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



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



Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Follow me...”



I am writing this early in April in time for May’s edition and at present Easter is yet to come and the world awaits with bated breath the outcome of unfolding events in the horrific war which Russia wages against its neighbour Ukraine. Our heartfelt prayers go out to all affected by this unbelievable tragedy and we pray for the best possible outcome.

Our Lenten passage leading to Holy Week and Easter has given us a season for reflection, on light and shadows, conflict and forgiveness, destruction, and hope. Easter is an expression of hope and ours is for a better tomorrow, especially for the Ukraine people and a complete end to the pandemic.

The first Sunday in May will be the third Sunday of Easter when our readings include Acts 9, the account of Saul’s conversion to Christianity on the road to Damascus. Psalm 30 tells of the psalmist exulting the Lord, who has brought healing and restoration; whilst the gospel (John 21.1-19) tells us of the risen Christ meeting his disciples by the sea of Galilee - and having prepared for them breakfast, he feeds them. Jesus specifically speaks to Simon Peter at this point and questions his faithfulness and commitment. He ends by saying, “Follow me”. It is a gospel story of hope and expectancy for the whole world with a personal invitation to holy service.

Time moves on, circumstances change, we change. Maturity and wisdom we pray follows and that at the last the result will be far better than we would have ever thought possible.

Whereas the world may change and personal or family circumstances may change, the love of Jesus the Christ is always with us and never changes, His love is eternal. The risen Jesus brings healing, forgiveness, wholeness and peace.

May we truly know this in our lives and, through our commitment to serving Him, bring life to others. May God grant us graces and wonderful opportunities to do this, a springtime for renewed growth, summer harvest, blessed new horizons and peace in the world.

Reverend Warren Williams

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 June Magazine is Sunday 15th May. Please note that on this occasion the deadline is the third Sunday of the month. 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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- 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

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Supporting the People of Ukraine



This photo shows the Ukrainian flag flying on St James's Church, Winscombe in support of the Ukrainian people.

Three Churches Appeal for Funds

On Sunday 6th March an appeal was launched to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee to support their work in Ukraine and with refugees in neighbouring countries. Over £600 was raised that day and donations continued throughout the month reaching an incredible total of over £8,000! With the addition of gift aid and the government matched funding this could reach £20,000.

From Sandford to Poland and on to Ukraine.

Many will know that Angela Morris in Sandford set up her house as a hub for donations to Ukraine. It started in a very small way in early March with a place where people could drop off clothing and other items to go to Ukraine. It soon became part of a major network, set



up by Joanna Krupa on Facebook. Joanna is a 42 years old Polish-born American model, actress and animal rights activist, whose husband Douglas Nunes is in Poland trying to help evacuate refugees from Ukraine. She has her own TV show in Poland.

Angela took the items to Worle Community Centre where they were sorted. They were then sent on to a huge barn in Kingston Seymour, where volunteers packed and crated them and loaded them onto vans and articulated lorries going to Poland with the first lorry leaving on 7th March.



Angela received items from Sandford, Winscombe, Banwell, Churchill, Langford, Cheddar, Axbridge and Blagdon. She had a cash donation of £100 specifically to be used to buy fuel for the lorries and vans going to Poland. The response was absolutely fantastic.

Joanna was interviewed on local TV. She said "My husband is there trying to organise some transportation." "It just warms my heart to see how much good is being done at this really emotional and critical and sad time," she said. When the whole war started, Douglas said, 'I can't just sit back and do nothing.'

The priorities have changed now. Huge amounts of clothing have been donated, but the real need now is for medical supplies for those injured in the conflict. The best way for these to get where they are needed is through the Disasters Emergency Committee - DEC Ukraine Appeal. Angela is still very much involved and she can be contacted by telephone on 01934 852327.

Both appeals represent a fantastic response by our communities.

New Curtains for the Church Centre



As part of our ongoing project to improve facilities at the Church Centre a team of volunteers have been busy sewing new curtains to replace the old green ones at the high level windows. Nine new pairs of blue curtains were made which was quite a task. The new curtains have black out linings which helps to block out the light when using the projector for services and other events.

As the windows are 3 metres above the ground, a scaffold had to be used to fit them which included refurbishing the tracks with new cords. It took a whole weekend to achieve this but the end result was worth it!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved.

The Easter Garden Experience

A number of creative and inspiring gardens appeared at the Church Centre on Easter Saturday for the Easter Garden Experience, a display of Easter Gardens organised by St James's, All Saints and St. John's.

Each garden had so much thought put into it. As well as more traditional gardens created from natural materials, there were some beautiful paintings and drawings, poetry, an amazing lego tomb and garden, one generated using 'Minecraft', paper sculpture and other demonstrations of individual and collective talent. It was lovely that several of our local organisations contributed including the Youth Group, Rainbows and Brownies, RNLI and WI.



