk/Minibus_Society_36635.aspx)

To become a Society member of the Community transport scheme please contact one of the organisers listed on the schedule of trips who will explain about the trips and how to enroll as a member.

The Society is always looking to recruit new organisers and drivers so if you have some spare time then we would love to hear from you. The Chairman's details are on the journey schedule.

The Society also provides the opportunity to make new friends and help you reduce your carbon footprint.

Inner Wheel Club of Wrington Vale



March 10th saw the much-anticipated reunion with members meeting face-to-face at our new venue, Mendip Springs Golf Club. Speaker Bob Foster gave a brief talk about Pensford born Acker Bilk before recreating his sound on a beautiful ebony clarinet. A really nostalgic evening held in honour of World Kidney Day with proceeds of our raffle going to the Renal Unit at Southmead. Several members left sporting stick-on badges!

We have also contributed to the appeal for Ukrainian refugees by delivering a carload of donations for the local appeal.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at Mendip Springs Golf Club, BS49 5JT, starting at 6.30 pm with a speaker at 7.00 pm and our meal at 8.00 pm. New members are always welcome.

For Further Information : Telephone Yvonne 01934 842976



Easter Workshop

@ St Mary's, Langford, BS40 5JB

Good Friday 15 April

10.00 till noon

Fun, crafts & Easter activities

Hot Cross Buns

Easter Eggs

All children must be accompanied

FREE Entry

Happy
Easter!

More details: call Zoe 852606



Winscombe Community Centre Re-development receives Planning Approval



Since 2014 a group of Winscombe Community Association (WCA) Trustees have been openly examining ways on how to renew the community centre facilities in Winscombe. This led to a planning application being submitted last summer to North Somerset. The

application incorporated the refurbishment of the existing old school building and the replacement of the old annexes with a purpose-built facility, providing the additional space for the growing needs of the community.

Recently the Local Planning Authority (LPA) approved this application giving the green light to the next phase of this thrilling local project. From the onset the WCA challenged the Architects (B2 Architect) to create a design which would sit comfortably in its surroundings, be environmentally and ecologically friendly to build and run and to provide the right facilities that the community will need for many generations to come. This was truly recognised by the LPA who stated in their report

- 'the proposed development has been designed to be sympathetic to its surroundings as well as providing the community with an improved community facility'
- 'the location of the proposed development is well related to the community it is intended to serve and is genuinely accessible by sustainable modes of transport'.
- 'the results of a protected species survey conclude that there is negligible potential for protected species to be affected by the development'.

In summary, this is a massive step forward with an approved design to take forward to funders and potential users. With nearly £1.3m of funding already identified, we have just 40% left to go. Individually, we can also dare to start dreaming of how we will use the Centre and the activities we would like to see.



The Trustees are now putting a step-by-step plan together for this next stage, challenging ourselves to ramp up the momentum to obtain funding, to make this much needed and sought after facility a reality.

To share this and hear from you, we are planning to have a 'drop in Q&A' session from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm with a formal presentation at 7:30 pm on the 27th April. We will also be at the WCA book sale on the 30th April. We would love to hear from you and as many locals as possible to answer any questions but, more importantly, to hear how groups want to use the new centre.

For more information send us an email: info.winspace@gmail.com

Churchill and Langford Ladies Lunch Club

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month
at The Churchill Inn, Churchill at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm

£15 per head for a 2 course lunch with coffee.

Pre-booking is essential.

Contact Margaret Avery on 07725 056051 for further details.

*Please note that the lunch is limited to residents of the two villages or those that have moved away
but wish to stay in contact with friends*

Ladies Table Tennis



**Friendly ladies table tennis group are looking
for new members to join them.**

**We play at Winscombe Community Centre on
Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.**

The cost per session is £2 including refreshments.

**If you would like to come along, please contact
Lynda on 07412 012762**

We look forward to seeing you.

