

Putting the Love of Christ in the Heart of our Community



Signpost

***Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill
Parish Magazine***



June 2022

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This magazine is one of the ways we are fulfilling our New Vision

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

Seventy Years of Service.



Blazing June! June, the month for warmth and sunshine and also the month for roses. In fact, June is often referred to as the birthday month of the rose. Something shared with Her Majesty the Queen whose Official Birthday is the 2nd June and who lists roses among her favourite flowers. To mark her accession to the throne and her coronation in 1952/53, a beautiful pink grandiflora Queen Elizabeth II rose was named in her honour. Earlier this year another new rose honoured her Platinum Jubilee and celebrated her seventy years' reign.

Seventy years is a very long time! I can just about remember the excitement of the Queen's coronation. Although admittedly the excitement of street parties and flag waving could not compete with the excitement of watching television for the first time! A black and white grainy picture far removed from the colourful and smooth presentations of 2022. As we joyfully sang the National Anthem: "God save our gracious Queen ... Long to reign over us, happy and glorious, God Save the Queen", none of us could begin to imagine what a reign of seventy years might look like.



So much has changed over those seventy years within our culture and society and in technical, medical and other fields of science. Things quite unimaginable in the 1950's. But while programmes are broadcast and articles written about the many changes and how Her Majesty has embraced modern technology and communication, few have focussed on her Christian faith – a faith which she says inspires and sustains her.

The Queen's Christmas broadcasts to the nation and Commonwealth, texts of which she writes herself, regularly witness to her faith in Jesus Christ and the strength she derives from this. Being Queen hasn't precluded Her Majesty from experiencing life's difficulties - the family upsets, sadness, grief and loneliness of bereavement. It hasn't precluded her from the joys either. But as she has said:

"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to give of my best in all that the day brings and to put my trust in God ... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."

May we all discover that message of hope and learn to put our trust in God.

Pauline Hurst
St John's Churchill

**Church Services to Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee
Sunday 5th June 2022**

All three of our Parish Churches will be holding special services to
mark
Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.



St James the Great, Winscombe at 9.30 am at the church
All Saints, Sandford at 11.00 am at the church
St John the Baptist, Churchill 11.00am in the marquee on
Churchill Recreation ground

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 July Magazine is Sunday 12th June. 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

80th Bishop of Bath and Wells Announced.



Downing Street has announced that the Right Reverend Michael Beasley will be the next Bishop of Bath and Wells. He is currently the Bishop of Hertford, a role which he has held since 2015.

Prior to taking a full time role with the church, Bishop Michael was an epidemiologist, a background he was called on to use during the pandemic as a member of the Church of England's Covid task force.

Bishop Michael is already familiar with Somerset. His wife Lizzie is from a farming family from Somerset and prior to Bishop Michael being interviewed for the role of Bishop of Bath and Wells, they both undertook a 60 mile walk around the county.

Speaking in advance of the announcement, Bishop Michael shared his joy in becoming the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells and said he was looking forward to getting to know the people of Somerset.

He said, "I am delighted to be coming to be the Bishop of Bath and Wells and to joining with everyone in the diocese as together we live and tell the story of Jesus. We have strong family connections with Somerset and I'm very much looking forward to working alongside its people, communities and churches."

"We have all been through a challenging few years. The Covid pandemic pushed us all apart. Now is the time to come back together. Our churches have an essential role in helping us rebuild communities and in facing the challenges present to us both internationally and at home."

"Jesus's message is one of peace – a peace I'm looking forward to sharing and pursuing as I join you as your bishop."

Before his ordination as Bishop of Hertford in the Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Michael served as Director of Mission in the Diocese of Oxford. A scientist by background, he was an epidemiologist specialising in infectious diseases of children in low-income countries.

As well as being a member of the Church of England's Covid task force he also worked with UNICEF, the NHS, the Government and leaders of different faiths to launch vaccinated.org which has raised more than £10 million in support of vaccination for low-income countries.

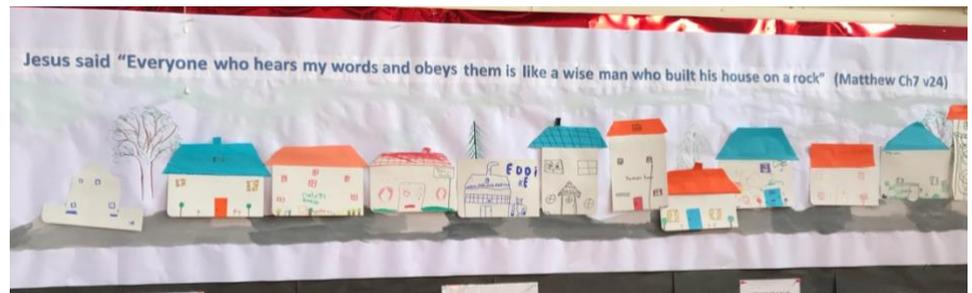
Messy Church is Back!



We had a memorable restart to Messy Church thanks to Reverend Robin Mann's sandcastle versus rock-built house demonstration in a sandpit outside the Church Centre! We sensed our loving Father God's hand upon us with fine weather for this and with enough willing helpers available to welcome the 20 children from 10 local families.

Three craft activities included decoration of wonderful house-shaped cookies, individualised sandcastle, and pictures of the children's houses which have been fixed to the ROCK on our wall frieze in the Church Centre.

We sang "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock" with actions and enthusiasm. This was followed by a short drama with the two house-builders building their houses in alternative ways, a prayer, and drinks and snacks to finish.



This term there are 4 sessions, roughly once a month. We are trialling a new session time of 2.30pm to 4.00pm on Saturday afternoons, finishing with a smaller snack rather than a meal.

It is hoped this time will be more convenient for the young families who we hope will wish to come.