Visitors could follow the story of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday through looking at the different gardens and were invited to engage in short reflections on the meaning of the Easter story. There were also a number of activities based on aspects of the Easter message which were particularly enjoyed by the children who visited.

Refreshments and an Easter Egg Lucky Dip were also very popular. As it was a lovely day we were able to throw open the doors and enjoy tea and coffee on the 'terrace' in the sunshine.

It is not possible to show all the gardens here but they can be viewed on our website at <https://winsandchurches.org.uk/galleries/>



All Saints Church Community Café

The cafe held on Saturday 2nd April raised £338 (including gift aid) for All Saints Church.

There will be no cafe in May, due to a wedding taking place at All Saints, or in June as this is the Platinum Jubilee Weekend

We look forward to seeing you again soon.



**Platinum Jubilee High Tea
for retired residents
Thursday 2nd June
All Saints Church**

For more information please contact Llyn Callow 01934 823484

'Save The Children' Lunches

at

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Save the Children charity.

For further details contact Amanda Firth on 01934 844232

Local History Corner

We continue our bi-monthly Local History articles by John Matthews.

Cockfighting and Bull Baiting.

Throughout history animals have been used for forms of gambling. Pitting one animal against another for sport where one or the other animal is killed or injured is now illegal. Moves to ban the 'sport' started in 1800 in this country and after several attempts became law as the Cruelty to Animals Act in 1835. Interestingly, an earlier Act of Parliament in 1822, the Cruel Treatment of Animals Act, failed to address bull baiting.



In almost every town and village indications of such activity can be found, although now the evidence is often more discreetly hidden. In Axbridge, for example, an anchor which had been used to tether the bull for bull baiting is on display in the museum, and Birmingham has its famous Bull Ring. Winscombe is no exception. The evidence for the 'sport' in Winscombe can be seen on the map by W.White who drew up the 1792 survey of the manor of Winscombe for the Dean and Chapter of Wells Cathedral. The tithe map of 1840 does not recognise the field, perhaps indicating that bull baiting was already in decline at the beginning of the 19th century. The field can still be seen at east side

of the south end of the old coach road from Yadley Lane at the junction where it crosses Winscombe Hill. Here Winscombe Hill has been moved a little to the south to make the junction with the old toll road (now the A38) less precipitous. The toll road here also shows indications of being lowered. The original line of Winscombe Hill ran just south of the field boundary wall, beyond the modern electricity sub-station. The only visible feature in the field (which is private land) that was undoubtedly related to bull-baiting is a steep-sided circular depression about 6m in diameter. Here the unfortunate animals would have been tethered.

The cock fighting yard was situated where no.70 The Lynch has been built. The footpath (Winscombe Footpath on the 1799 Inclosure [*sic*]Award) was moved a little to the west to accommodate it. White's survey calls it a 'cock skayling yard', skayling being an obsolete word for gambling. Like the bull baiting plot, this yard was also situated near ancient crossways: The Lynch was certainly in use in Roman times and Roman coins have been found on the line of Winscombe Footpath which is an almost straight line between Shute Shelve and the gap in the line of hills near Sandford Quarry.

Reference: Matthews, J. 2009. 'Winscombe bull baiting plot', in Webster, C.J., 'Archaeology in Somerset': Somerset Archaeology and Natural History 152, 276

Picture from Axbridge Pageant Tapestry.

Sandford & Churchill Fellowship

Join us in May for our final month of meetings before we break for the summer.

Meetings will re-commence in September

Tuesday 3rd May - Ken Hill

Tuesday 17th May - Reverend John King

at Churchill Methodist Church 2.30 pm

Do come along for a time of worship, friendship and fellowship together with interesting talks.

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



SOMERSET CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT

Somerset Choral Society is a choir of 40 Singers all living in the Winscombe area and is based in Cheddar rehearsing at the Cheddar RC Community Hall. The Society is presenting its Spring Concert in St Cuthbert's Church, Wells on Saturday 21st May at 7:30 pm when the programme will be "The Rutter Requiem" and "Stanford – Songs of the Fleet".



The soloist in the "Rutter Requiem" will be Soprano Maria Danishvar who is a professional classical singer (opera, oratorio and song) living in Bath where she gained an MA in Music and Performance at Bath Spa University. Maria performs regularly as a soloist in concerts across the South West and sings in German, Italian, English, Russian, French and Persian. This performance of the Rutter Requiem will be dedicated to the people of Ukraine with a retiring collection in aid of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

The soloist for "Songs of the Fleet" will be Baritone Matthew Tilley. Matthew studied at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and then at Bath Spa University at Masters level, for which he received a distinction. He has been a regular performer with Welsh National Opera, is a vocal coach with the Musical Youth Theatre Wales and is a regular soloist in choral concerts across the country.