Mendip Folk Dance Club

**Monday 11th April
and**

Monday 25th April

The Church Centre (St. James's Church Hall), Winscombe BS25 1BA

8.00 pm – 10.00 pm £3 per person

New dancers welcome (first night free of charge)

No experience necessary

For further details contact Pat 01934 742853

Churchill Baby & Toddler Group

@Churchill Methodist Community Hall BS25 5NG

Mondays 9.15-11.30am & 13.00-14.30 Term Time
4 & 25 April ; 9 May

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May 19th at Lynch Chapel, The Lynch, Winscombe

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Come and
join us!

SANDFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Garden Design Talk

On 2nd March, our speaker, Sally Leaney, gave us a really interesting workshop on Garden Design.

We were given gardening plans and we had to decide which plants went where. Sally said we have to plant according to the soil, aspect and how much sun they will get. Also the height they would grow and colour makes a lot of difference to a planting theme.

It is good to have a specimen tree with different shape shrubs. Grasses also give a lovely feel to the garden.

The most important thing when planting is to give a good thickness of mulch to help conserve water and suppress weeds.

All the members enjoyed taking part.

Spring Show

Our Spring Show, held on Saturday 12th March was a great success. The hall was full of beautiful spring flowers! It was lovely to see so many people who came and enjoyed home made cakes and coffee.

The winners were as follows; Hyacinth Cup, Pitchbury Cup: John Dunster. Willett Trophy : Charlotte Essex. WI Spring Bulb Trophy: Pat Jones. Spring Plants Cup: Christine Byles and John Dunster. Pot Plant Trophy: Beryl Jenkins, Ann Pike and Ann Ford. Floral Art Cup: Marjorie Dunster. Keeble Trophy: Douglas Pittaway. Best in Show : John Dunster.



Many thanks to all who entered and to everyone who came to support us and to the wonderful cooks who brought along their delicious cakes.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th April at 7.30 pm

Sandford Village Hall

There will be a talk entitled 'Passion for Climbers' by Jane Lindsay

Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm

Sandford Village Hall

There will be a talk entitled 'A Garland of Edwardian Gardens'. by Yvonne Bell

Saturday 7th May 10.30am to 11.30am

Sandford Village Hall

Annual May Plant Sale

There will be vegetable plants, sweet peas, bedding plants and some lovely perennials. The prices are very reasonable so come and stock up!

Gardening Notes for April

Pruning

April is a good month for pruning evergreen shrubs, this will help maintain their shape and size. Plants like photinia which are grown for their coloured foliage should be pruned during April and May to allow a whole growing season for new growth to develop. Pieris should be pruned after flowering, very often removing dead flower heads would be adequate. Camelias, which are also grown for their flowers should be lightly pruned after flowering, cutting back to well placed side-shoots, this will give them time to produce new flowering shoots for next year. Mahonia can become very tall, with very little growth lower down. This shrub will tolerate hard pruning, cutting out some of the older wood low down to a young shoot.



Hydrangea macrophylla produces the best blooms at the top of strong stems, left unpruned they can take up lots of space and produce very little in the way of flowers. This is the month when their big buds start into growth. To get the best from your plant take out the thinnest and oldest flowered stems now. Remove the old flower heads that have protected the plant over winter, cutting back to a second pair of buds below the flower.

The Lawn

Carrying out a little lawn care now can make a difference to the season ahead. Make sure your mower blades are sharp and mow on a high setting, lowering it gradually over the next few cuts. Remove dead grass and moss using a wire toothed rake or powered scarifier. Where lawns have become compacted and waterlogged aerate with a fork or hollow tined aerator. Tidy up the edges using a half-moon edging tool, (a spade will always have a curve on it which makes it tricky). To aid recovery apply a dressing of blood, fish and bone or general fertiliser.

Vegetables

Plant early potatoes at the beginning of the month and main crop a little later. Continue sowing carrots, parsnips and summer cauliflower. Sow seeds of cucumbers, marrows and squashes in pots in the greenhouse, they will be ready for planting out in the garden during May, but will need protection from frost. Pot on tomato plants regularly encouraging new roots by burying the stem up to the pair of seedling leaves.



Sawfly

Keep an eye open for the larva of sawfly on currants and gooseberries. You can either remove them by hand or cut off leaves, affected by colonies and destroy them.