Our second session was on the theme of "The Prodigal Son" attended by 17 children and a baby from 9 families. We enjoyed making pig stick puppets, welcoming arms and biscuits with circles to remind the children that God's love goes on and on like a circle.

We've been grateful to the team of willing volunteers, preparing crafts and helping out where needed.



The final two sessions are on **Saturdays June 11th and July 2nd**.

After this we'll resume again in September, the first date being **September 17th**. We plan to move to the 2nd Saturday of the month after this. To see photos of what we've been doing, head to the Messy Church page of the Church website or have a look at our Facebook page "Winsand Churches Messy Church."

We thank God for the positive restart to Messy Church.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
ST JAMES'S WINSCOMBE COMMITTEE A.G.M.
28th APRIL 2022



After 50 years of service Margot Sampson has decided it is time to hand over the role of Chair of the Winscombe Committee of the Children's Society . Both Head Office and the local Children's Society Communities Relationships Manager wished to pay tribute to this amazing milestone and nearly 50 local supporters of the Children's Society joined Mark Russell CEO, Jess Meale CRM, and the Committee in the Lynch Chapel for our A.G.M. on 28th April.

Mark gave an emotive speech about Margot's commitment and the difference she has made to the lives of the children and young people the Children's Society supports. He was effusive in his thanks and acknowledgement of all that Margot has done. During her time over £110,000 has been raised in Winscombe! He also talked inspiringly and passionately about the work of the Children's Society. Jess also thanked Margot and presented her with flowers and a thank you certificate. Coffee and cakes were given to all who came and it was a fitting and happy occasion, marking Margot's dedicated service of 50 years. Although no longer the Chair, she will remain on the Committee and we look forward to our next major fund raising event, Paul and Mo Matthews' Open Garden Day on Wednesday 10th August.



The following interview is featured in the June edition of Manna, the monthly newsletter from the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Margot Sampson MBE has just stepped down as chair of The Children's Society Winscombe St James the Great Fundraising Committee, after 23 years.

How did you get involved with the Children's Society?

It has played a significant role in my life for over 50 years. It all began when I was a young mother, when our then Vicar, Reverend Bernard Salmon approached me when the existing representative retired. At that time there were just six charity box-holders who met once a year.

How did you get on at first?

I felt committed to ongoing support once I discovered what it was all about. My own background did not prepare me for what I was to learn about the lives of so many of the young people with whom I had lived and gone to school. It was a learning experience for which I was totally unprepared and it mortified me.

How have things changed over the years?

We have learned to adapt to the changing needs and attitudes of society. We used to knock on every door for our annual collection but now we collect at local supermarkets. At our height we had 127 box holders.

Is there anything in particular you have enjoyed?

Paul and Mo Matthews's Open Garden Day and our Christingle Services. Their ability to communicate Christian love and fellowship through superb food and comradeship is incredible. We were one of the first churches in the UK to introduce Christingles and because we live in a cider area, we represent the world with an apple from the Church orchards.

How do you feel about your time with the Children's Society?

It has been for me a truly meaningful and appreciated part of my life. Because of my involvement with the Children's Society, I have learned so much and I give it – and always will – my deepest thanks and love.

Read more about Margot's work and that of the Children's Society at: childrenssociety.org.uk



All Saints Church Community Cafe

The 30th April cafe raised £329 including Gift Aid.
Many thanks to all those who supported us.

There is no cafe in June as we are holding the Platinum Jubilee High Tea on Thursday 2nd June.

Our next cafe will be on
Saturday 2nd July 2022

This cafe will be held in Sandford Village Hall as All Saints is undergoing repair work to the vestry.

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

We look forward to seeing you again.



**Save the
Children**

'Save The Children' Lunches Shipham Village Hall



**Save the
Children**

Join us for the last lunch of the summer on

Friday 10th June

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

£4.00

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

For further details contact Amanda Firth on 01934 844232



Supporting Your Local Foodbanks



Our churches 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 non perishable foods to the Foodbanks weekly.

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.

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| ❖ Soup – packet and tinned | ❖ Tinned vegetables |
| ❖ Instant mashed potato | ❖ Tinned fish |
| ❖ Cereals | ❖ UHT milk |
| ❖ Sauces – tins and jars of pasta sauce | ❖ Main meals in tins (no Fray Bentos pies please) |
| ❖ Tinned cold meat – corned beef, spam etc | ❖ Squash |
| ❖ Long life fruit juices | ❖ Paper goods – toilet roll, kitchen roll etc. |
| ❖ Desserts – tinned fruit, rice pudding, sponge | ❖ Custard – tinned or instant |
| ❖ Pasta, rice, instant noodles | ❖ Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate |
| ❖ Sugar | ❖ Biscuits |
| ❖ Personal items – soap, toothbrushes & paste | ❖ Men's and ladies' toiletries |
| ❖ Confectionery | ❖ Snack bars and crisps |

As the summer holidays will soon be approaching the foodbanks would really appreciate donations of snacks for children to enjoy, squash and sandwich fillings.

Mendip Folk Dance Club

Monday 27th June

and

Monday 11th July

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

8.00 pm – 10.00 pm £3 per person

New dancers welcome (first night free of charge)

For further details contact Pat 01934 742853



Breakfast at the Railway Inn with two dozen or so like-minded spirits! That is Refresh-men-t, our monthly gathering for men in Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill.

The formula of food, friendship and inspiration has proved itself a winner. It has been so good to be back together as we have been since January.

We are greatly blessed with gifted speakers from among our number and from the surrounding area. We can continue in the expectation that the list of speakers lined up for the rest of the year will challenge and inspire us.

If you have not already been, you probably know someone who does come. Do ask them about Saturday breakfasts, or better still tag along with them.

Our next breakfast is on **Saturday 18th June** when our speaker will be Barbara Hacking from Vine Counselling, a charity based in Congresbury. They offer affordable professional counselling to adults and young people in the community who need help to cope with anxiety, stress, bereavement, depression, bullying, trauma, loneliness, abuse, family problems.