This will be an orchestral concert featuring the well known Brandon Hill Chamber Orchestra (BHCO) based in Bristol. Formed in 1987 as a string orchestra, the BHCO has grown into an ensemble of larger forces capable of performing a wide range of pieces from the Baroque to the contemporary.

Somerset Choral Society has been trained by, and the concert will be conducted by, their Musical Director Daniel Cushing.

Tickets costing £20, £15 & £12 (Under 18 £7) can be obtained on line from the Society website www.somersetchoralsociety.com.

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May 19th at alternative venue: Lynch Chapel, Winscombe

Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information



Annual Church Parochial Meetings

Winscombe and Sandford APCM: Sunday 15th May
at the Church Centre, Woodborough Road, Winscombe at 3.00 pm

Churchill and Langford APCM: Wednesday, 4th May at 7.30 pm
at The Stable, St John the Baptist Church, Churchill

Please do try to come to this important meeting. It is an opportunity to hear about all that has happened in our churches over the past year, learn about our finances and look ahead to the challenges and opportunities for the year ahead.

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*



The Illyria Trio

Saturday 14th May 7.30 pm

St. John's Church, Church Lane, Churchill, Winscombe BS25 5QW

Featuring Boris Bizjak on flute; Lana Trotovek Bios on violin;
Richard Crabtree on viola.

This totally engaging evening will give us a rare glimpse into the chamber music world of Dvorak and Hoffmeister. The program is beautifully crafted with a Beethoven Serenade, adding to the musical feast. The spectacular Halvorsen virtuoso violin & viola duo will have us on the edge of our seats.

Tickets: Champions of Churchill Music £12.50; Non Champions £16.50; Under 18s £4.50
Available from www.ticketsource.co.uk or Mary Smallwood 01934 852589 or at the door.

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



'Faith in Conflict' talk by Reverend Stuart Rason

Our last meeting, in March, saw a record 31 members of Refresh-men-t gather at The Railway Inn to hear Reverend Stuart Rason, Chaplain to RNAS Yeovilton, speak about his service both as Commando and Royal Naval chaplain. This service has seen him in extremes of weather, from

survival training inside the Arctic Circle at the top of Norway to hurricane relief efforts in the Caribbean. We were given glimpses of his life from baptising small children at Naval bases, plunging into a hole cut in the ice above the Arctic Sea with the rest of the men in training, through to preaching a sermon as a guest in a Caribbean Island church with only ten minutes notice! His current job takes him to work alongside the crews servicing and flying aircraft on aircraft carriers and other ships of the Royal Navy. He's known as "The Bish" and explained how he enjoys blending in with the men aboard ship so that they realise that he's just "one of them" but is there for them if they want to talk to him about anything, especially spiritual matters.

Goodbye from Richard

This was the last of the 25 meetings (our first was in February 2018!) for which I have acted as unofficial "bookings clerk" and it's been my pleasure to see an embryonic idea become a firm favourite and fixture in the monthly calendar despite the ravages of a pandemic! Andrew and our team have created a meeting space for men to relax, find fellowship and fun together and to explore a bit more about the Christian faith while enjoying a cooked breakfast. We've been through the stress of finding a new home, being forced into lockdown(s) and not being sure who the next speaker was going to be but it's all been good fun and I look forward to meeting old friends (who'll be even older!) when I return to Winscombe from time to time. A BIG "thank you" from me for your friendship and co-operation and I wish you well as you carry on breakfasting!

Goodbye to Richard

We marked Richard's final Refresh-men-t with a small thank you from 'the men' of an engraved Thatchers glass with a few bottles of cider to keep it filled for a while!

Our May Meeting

We meet on Saturday 21st May at 9.30 am at The Railway Inn, Sandford. This month there will be no formal speaker but an opportunity to engage in more informal 'Table Talk' with other members.

Current members should respond to the invitation sent out by email which will be coming from Tim Harland. Please check your junk/spam this month as it is the first time the invitation will be coming from a new email address (tg@har.land). The usual delicious full English breakfast will be available. If you need an alternative please arrange this with Tim. Please reply to Tim by 7th May.

Anyone interested in joining us for the first time please contact Tim by email or phone Derrick on 01934 843014. You will be most welcome.



May Quiz May the Fourth Be With You!

Star Wars Day is an informal day observed on May 4th. The date originated from a pun on the film franchise’s catchphrase ‘May the Force be with you’. So this month’s questions are all about sci fi and space films.