THURSDAY LUNCHES

12.30pm @Churchill Methodist
BS25 5NG

7, 14, 21 & 28 April 2022



Happy Easter!

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Wrington Vale Rotary Club



Nepal - Provision of a school toilet block and fresh water

Since the devastating earthquakes in 2016 we have provided a brick making machine which has allowed building of earthquake resistant buildings and funding to rebuild the Dipshikha school. More recently, we have funded rebuilding of the toilet block at the Harold Whiting School. This now provides clean safe drinking water and hand washing stations for some sixty children and staff. Hitherto there was only one toilet for everyone. What a wonderful experience for the staff and children to experience in a small way what we take for granted.

Harold Whiting School and Toilet Block



Youth Speaks

Schools have had so much more work to do this year because of Covid, that most of them couldn't find time to prepare children for our annual competitions, which we sadly had to cancel once again. However, when three Youth Speaks teams said they still wanted to take part, we couldn't let them down, so we are organising a 'Mini Youth Speaks' competition with three Young Musicians also wanting to take part. We'll tell you how it went in next month's magazine

Local Quiz

Rotary is not just about raising money and work for good causes. As part of the fun we entered a quiz against other local Rotary clubs. Congratulations to our team, organised by Roger Vincent, which won by a good margin and raised £556 to be split between 'Rotary Foundation' and 'End Polio Now'.

If you would like chat about Rotary in this area, please contact Ivor Metherell on 01761 462607 or Angie Biggs on 07790 400718

Royal Air Forces Mid-Somerset Branch held a successful Annual General Meeting on Monday 7th March with 25 members in attendance followed by a Pub Lunch. The Chairman and Treasurer reviewed activities and finance in 2021 and outlined the programme for 2022 that will continue as follows:

Monday 4th April – Branch Meeting at 11:00am at the Street Inn, 1 –3 Somerton Road, Street, BA16 0DR including a Presentation “Travelling in Nepal” by Ian Williamson from St Margaret Hospice Care Volunteers followed by an optional Pub Lunch

Saturday 30th April – Branch 75th Anniversary Lunch from 12:15pm at Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS

Monday 6th June - Branch Meeting at 11:00am at the Street Inn, 1 –3 Somerton Road, Street, BA16 0DR including a presentation and event with a “Platinum Jubilee Theme”.

All events are open to Branch Members, RAFA Members from other Branches, Current and Ex-RAF Service Personnel (Including RAF Reserves), and Members of the “RAF Family”. Please contact the Branch via e-mail rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com or by telephone to the Secretary 01458224057 for further information.

April Quiz Answers.

Hope this month’s quiz didn’t make a fool out of you!



1. Spaghetti
2. The Beatles
3. Fool’s Gold
4. Trompe L’oeil
5. Fairies
6. Only Fools and Horses
7. The War of the Worlds
8. Thomas Gray in his poem ‘Ode on a Distant Prospect at Eton College’
9. Sans Serriffe
10. Feste

Need a Venue for Your Event?

We have several venues available to hire including our Churches, Church Centre (St James's Hall) and smaller meeting rooms.

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<https://hallbookingonline.com/winscombe>



Winscombe
SATURDAY MARKET

Winscombe Saturday Market

Winscombe Community

Centre

Every 3rd Saturday

of the month

0900-1300

Every Tuesday

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10:30 am



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RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH



RNLI WINSCOMBE FOLK FEATURING MIRANDA SYKES - SATURDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2022

RNLI Winscombe's first Folk Night for 2022, featuring Miranda Sykes on Saturday 12th February, in two concert sessions at the Church Centre Winscombe raised £601 profit; a good result given that both sessions were run "Café-Style" with no bar."

RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 10th MARCH

RNLI Winscombe & District Branch held their AGM at 2:30 pm on Thursday 10th March in Winscombe. The Chairman advised that Covid 19 restrictions had limited activities severely in 2021, particularly during Lock-Down 3 which prevented any fund-raising up to the end of April, but outdoor events began again in May. Between May and December there were two Pop-Up Sales, a Car Boot Sale, a Bulb & Garden Furniture Sale, a "Fish Supper" at the Queen Victoria Inn, Priddy, and the Late-Night Shopping evening in Winscombe. A "Cafe-Style" Folk Night was held in November followed by the Tesco Supermarket Collection at Shepton Mallet on Christmas Eve. The Branch also had a table at Winscombe Thursday Markets, sold donated items on E-Bay or at auction and emptied RNLI collection boxes from hostelrys and businesses across the area; the net result of all this for 2021 was £12,419. In addition, the Cards & Souvenir Sales Team had recorded their best year ever, attending twelve different venues to raise £1,658. 2021 was also the first year that the Branch was able to use a card machine rather than just cash.

Following the AGM, the Branch held its first "Pop-Up" Sale of 2022 on Saturday 12th March on Studley's Forecourt; luckily, the weather was kind, the sun came out although the breeze did blow a few bits around. There were 10 Pop-Up stalls offering plants, tools, cakes, patisserie, household goods, jewellery, souvenirs, maritime items and bric-a-brac. The Branch was pleased to welcome a stall from the Winscombe & Sandford Platinum Jubilee Team selling entry wrist bands in preparation for the Jubilee Weekend Spectacular. Footfall was steady but not excessive and full financial results will be reported next month. RNLI Winscombe thanks all involved including Gary for offering the use of Studley's Forecourt and to the Winscombe Community Association for loaning the tables.

The RNLI Honesty Table has continued to offer assorted items every Thursday at the Winscombe Community Centre Market.

ANNUAL PLANT AND GARDEN JUMBLE SALE

The next Branch Event will be the "Annual Plant & Garden Jumble Sale" on Studley's Forecourt in Winscombe at 10:00 am on Saturday 14th May, so please note this date in your diaries. The sale will include the usual selection of greenhouse plants, outdoor vegetable plants, bedding plants, bushes and pot plants as well as garden tools, furniture and assorted stoneware

FEBRUARY RESCUES

Despite the three major February storms, there were only three shouts between our lifeboat stations (Burnham-on-Sea 2 & Portishead 1).

Hope in a Turbulent World

By Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton



I write this on Ash Wednesday, a day when we begin a period of reflection and penitence, and remember our mortality. Those of us receiving the ash crosses on our foreheads today will hear these words: 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return...'

Faced with our death we consider how we might live. Are there things we need to change? What might we need to seek forgiveness for and from whom? '...Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ' are the words which follow the ash.

Our Archbishops and the Pope invited us to set this particular Ash Wednesday aside to pray for peace in Ukraine. It would be easy for us to point the finger at those we hold responsible for such atrocity against brothers and sisters. And yet we need to recognise that all of us carry responsibility for our own failures to live as peacemakers and reconcilers. Not one of us is perfect and Lent offers us an opportunity for honest realism and a chance to repent and seek forgiveness.

As you read this letter we will be approaching the end of Lent, and Easter will be in sight. Much will have happened in the world since I wrote it. Two years ago, I was praying for the world caught up in the early throes of a pandemic and lockdown. Who could have known that we would still be living with the virus and how much life would have changed for us? Today I am joining in the prayer and fasting for countries at war. Where will we be as we enter Holy Week and approach Easter? What might be the outcome for Ukraine, Russia, ourselves?

And yet that is the very heart of faith. We do not know what the future holds but we do know the One who holds us. The fact is that God so loved the world that when He sees us in our greatest need, at our most threatened, fragile, He comes to be with us. To share the pain and give Himself fully, even to the point of death. And the story of Easter tells us that death is not the end. That life is found through the death of the Saviour.

I don't know what your experience of these last couple of years has been. What deaths you might have faced. I expect many of us carry the scars and wounds of loss. Pain and death are not things we can avoid. And neither did Christ. The hope He offers us is that they are not the end of the story but rather the beginning. Hope can be ignited and life restored through the faithful following in the footsteps of the One who loves us.

It does not mean that all will be wonderful and our journey smooth. It won't stop wars from taking place or people from hurting one another. But it does mean that hope, forgiveness and new starts can be found as we look to follow Christ's example.

With thankfulness for you, and His love

+Ruth

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