Current members should respond to the invitation sent out by email from Tim Harland. The usual delicious full English breakfast will be available. If you need an alternative please arrange this with Tim. ***Please reply to Tim by 11th June.***

Our final meeting before the summer break will be on Saturday 16th July so put the date in your diary and watch this space for more information.

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.

To find out more or to book please visit our online booking system at:

<https://hallbookingonline.com/winscombe>



Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in Winscombe and Sandford Programme of Events



From Monday 23rd May 10 am
Jubilee Exhibition in Winscombe Library

Thursday 2nd June 3 pm
Jubilee High Tea - for Retired Residents- All Saints
Tickets Only – Free from Llyn Callow 01934 823484

Thursday 2nd June 9.45 pm
Beacon Lighting Sandford (Thatcher's) & Winscombe Community Centre

Friday 3rd June 2 pm - 4 pm
Bowling Club Jubilee Open Day

Friday 3rd June 7.30 pm
Winscombe Club – Live Band "Freeze" All welcome - Free Entry

Saturday 4th June 1 pm – 6 pm
Jubilee Grand Festival
Winscombe Recreation Ground

- Car Parking, Limited on-site parking & Blue Badge Holders
- Use Public Car Parks & Winscombe Community Centre
- Entry only with Wrist Bands - NO DOGS ALLOWED
- Tickets and Wrist Bands available from :-
Farrons, Wine Shop & Sandford Stores Sandford
Help Line Text 07776 235435

Sunday 5th June
Services of Thanksgiving
St James's 9.30 am and All Saints 11.00 am
Big Lunch Street Parties

Saturday 11th June 7.30 pm
Badgerset & High & Dry Concert (Folk/Shanties)
St James's Church Entry £10 Tickets available from Farrons,
The Wine Shop & Post Office

Website <https://winscombeandsandfordjubilee.org.uk>
Facebook "celebrating the jubilee in Winscombe and Sandford"





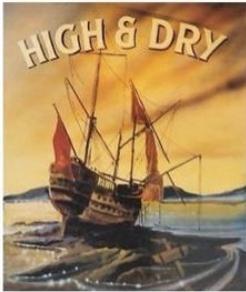
Folk Songs and Shanties

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AS PART OF WINSCOMBE AND SANDFORD'S
CELEBRATION OF THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

BadgerSet

BadgerSet are an eleven strong band of folk singers, musicians and dancers.

Blown, bowed, beaten, plucked and squeezed, their combination provides the perfect accompaniment to the songs and a solid foundation to the traditional tunes. What firmly characterises their performances is an unmistakeable level of energy, enthusiasm and talent to which they add imaginative arrangements and creative harmonies plus the occasional spot of comedy.



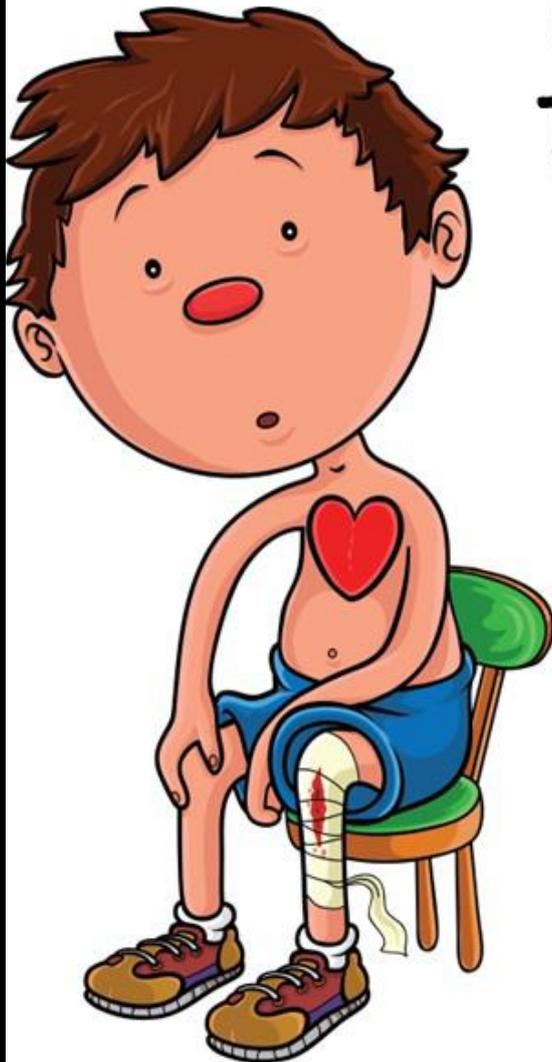
High and Dry are a bunch of a dozen shanty singers from the Mendip Hills in Somerset. Yes, they are landlocked, but it is a fact that if you stand on tiptoes and strain your eyes, you may see the sea. They've been singing together, on and off, for a good few years, and enjoy getting together for a beer, a chat and to hone their varying singing skills and learn some new maritime songs.

When: Saturday 11th June 2022
Where: St James's Church, Winscombe, BS25 1DE
What time: Doors open at 7:00pm. Concert at 7:30pm
Tickets: £10 to include interval glass of wine or soft drink

Tickets are available from Winscombe Post Office, Farrons Estate Agents, The Wine Shop, Martin Hagen (hagen.martin@gmail.com) and James Barattini (07703 538861)



PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID



Training for Parents

THUR 9 JUNE, 7pm

@Churchill Methodist Hall

- ✓ Qualified, professional trainer
- ✓ Covers babies & children
- ✓ 2.5 hours practical training
- ✓ Includes accidents eg choking, head injury etc
- ✓ Ask your own questions about illness eg fits or seizures, meningitis etc
- ✓ Practise CPR
- ✓ £20 Training & Certificate
£4 Handbook

INFO: Jacqueline

01934 844134



June Quiz

With the Platinum Jubilee being celebrated this month, the quiz just had to have a royal theme. So here are 10 questions about our Queen.