1. Which film made the phrase ‘Houston, we have a problem,’ famous?
2. Who is the first man referred to in the title of the 2018 film ‘First Man’?
3. Who wrote ‘The HitchhikersGuide to the Galaxy’ which has been adapted for stage, screen and radio?
4. Who achieved fame as a child actress, playing Gertie in E.T. and went on to star in a string of films in the 1990s and 2000s?
5. In which year was the original Star Wars film released and which character spoke the first line?
6. Which pop star played a non-ageing alien sent to Earth to find water for his home planet in the 1976 film ‘The Man Who Fell to Earth’?
7. Which film directed by Stanley Kubrick was one of the first science fiction films to be taken seriously by both critic and film goers?
8. Who directed the film ‘Close Encounters of a Third Kind’?
9. ‘In space, no-one can hear you scream’ was the famous tag line for which 1979 space thriller starring Sigourney Weaver?
10. Which gripping tale of survival stars Sandra Bullock as an astronaut who somehow has to make the impossible trip back to Earth after her space station is destroyed?

The answers can be found on page 37



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.

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.

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Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in Winscombe and Sandford



We are rapidly approaching the period in June when the whole country will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is a truly unique event. There will be a 4 day Bank Holiday weekend at the beginning of June with a programme of national events in London and elsewhere.

You can find out more here: <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/>
However, you do not have to go to London to join in the celebrations - we are bringing the party to your doorstep.

More information can be found on our website:

<https://winscombeandsandfordjubilee.org.uk>

and our facebook page: 'Celebrating the Jubilee in Winscombe and Sandford'

You can also contribute to our local celebrations:

- **Join in the 'Bunting Bonanza'**. We are encouraging everyone to decorate the outside of their own home with Bunting. You can start putting up your bunting from 22nd May which is when the Union Flags will be put up across the Parish. If there is no place to hang bunting, you can decorate your front door or a front window with an appropriate 'Royal' theme.
- **Royal Scarecrows**. You can add to the bunting with a 'Royal' Scarecrow - have some fun with inspired designs that make people smile
- **Join in 'The Big Lunch' on 5th June**. Have you made your plans for a lunch with your friends and neighbours on 5th June? This is part of a big national event promoted by the Eden Project: <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch> . You can hold your party in the Street - but you may be too late now to get a Road Closure Order. Alternatively, you can hold it in the garden with bunting hung across the table, red, white and blue balloons and paper plates decorated with the Union flag - it is time to party with your loved ones. We encourage you to start sending out the invitations now.

Platinum Jubilee Coffee Morning



Tuesday 31st May 10.30 am at the Church Centre

Memory tables, bunting, hats and flags, and join in the songs from the 70 years of our Queen's magnificent reign.

Book your place at any Tuesday Coffee morning or phone Beth Cutmore 01934 844529 – by ticket only (no charge)

Finally, we encourage you to save the date for the Jubilee Grand Festival on 4th June 2022.

Don't forget to buy your wristband available from Premier Stores, Sandford, Farrons Estate Agent and The Wine Shop, Winscombe.





Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concerts

Two concerts are being organised as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Winscombe and Sandford.

- Event:** Winscombe Community Singers – 28th May 2022
Venue: The Atrium, Darlisette House, Sandford Station
Event Timing: Doors Open 2:30 pm – concert at 3:00 pm
Format: The concert will be held in two parts with an interval during which a cream tea will be served.
Tickets: £10 available now from Farrons and The Wine Shop

Winscombe Community Singers will be presenting a concert of songs. The programme will feature a variety of songs many of which will be familiar. They will also be showcasing the World Premiere of 'Together in Harmony' a song written by their multi award-winning, former Musical Director, Rachel Mason. It should be a wonderful event. The Singers have enjoyed performing at venues across Somerset as well as at the Royal Albert Hall twice, at Carnegie Hall, New York and at a Disneyland Paris Christmas Spectacular and we are delighted to welcome them to perform as part of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

- Event:** Badgerset and High and Dry in concert – 11th June 2022
Venue : St James's Church Winscombe, BS25 1DE
Event timing: Doors open 7:00 pm – concert at 7:30 pm
Format : The concert will be held in two parts. A glass of wine or soft drink will be served during the interval
Tickets: £10, available now from Winscombe Post Office, The Wine Shop, Farrons, Martin Hagen (hagen.martin@gmail.com) and James Barattini (07703 538861)

Badgerset and High and Dry return to Winscombe for a concert of folk music and shanties. Both acts are well known to Winscombe audiences. Badgerset bring their expert musicianship and harmonies performing a range of traditional and contemporary folk songs and tunes. High and Dry perform traditional and modern sea shanties with enthusiasm and energy. It promises to be a memorable evening.