1. Queen Elizabeth is 96 years old but on what date was she born?
2. What is the Queen's famous nickname which she shares with one of her great granddaughters?
3. At what age did Queen Elizabeth become queen?
4. Queen Elizabeth II is the longest reigning monarch. Who had the second longest reign?
5. The Queen is known for being particularly fond of a certain breed of dog. What is it?
6. What are the Queen's four main residences?
7. How many grandchildren does the Queen have?
8. Who was the first Prime Minister of the Queen's reign?
9. What type of dessert won the Platinum Pudding Competition and became the official pudding of the Jubilee celebrations?
10. The Queen appeared alongside which actor in a skit for the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics?



The answers can be found on page 25.

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**

Lynch Chapel Winscombe

We have had some big changes at Lynch Chapel with the retirement of our minister, Duncan Tuck.

A lovely retirement service and lunch were enjoyed with our partner church, Wrington Chapel during April, where we said a sad farewell to Duncan and his wife, Carol, and wished them all the best in their retirement.

Now starts the task of finding an amazing minister to follow him. We know that with God's help, we will find a replacement that will help to take Lynch Chapel forward.

Our services will continue to be held each week, and in many ways church life goes on as normal. In addition to our weekly Sunday morning services, we also hold a mid-week service on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am followed by coffee. It's a short service and everyone is welcome to join us. All information can be found on our website at www.lynchchapel.org.uk

It has been so lovely watching the Spring flowers bloom and the leaves on the trees starting to show this month. Suddenly our surrounding area is green and fresh. We are lucky to have our small churchyard at Lynch Chapel, and a small group are working to make it into a Bible Society Psalm 23 garden, with the elements of trees, grass or meadow, water and somewhere to sit. If you happen to be passing, look over the wall and hopefully something will be happening soon.

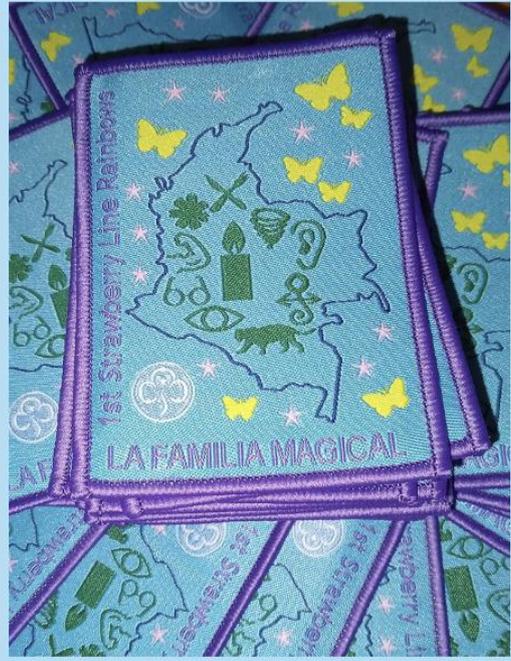




Our most exciting news this month is the production of our fundraising badge based on the film Encanto!

We have been selling these badges to units around the country (and world!) and proceeds will go towards making our unit even better!!

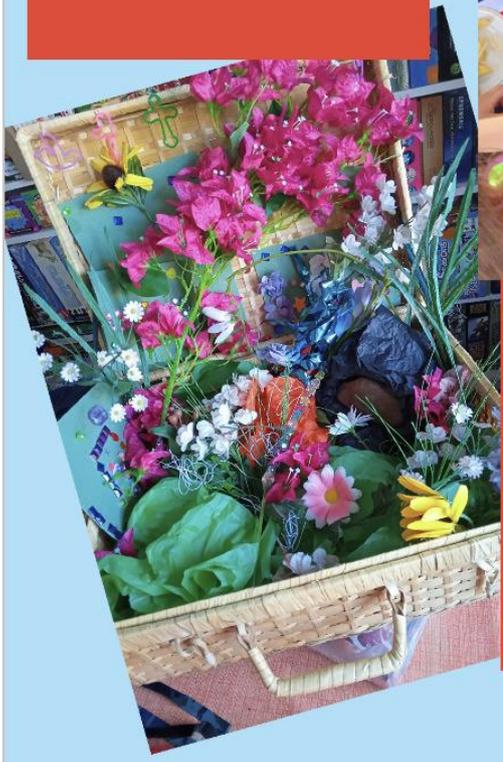
We have been having great fun earning the badge ourselves and invited 2nd Strawberry Line Brownies to join the fun!



We are sorry to say that we currently have no spaces in our 5-7 year old group. Next availability is January 2023.

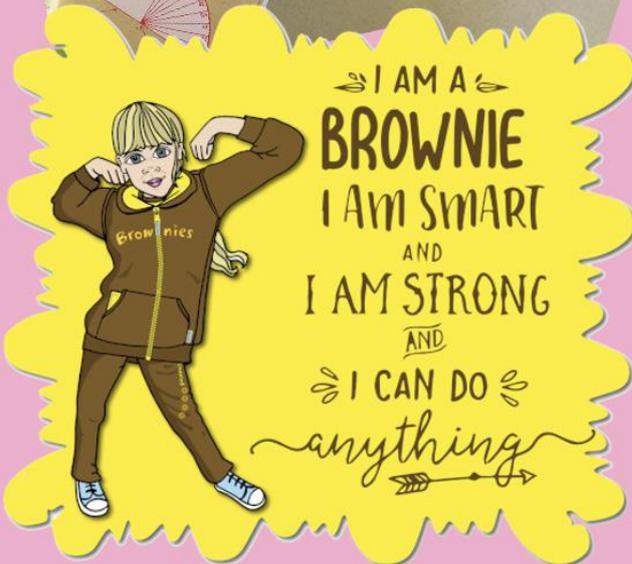
2 spaces are available in the 4 year old group, with guaranteed space for progression to the older group.

We accept girls onto our waiting list from 3 years old.



A few pictures from the past couple of months. We have been keeping busy with lots of different activities and learning new skills.





After an incredibly successful first half term, 2nd Strawberry Line Brownies are in need of a young helper or two to support the Brownies with their activities.



We thought we would be starting small, but we have enough girls to have four Sixes (small groups that work together on tasks) and we would love to have a young person (aged 14+) with each Six.

If you, or someone you know, can help, get in touch with Victoria on 07588652479 or email strawberrylinebrownies@yahoo.com



JUNE 2022 - DIARY

WED 1	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
	7.30pm	Sandford & District Gardening Club – Sandford Village Hall
THURS 2	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
	3.00pm	Platinum Jubilee High Tea for retired residents – All Saints
SAT 4	JUBILEE GRAND FESTIVAL	
SUN 5	PENTECOST – PLATINUM JUBILEE FESTIVAL SERVICE	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 7	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 8	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
THURS 9	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	10.00am	Holy Communion – Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
SAT 11	2.30pm	Messy Church - Church Centre
	7.00pm	BadgerSet and High & Dry in Concert – St James’s Church
SUN 12	TRINITY SUNDAY	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 14	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 15	2.45pm	Holy Communion at Sewell House
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
THURS 16	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
SAT 18	9.00-1.00	Winscombe Saturday Market -
	9.30am	Men’s Breakfast - Railway Inn, Sandford
SUN 19	TRINITY 1	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 21	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 22	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
THURS 23	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
SUN 26	TRINITY 2	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 28	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 29	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
THUR30	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s

BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE

Sunday 5th June Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:26 to end Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17	Sunday 12th June Proverbs 8:1-4 and 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
Sunday 19th June Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 5:1,13-25 Luke 9:51-end	Sunday 26th June 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-end Psalm 126 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-end

Church Service Times Opportunities to Worship in June

Sunday 5 th June	8.00 am	St John's	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30 am	St James's	Commemoration of Platinum Jubilee
	11.00 am	All Saints	Commemoration of Platinum Jubilee
	11.00 am	St John's	Commemoration of Platinum Jubilee
Sunday 12 th June	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St John's	Parish Praise
Sunday 19 th June	10.00 am	Church Centre	Family Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th June	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
	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 June

Thursday 9th June Dunster Court 10.00 am Communion in the Community

Wednesday 15th Sewell House 2.45 pm Communion in the Community

We Welcome

Maya-Rose Violet Burrell to our church family. She was baptised at St James's Church, Winscombe on Sunday 8th May 2022.

Gianna Allegra Notaro to our church family. She was baptised at St James's Church, Winscombe on Sunday 29th May 2022.

We Congratulate

Our love and congratulations go to

Luke Daniel Casey and **Leah Jay Burton** who were married at All Saints Church, Sandford on Saturday 7th May 2022.

We Remember

Our love and sympathy go to the families and friends of

Edwin Thomas Francis Sands whose funeral took place at St James's Church, Winscombe on Thursday 5th May 2022 followed by cremation at Sedgemoor Crematorium.

Myrtle Sampson whose funeral took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Friday 13th May 2022.

Mary Mott whose ashes were buried in Ilex Lane Cemetery on Friday 20th May 2022.

Enid Joyce Brooks whose funeral took place at All Saints Church, Sandford on Wednesday 25th May 2022 followed by burial at Ilex Lane Cemetery.

Organ Music for St James' Church Winscombe 2022

Date and Time	At the Beginning of the Service	At the End of the Service
Sunday 5 th June 9.30 am Service of Commemoration Platinum Jubilee	Trumpet Tune Minuets Rondo from Abdelazer Henry Purcell	Crown Imperial William Walton
Sunday 12 th June 9.30 am Parish Praise	Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 553 JS Bach	Prelude in B minor BWV 544 JS Bach

Midsummer's Day and the Summer Solstice.

When is Midsummer's Day?

The summer solstice and Midsummer's Day are actually distinct events, normally a few days apart between 20th and 24th June. The difference is thought to stem from variations in the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

Midsummer Traditions

The longest day has been marked in different ways over the years and has its own set of customs. Some are based on practical needs. Others originate from spiritual and superstitious beliefs.

The solstice was particularly important in Nordic communities, where seasonal changes in sunlight are dramatic. The Vikings used the long days to maximise their productivity with hunting, settling disputes and conducting raids.

Lighting and jumping over bonfires on Midsummer's Eve dates back to pre-Christian pagan customs. It was thought to keep demons away and bring good luck to lovers.

Following the establishment of the Christian Church, solstice celebrations were combined with St John's Day, commemorating St John the Baptist.

Mysticism and magic are a common theme in midsummer folklore across the world. Magic was thought to be strongest during the summer solstice and myths told stories of the world turning upside down or the sun standing still at midsummer.

The Solstice and Midsummer Today



Every year, revellers descend on Stonehenge, for what is the closest thing to a summer solstice festival on British shores, when the druids observe formal ceremonies amid the stones at sunrise. This is when the first rays of the dawn crest the Heel Stone and illuminate the centre of the stone circle. For many visitors, the most magical part of the experience is the opportunity to touch the stones, which is only allowed for this one day of the year.

After Stonehenge, Glastonbury Tor receives the most tourists to celebrate the longest day of the year. Glastonbury Tor, like the solstice, is intrinsically linked to paganism and mythology. It is said that the Tor is a magic mountain, an Arthurian hill-fort and once hosted Druid initiation ceremonies

Midsummer Superstitions.

Roses are of special importance on Midsummer's Eve. It is said that any rose picked on Midsummer's Eve, or Midsummer's Day will keep fresh until Christmas.