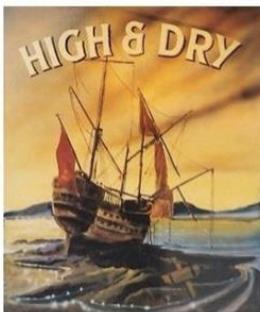
Folk Songs and Shanties

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 unmistakable 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)



WINSCOMBE COMMUNITY SINGERS

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert

SATURDAY 28TH MAY

THE ATRIUM, SANDFORD STATION

Doors Open at 2.30pm

Concert commences at 3.00pm

Tickets: adults £10

including a Cream Tea

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The Wine Shop, Winscombe

Winscombe Community Singers



The joy of community singing

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May Day Celebrations in Somerset.

May Day has long been celebrated as a day to welcome the Spring. It was marked by the Romans and the Celts with the festivals of Flora and Beltane, which were linked to new life, fertility and renewal.

May Day events throughout Britain still include traditions such as Morris dancing, dressing up in nature-inspired costumes and lighting large bonfires.

In Somerset several May Day traditions continue to this day.

Glastonbury Tor is the focal point for people who want to greet the May Day sunrise, while in Chalice Well Gardens, at the base of the Tor, the Beltane fire is lit and the sun is welcomed back into the land with music and dancing.

On Sunday May 1st 2022 you can visit Chalice Wells Gardens for the lighting of the fire. (www.chalicewell.org.uk)

But perhaps Somerset's most striking May Day tradition is the Minehead hobby horse. The earliest written record of the tradition dates only from 1830, but its origins are probably much earlier. Some even believe that it dates back to the Viking attacks on Somerset and that the hobby horse acted as a monster to scare away the enemy.



Originally the hobby horse was paraded in Minehead and Dunster followed by drums, concertinas and fiddles, money collectors called gullivers and, of course, a large band of supporters. The men would be given money and ale at Dunster Castle.

Minehead still keeps this custom alive each year. A "Town Horse" has now been added to the traditional "Sailors' Horse". May Day in Minehead is the main event for the two Hobby Horses to tour the town. The horses never appear on a Sunday, as it's their day of rest, so the main day in 2022 will be Monday 2nd May.

If you're in Minehead on 2nd May just hunt around in the High Street and Harbour area and listen out for the banging of drums and the jingling of bells to see the hobby horses in action.

To find out more about the hobby horses 2022 seasons which commences on Saturday 30th May visit <https://www.facebook.com/Originalsailorshorse/>

MAY 2022 DIARY

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	10.30am Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 4	7.15pm Choir Practice – St James's
	7.30pm Sandford & District Gardening Club – Sandford Village Hall
THURS 5	9.30am Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 7	10.30am Sandford & District Gardening Club – Annual May Plant Sale Sandford Village Hall
SUN 8	EASTER 4
	See opposite page for details of Services
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	10.30am Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 11	7.15pm Choir Practice – St James's
THURS 12	9.30am Scramblers – Church Centre
	10.00am Holy Communion – Dunster Court
	7.30pm Bell Ringing – St James's
SUN 15	EASTER 5
	See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 17	10.00am Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 18	2.45pm Holy Communion at Sewell House
	7.15pm Choir Practice – St James's
THURS 19	9.30am Scramblers – Lynch Chapel
	7.30pm Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 21	9.30am Men's Breakfast - Railway Inn, Sandford
SUN 22	EASTER 6
	See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 24	10.00am Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 25	7.15pm Choir Practice – St James's
THURS 26	ASCENSION DAY
	See opposite page for details of Services
	9.30am Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm Bell Ringing – St James's
SUN 29	EASTER 7
	See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 31	10.00am Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am Coffee Morning – Church Centre

BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY

Sunday 1st May Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelations 5:11-end John 21:1-19	Sunday 8th May Acts 9:36-end Psalm 23 Revelations 7:9-end John 10:22-30	Sunday 15th May Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelations 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
Sunday 22nd May Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29	Sunday 29th May Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelations 22:12-14,16,17,20-end John 17:20-end	

Church Service Times Opportunities to Worship in May

Sunday 1 st May	8.00 am 10.00 am	St James's Church Centre	BCP Holy Communion Café Church
Sunday 8 th May	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	St James's All Saints St John's	Parish Praise Parish Praise Holy Communion
Sunday 15 th May	10.00 am	Church Centre	Family Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd May	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	St James's All Saints St John's	Holy Communion Parish Praise Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th May	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	St James's All Saints St John's	Parish Praise Holy Communion Parish Praise

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday All Saints 10.00 am Holy Communion

Special Services May

Thursday 12th May Dunster Court 10.00 am Communion in the Community
 Wednesday 18th May Sewell House 2.45 pm Communion in the Community
 Thursday 26th May St James's 7.00pm Ascension Day Holy Communion

We Remember

Our love and sympathy go to the families and friends of

Hazel Mary Firth whose funeral took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Monday 21st March 2022.

Eileen Messham whose funeral took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Friday 25th March 2022.

Beryl Bailey whose Memorial Service took place at St James's Church on Saturday 2nd April 2022 followed by burial of her ashes in the Churchyard.

Janet Hill whose ashes were buried in St John's Churchill Churchyard on Saturday 2nd April 2022.

Rodney Bennerhassett whose funeral took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Monday 11th April 2022.

John Douglas Forester whose funeral took place at Weston Crematorium on Thursday 14th April 2022.

John Anthony Bott whose ashes were buried in Churchill Cemetery on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Organ Music at St James the Great in May

Date and Time	At the Beginning of the Service	At the End of the Service
Sunday 8th May 9.30 am (Parish Praise)	Recit from Suite du Premier Ton Denis Bedard	Grand Jeu from Suite du Premier Ton Denis Bedard
Sunday 22nd May 9.30 am (Holy Communion)	Suite on Auf meinen lieben Gott Dietrich Buxtehude	Prelude and Fugue in G minor Dietrich Buxtehude

THATCHERS CIDER CREATING A NATURE CONSERVATION AREA FOR MYRTLE FARM



A new nature conservation area is being planned by Thatchers Cider, for its Myrtle Farm home in Somerset.

The specially created wildlife area, of approximately an acre in size, will run alongside the popular Strawberry Line cycle and footpath in Sandford, with family-run cider maker Thatchers hoping it will make a real contribution to the local environment and the biodiversity of the area.

Two areas of coppice woodland will border a central grassland plateau. Planting of 169 trees and hedges includes native species such as hawthorn and hazel, English oak and field maple, together with more planting of grasses and nectar-rich wildflowers. This planting will help create sheltered micro-habitats, and will aid the important retention of a dark corridor for bats and other wildlife.

A special group of ten trees along The Strawberry Line has been planted and dedicated to the Queens Green Canopy campaign, celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

With its 500 acres of Somerset apple orchard, Thatchers is already home to a diverse habitat, and at Myrtle Farm has recorded 13 species of bat, as well as birds which are of concern including house sparrow and redwing, grey wagtail and mistle thrush. It is hoped that the new conservation area will become a familiar home to many of these species, with the trees and plants selected to create a protected and foraging-rich haven.

“It’s important to us to maintain the biodiversity of our site here at Myrtle Farm,” says Gary Delafield, Operations Director at Thatchers. “As a cider maker rooted in the rural community, we’ve always been surrounded by trees and farmland, and recognise the role that a biodiverse environment plays. Myrtle Farm is already a very vibrant place for wildlife, and with this new conservation area, we’ll be increasing its biodiversity by over 85%.”

The habitat is expected provide a picturesque and interesting stop off point along the Strawberry Line by Myrtle Farm. Thatchers and the Avon Wildlife Trust will be erecting information boards alongside the conservation area, featuring more detail about the planting and resident wildlife.

Fifth generation cider maker Eleanor Thatcher has been closely involved in the planning of the conservation area.



“Myrtle Farm is where I’ve grown up, and I’ve been used to seeing animals such as deer and hare in the orchards from an early age. It’s so important for us to encourage wildlife at Myrtle Farm,” she says. “This new conservation area will bring the wildlife right into the heart of Myrtle Farm, and we can’t wait to see which visitors will be the first to arrive in the Spring.”

Over the last decade Thatchers has planted some 158,000 apple trees in its orchards and continues to donate hundreds of apple trees to organisations and charities taking part in its Community Orchard Project.

The orchards are already havens for wildlife, but this conservation area is extra special, creating a new protected habitat for birds, animals and insects at Myrtle Farm.

Churchill & Langford Village Fund



Four Days of Local Events

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June

Beacon Lighting and BBQ

Community Tea Party

Barn Dance

Music Party Night with Live Bands, DJ & Hog Roast

Big Jubilee Lunch

Act of Worship

Scarecrow Trail



**Full details on the
following pages**

Timetable of Events

Sat 28th May to Sun 5th June

Scarecrow Trail

Thursday 2nd June

From 7pm - BBQ, Sea Shanty Band & Beacon Lighting

Friday 3rd June

From 3pm - Community Teas

From 7:30pm - Barn Dance

Saturday 4th June

From 7:30pm - Live Bands & DJ Party

Sunday 5th June

From 11am - Act of Worship

From Midday - Big Jubilee Lunch

**All Events Apart From The Scarecrow Trail Will Take Place at
Churchill Recreation Ground**

Volunteer and Help Your Community Celebrate

Details From

www.churchillpc.org.uk

**Jubilee Scarecrow Trail Celebrating the Theme of
'Extraordinary Events' During the Reign of Queen Elizabeth II
Interested in Taking Part?**

email - churchillscarecrows@outlook.com

Closing Date to Register an Interest is 19th May 2022

**BBQ, 'High'n'Dry' Sea Shanty Band and Licensed Bar
Thursday 2nd June from 7pm - Free Entry!
Beacon Lighting at 9:45pm**