At midnight on Midsummer's Eve, young girls should scatter rose petals before them and say:

Rose leaves, rose leaves,
Rose leaves I strew.
He that will love me
Come after me now.



Then the next day, Midsummer's Day, their true love will visit them!

The Friends of St James the Great, Winscombe

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Tickets: Adults £10, Children £5 (16 years and under)

Family ticket £25 (2 adults and up to 4 children)

**Available from Janet White at the Hampden Osteopathic Clinic,
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Parking off The Square at the bottom of Winscombe Hill.

Entrance via pedestrian gate in Church Lane.

In the event of rain the concert will be in the church

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June 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th





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

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 enrol 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.



June Quiz Answers

1. 21st April 1926
2. Lilibet which she shares with Harry and Meghan's daughter. It's believed the name came about when Queen Elizabeth was just a toddler and she was struggling to pronounce 'Elizabeth'.
3. 25 years old (on 6th February 1952).
4. Queen Victoria (63 years, 7 months and 2 days).
5. Corgi. The Queen is a big fan of Pembroke Welsh corgis! She currently has two, but also has a dorgi (corgi-dachshund mix) and a cocker spaniel.
6. Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Sandringham and Balmoral Castle.
7. 8 (Princes William and Harry; Princesses Beatrice and Eugenia; Peter Phillips and Zara Tindall; Lady Louise Windsor and James, Viscount Severn).
8. Sir Winston Churchill.
9. A Lemon and Swiss Roll Amaretti Trifle.
10. Daniel Craig

'Local Folk' Charity Concert in Winscombe nets £750 for the DEC Ukraine Appeal.

Nigel and Shelley Carson are new residents in Winscombe. They were moved to raise money to help the people in Ukraine and the human tragedies laid out for all to see every night. As one of the leaders of Nailsea Folk Club's performer's section (Nailsea Folk @ The Grove) Nigel thought that maybe his friends would help him with a concert in Winscombe, and so it proved. Raffle prizes were donated by many local businesses and local people. At the time of writing, some pledge donations were yet to be received, but the evening has raised £750.

The photo below shows Nigel presenting the Fortnum and Mason Spring Hamper to lucky draw winner, Sonia.



In order to promote the event a Facebook page was needed with a 'persona'. So Winscombe Folk Club was born - a club with a logo and email but no members. Nigel was anxious to emphasise that any future events would not cut across established fund-raising efforts locally often with professional performers. Winscombe Folk Club would focus instead on promoting local performers, and work with existing organisations like churches and the

RNLI when promoting charity concerts.

"A Folk Club is really a misnomer," explained Nigel, "In fact it will be hoped to include original, traditional and contemporary songs and poetry. Almost anything goes in fact, though primarily acoustic".

To be fair, this merely describes the basis of Folk Clubs up and down the country. We welcome participation and offer encouragement to anyone wanting to participate.

With that in mind an inaugural evening was held on 24th May with invited people who had added their names to a list at the Ukraine Concert. It proved the viability of the Winscombe Club's upstairs function-room which it is hoped will become WFC's home. WFC will be non-profit making, with an entry fee of £2 to cover the cost of the room.

The plan is to meet on the fourth Tuesday each month at the Winscombe Club, 7 Sandford Road. Doors will open at 7.45 pm and music will start around 8 pm. If you fancy a chat, please call Nigel on 07551 197685 or email winscombefolkclub@gmail.com



Men Get Cooking!



✓ Is it cooked yet?

✓ Fed up eating microwave meals?

✓ Fancy tasty, easy, healthy suppers?

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New Course Dates

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FRIDAY 17 June 2022

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INFO: Jacqueline
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Flee from Ukraine or stay?*

Alison Giblett, working with Church Mission Society (CMS) in Ukraine, has decided to stay in that country despite the war. In times of crisis, CMS's policy for mission partners is for them to seek guidance from local colleagues as to whether to stay or leave.

Alison has been in Kyiv as a CMS Mission Partner since 2004, leading the Genesis Ministry, which helps people grappling with addictions to shed destructive habits and learn to rely on God. She works closely with church leader, Valery Alymov, and another Ukrainian, Anya Manchuliak, who grew up in Crimea. Alison is no stranger to local unrest - back in 2014, during the Maidan political protests she and Valery and others from their church set up a tent, offering people bibles and prayer.

The current situation is much more catastrophic. So why take the risk and stay? Alison said "I believe that God called me to serve him in Ukraine. He didn't say only when it was easy." Citing Mark 4 (v 35-40), where Jesus calms a storm and the hearts of his fearful disciples, Alison added "How can God teach us to trust him through the storm if we are not willing to go through it when necessary?"

In the first days of the current crisis, Alison and Anya joined Valery and his wife Olga on the outskirts of Kyiv, along with 40 or so members of their church staying together in a farmhouse. As the violence around them grew and food, water and internet became increasingly scarce, the group moved westward and at the time of writing (mid-March) they had reached a place of relative safety.

Everyone around her has had to make tough choices. "As a church community we have already been in three locations and God has used us to intercede for each place. Everyone in our church has the free choice of whether to stay... People have chosen depending on family commitments, personal convictions and opportunities."

Alison and her church family, have been receiving local hospitality and doing what they can, when they can for others, including praying, worshipping and sharing what food they have with people in need.

"My desire is to stay and fulfil my part of bringing God's will to pass in Ukraine, however if my presence here becomes a burden, creates an increased risk for those around me, or if I am told to leave, I will leave and seek to help from a distance."

Please pray for Alison, her colleagues, church family and the people of Ukraine.

**Abridged from an article in the CMS Magazine Spring 2022*

John Hayter



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BS25 5NG

9, 16, 23 & 30 June; 3 July

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Jazz 'n Pizza in the Garden with the Katya Gorrie Jazz Quartet

Saturday 25th May 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

in the garden of Churchill Court Lodge, Church lane, Churchill, BS25 5QW

Katya Gorrie's Jazz Quartet will be celebrating the music of Julie London, Blossom Dearie and the wonderful Peggy Lee.