**Churchill and Langford Will be Joining Communities Nationally &
Across the Commonwealth in Lighting
a Specially Commissioned Commemorative Beacon.
A Tribute to Her Majesty The Queen**

**Community Tea Party
Friday 3rd June from 3pm
Meet for a Chat, Tea and Cake
Local History Display
Churchill & Langford Minibus Society Transport Available
Contact: [CLMS 01934 852589](tel:01934852589)**

**Barn Dance with 'The Old Fox Band'
Friday 3rd June from 7:30pm
Licensed Bar
Tickets £10 Including Light Supper
Available from Churchill Post Office & Stores
or On-line* Via www.churchillpc.org.uk**

*Service Charge Applies

Music Party Night Featuring Live Bands & DJ

Saturday 4th June from 7:30pm

Licensed Bar

Tickets £10 Including Hog Roast or 'Beyond Meat' Veggie Burger

Available from Churchill Post Office & Stores

or On-line* Via www.churchillpc.org.uk

*Service Charge Applies

Act of Worship

Hosted by St John's, St Mary's and Churchill Methodist Churches

Sunday 5th June from 11am

A Fun, Family-Friendly Community Service

Come Together for The Big Jubilee Lunch



Be Part of The National Celebration

Sunday 5th June from Midday

Featuring Congresbury Brass Band

Bring Your Own Picnic and Some to Share

Tea, Coffee and Squash Provided

End the Weekend With a Community Singsong

Parking is Very Limited For All Events - Please Park and Walk



Christian Aid Week: 15th - 21st May 2022

The horrific war in Ukraine and the impact on refugees is rightly getting priority for charitable giving, but Christian Aid Week gives us an opportunity to think of other challenges around the world. The war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, over 7,000 miles away, and in many other struggling societies around the globe. Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil, which Ukraine and Russia produce - vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into long term hunger.

Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help set up water taps on a farm, enable families to grow food, and provide seeds that thrive in drought – giving the people all they need to turn the dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

Donation envelopes will be available in our Churches and during the week look out for collection tins at key locations. (There will be no house-to-house collection)

You can also give online to our Bank Account:

Sort Code: 60-23-32

Account No: 53356640

Reference: Christian Aid

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.

Thank you for your support.

William Du Croz

On behalf of the Winscombe and Sandford Christian Aid Committee.

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION MID-SOMERSET BRANCH – FUTURE PROGRAMME



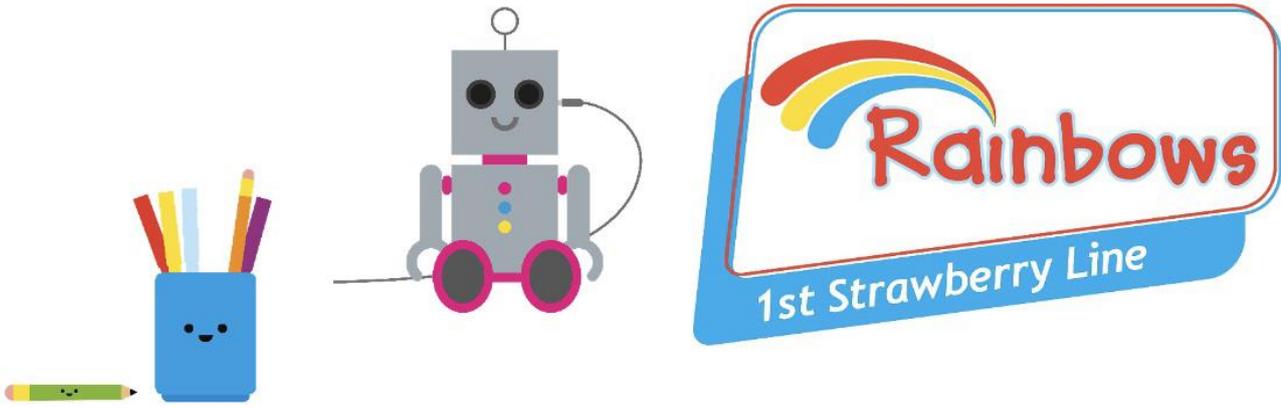
Royal Air Forces Mid-Somerset Branch celebrated their 75th Anniversary in style with a special lunch at Wells Golf Club on Saturday 30th April. The Branch President explained that in 1946 the Royal Air Forces Association formed branches at Shepton Mallet, Wells and Glastonbury/Street. In 1993 these branches were amalgamated to form the Mid-Somerset Branch and thus the current branch is now 75 years old. Due to this

Anniversary event, there will not be a meeting in May so the programme for 2022 will continue as follows:.