Friends, chairs and rugs are all that is needed to enjoy this evening of foot-tapping jazz.

Dough Dough Pizza Company will be serving their delicious pizza slices in a variety of flavours for you to enjoy to your heart's content (included in the ticket price). Dough Dough cater for most dietary needs including gluten-free and vegan.



There will also be a bar so no need to cart bottles and glasses (though of course you can if you like), everything will be on hand for you to relax and enjoy a great evening.

Garden opens and pizzas start at 5.45 pm, Jazz starts at 6.30 pm

Tickets include unlimited pizza slices.

The event will be held at Churchill Academy Hall if the weather is wet.

Champions of Churchill Music: £17.50 ; non Champions £20.00; Under 18s £10.

Available online from ticketsource www.ticketsource.co.uk

For further information please contact Mary Smallwood 01934 852589 or tickets@churchillmusic.org.uk



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

Sunday 5th June: No Cafe Church due to Queen's Jubilee Services
Sunday 19th June : Family Communion 10am

Children's activities including lego, colouring and crafts.

Churchill Baby & Toddler Group

@Churchill Methodist Community Hall BS25 5NG

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Inner Wheel Club of Wrington Vale

Over the past couple of months we have enjoyed the following activities.

Members made the best of the weather and gathered at William's Barn in Sandford for a walk through the apple blossom in Thatcher's orchard. The sun shone, the flowers were in bloom and the afternoon ended with teas, coffee and cakes. The walk was to raise money for one of this year's main charities: the Renal Unit at Southmead Hospital.



We also had a chance to admire some of the blankets the members have sewn for the Unit. They are used by the patients while undergoing their dialysis.

Also on offer was the chance to buy some potted-up Katy apple trees. These were snapped up with the proceeds also going to the Renal Unit. The afternoon raised a massive £276!



Our last fundraiser for International charities was at the home of Emma Phillips in her beautiful garden. Well over 50 guests enjoyed a Ploughman's lunch followed by home-made crumbles and cream. There were books, jigsaws, strawberries and plants for sale and a considerable total amount raised, with £60 coming from the plants alone! President Nic Lucas presented Emma with a lovely orchid to add to her collection by way of a 'thank you'.

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 on 01934 842976

CREATE! Sunday

*Sunday 26 June
2022*

*4pm @Ann's Garden,
by Sandford Station, Sandford*



- ✓ Family friendly
- ✓ Fun activities & crafts
- ✓ Explore Nature
- ✓ Storytime
- ✓ FREE buffet tea

INFO: Jacqueline

01934 844134



ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION MID-SOMERSET BRANCH NEWS

Royal Air Forces Mid-Somerset Branch celebrated their 75th Anniversary in style with a special lunch at Wells Golf Club on Saturday 30th April.

The Shepton Mallet Branch held its first meeting on 27th September 1946 and its first Annual dinner on 7th March 1947. The Street and Glastonbury Branch held their first meeting in November 1946. The Street Branch became the Shepton Mallet and Wells Branch in 1963 and, merged with the Street and Glastonbury Branch in 1993 to become the Mid-Somerset Branch.



The original Anniversary was postponed in December 2021 due to the high levels of Covid prevalent at the time. Consequently, on 30th April this year, a convivial crowd of 35 branch members and friends enjoyed a 75th Anniversary commemoration lunch at which branch activities as recorded in the local press were highlighted. An Association certificate signed by the Association President recognising the outstanding contributions of the Branch over the years was presented to the Branch Chairman.

The programme for 2022 will continue as follows:.

Monday 13th June: Branch Meeting at 11:00am

At The Street Inn, 1 –3 Somerton Road, Street, BA16 ODR

Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands War with inputs from Branch Members serving and supporting the RAF involvement in that war.

Monday 4th July: Branch Summer Social and Lunch

Branch Meeting at 11:00 am

At The Street Inn, 1 –3 Somerton Road, Street, BA16 ODR followed by Social Event. Details to be confirmed .

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 01458 224057 for further information.”

News from Winscombe Probus



As Covid appears to be weakening we have scheduled a full programme of meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 10.15 am at the Community Association Hall in Winscombe.

On 13th June the talk is entitled ‘Signs of the Times’ and on 27th June Barbara Smart will tell us ‘All about Bees’.

Our last talk was from the local Avon Fire And Rescue Team on ‘Fire Safety in the Home’ and it is worth mentioning how much free advice and equipment is available from them for older and vulnerable people.

We would recommend this presentation for other local organisations.

For further information about Probus please contact David Martin 01934 844327

SANDFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

In May we welcomed Yvonne Bell as our speaker with a talk entitled 'A Garland of Edwardian Gardens'.

We saw some beautiful slides of Edwardian houses with their tall chimneys and leaded light windows. The planting was so different from the Victorian era which was much more formal.

The Edwardians invented the cottage garden which had rose pergolas and flowering plants flowing over the edge of paths.

Yvonne had collected a vast array of memorabilia from the Edwardian era including postcards and clothes.

Our May Plant Sale went well and as usual the plants sold really quickly many thanks to all the members who came to help. The sale raised £460 and the proceeds will go towards planting up the village tubs which always look so beautiful.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 6th July at 7.30pm

Sandford Village Hall

There will be a talk entitled 'Designing Your Dream Garden' by Marion Dale

Saturday 13th August 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Sandford Village Hall

Annual Summer Show

Open for anyone who would like to enter.

The title for the photograph competition is 'Beyond the Garden Gate'



Gardening Notes for June

Houseplants

Houseplants need to be kept healthy and flowering without growing so big that you can't handle the pot size. Repotting with new compost and a slightly bigger pot will give it a boost or you could choose to split the plant and then put it back into the same pot. Use fresh potting compost, firming around the rootball with your fingers. Soak with tepid water before putting it back in its position.

Biennials

Biennial plants are those that take two years to complete their life cycle, germinating in the first year and flowering in the second. Garden favourites are foxgloves, hollyhocks, wallflowers, sweet williams and forget-me-nots. They are great for flower displays early next season, but need to be grown from seed now so they are ready to be planted out in the border in the Autumn. Sow in pots for plants to be grown on until planting time or if you have the space sow directly into the border where they are to flower, and thin them out in late summer.

Using water wisely



Water is a limited, valuable resource so use it wisely when watering plants. As our climate changes and we are having longer spells of dry weather consider growing more drought tolerant plants such as lavender, verbena, rock roses, sedums, geraniums, echinacea, agastache and perovskia. Another consideration is growing more perennial fruit and vegetables that self seed or regrow naturally. As well as growing the right plants it is important to use water wisely, and make sure it does not

go to waste. When watering the perennial border select the plants that are in flower or showing signs of stress. Use a watering can and directing the water close to the roots. Do not use a hosepipe with a spray attachment as you will be wasting water where it is not needed. Mulching these borders will also help to conserve moisture.

Where lawns are concerned raise the cutting height of the lawnmower. There is no need to water grass. Although it will go brown during periods of drought it will soon recover when it rains.

All plants prefer rainwater to treated tap water so consider installing water butts.

Vegetables like potatoes may need watering during dry periods and this will probably need the use of a hose with a spray. Anything growing in containers will need watering daily and feeding weekly with a high potash feed each week on the same day (called feeding day),



Returns to Winscombe & Sandford!

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- Songs
- Bible story told through drama
- Drinks and Snacks ..and more!

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11th June and 2nd July

St James's Church Centre,
52, Woodborough Rd. Winscombe.

More information ?

<https://winsandchurches.org.uk/messy-church/>

Or find us on Facebook : search for "Parish of Winscombe and Sandford".

** get the latest news by joining our Messy Church Facebook group.**

Every Tuesday

COFFEE MORNING

Church Centre (St James' Church Hall)

10:30 am



Everyone Welcome

Winscombe Saturday

Market

Winscombe Community

Centre

Every 3rd Saturday

of the month

0900-1300





RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH



RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH PLANT SALE & GARDEN JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 14th MAY 2022



The Branch held its 'Plant & Garden Jumble Sale' on Saturday 14th May on Studley's Forecourt in Winscombe. Stalls included a full range of greenhouse plants; runner and french beans and courgettes; bedding plants and garden fillers; acers and shrubs; garden jumble including patio items and tubs; garden and domestic tools; and guest stalls. However, prior to the sale, our chief grower, Christa, had been supplying plants to 'Mikes Table' in Axbridge, and to customers that were unable to attend the sale on the day. Sincere thanks to all who donated plants or items for sale or who helped in any way. The total raised will be more than £2500

Our latest volunteer, Issy, brought foxgloves to sell and is planning a cake sale at Churchill Primary School inspired by a visit to her school by the RNLI to talk about keeping safe near the water.

The new fund-raising initiative is called 'Betty's Pots' and these are available at Chris's RNLI Honesty Table at each Winscombe Thursday Market at the Community Centre. Participants may choose to fill their pots with five pence, twenty pence or one pound coins for the RNLI; Contact Tina Joyce by e-mail meejlfh@gmail.com or tel 01934 842304.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

June plans are more about 'taking part' and the 'RNLI in the Community' rather than fund-raising. Winscombe RNLI Branch will be represented at the Winscombe Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Saturday 4th June and to a smaller extent in some of the other local villages, so look out for the RNLI logos.

APRIL RESCUES

In April there were sixteen shouts between our four lifeboat stations (Burnham-on-Sea 4, Minehead 4, Portishead 5 and Weston-super-Mare 3). On Sunday 24th April, Burnham-on-Sea RNLI volunteers were called out to Brean after the Beach Warden spotted a kite surfer in difficulties in the sea. Atlantic 85 lifeboat Doris Day and Brian launched just before 12.30 pm and went to the casualty area. On arrival, they discovered that a friend of the casualty had entered the water with his inflatable kayak, to assist the casualty's buoyancy. Unfortunately, with all the kite equipment on board they couldn't move in the northerly breeze.

Helmsman Stuart Lacey explained; 'We were tasked to a kite surfer in difficulty, and arrived to find both kite surfer and friend well but tired. The crew de-inflated the kite and took both persons, the kayak and kite equipment on board, and then transported them to shore into the hands of the Burnham-on-Sea Coastguard team.'

Guided By Faith

By Michael Beasley, Bishop Elect, Diocese of Bath and Wells



Visits undertaken, trees planted, ambassadors welcomed, honours awarded, miles travelled! Just a fraction of what our Queen has done. When, on her 21st birthday, Elizabeth II pledged herself to our service her whole life long, she could scarce have imagined the commitment she was making.

What has enabled all the achievement that we celebrate in this year of the Platinum Jubilee? Her reign has seen joy and sorrow, triumphs and setbacks. The Queen gave an insight into what has seen her through in 2002 when she said:

“I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God ... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.”

I'm inspired to be coming to Bath and Wells during this Platinum year that sees us celebrate the Queen's steadfast service that flows from her Christian faith. Just as the young Elizabeth II couldn't know what lay ahead as she looked to the future, neither can we. As we emerge from COVID, see war in Ukraine and confront a cost of living crisis we live in challenging times. To face our days, we'll need all the faith and experience, creativity and skills of everyone in Bath and Wells. Above all we have the hope of the Christian Gospel that has stood our Queen in such good stead throughout her long life. It's the faith I'm looking forward to serving and celebrating with you as together we live and tell the story of Jesus.

Every blessing

Bishop Michael

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