Monday 13th June - Branch Meeting at 11:00 am at the Street Inn, 1-3 Somerton Road, Street, BA16 0DR 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 – format and venue TBA so watch this space.

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 tel to Secretary 01458-224057 for further information.



Are you 4, 5 or 6?

Do you like crafting, playing, learning new things, baking, making friends and having lots of fun?

We earn lots of badges and awards, enjoy fun days and gain new skills.

Then why not check out our Rainbow group? 1st Strawberry Line Rainbows meet weekly at Winscombe Community Centre on Thursdays.



For more information email : strawberrylinerainbows@yahoo.com
or sign up online at
<https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member/>

Brownies

2nd Strawberry Line

Brownies offers girls exciting opportunities to take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them.

Have fun



Learn new skills



New activities



New badges

Build your confidence



Make friends



To register, contact Victoria on 07588652479
Or email strawberrylinebrownies@yahoo.com



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SEPTEMBER
2022



Registered charity number 306016



**Hurrah!
Another
Jumble, Rumble & Upcycle Sale
Saturday 28th May 2022 at 2.00 pm
Winscombe Community Centre**

In aid of Winscombe Community Centre

Our last sale was very popular so we're looking forward to seeing you at our Jumble Sale at Winscombe Community Centre, Sandford Road on **Saturday 28th May.**

There will be great bargains, refreshments and a raffle too. The Jumble Sale starts at 2.00 pm but if you would like to donate jumble please bring it along on the morning of 28th May from 9.30 am.

For more information please call 07811 292909



**Winscombe Saturday
Market
Winscombe Community
Centre**

**Every 3rd Saturday
of the month**

0900-1300

Need a Venue for Your Event?

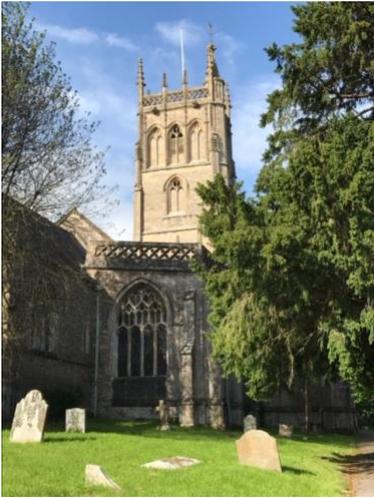
We have several venues available to hire including our churches, Church Centre (St James's Hall) and smaller meeting rooms.

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

<https://hallbookingonline.com/winscombe>

The Friends of St James the Great

2011 – 2021



The Friends were formed in 2010 as an independent charity with the express object *'to help preserve and enhance the fabric of St James' Church'*. Following a public meeting The Friends made their first grant in May 2011 with a contribution of £500 towards the church's roof appeal following the theft of lead. In the same year The Friends launched their first major project, the design, manufacture and installation of a new set of church gates to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The beautiful gates were erected and dedicated in June 2013, sixty years on from the Queen's coronation. The cost of more than £14,000 was met by The Friends from an appeal.

Other projects have included:

- the re-gilding of the church clock face, £3,610
- the cleaning, restoration and installation of protective panels for the church's 15th and 16th century stained glass, £8,420
- assistance with the rehanging and electrification of the coronas in the nave and chancel
- most recently The Friends have overseen the restoration of the church's medieval West door, £5,820

In the latest project The Friends are considering, together with the PCC, improvements to the external lighting of the church.

Including some minor works, The Friends have raised, or contributed to, more than £40,000 of work helping *to preserve and enhance the fabric of our beautiful and ancient church*. The Friends raise funds through social events such as Burns Night and Jazz in The Paddock and also by seeking grants from other trusts wherever appropriate. There have been a few very generous individual donors, some of whom prefer to remain anonymous.

The PCC is ultimately responsible for the church building and The Friends require approval of the PCC in advance for any proposed projects. The Friends have always had a good working relationship with the PCC. It helps that the committee of The Friends includes the church's former architect!

Membership of The Friends is open to all and currently stands at about 90 members. The Friends Newsletter appears about 4 times a year and keeps members up to date with the programme. For more information contact the Hon. Secretary, Celia Starr, Tel. 842353.

Shaun Darley

Wrington Vale Rotary Club



Junior Youth Speaks and Young Musician.

This year, due to Covid, we had a much smaller event at Mendip Springs Golf Club attended by parents, guests and Club Members.

The proceedings were introduced by our Youth Leader, Angie Biggs, herself a retired teacher.

There were two teams from Wrington and one from Churchill Primary Schools with three youngsters in each team. We were eloquently, and sometimes movingly entertained by all three teams. We were stunned by the confidence and maturity of all participants.

We then had an interval whilst the voting took place, during which we were entertained by young musicians from Churchill and Blagdon juniors, one as young as eight years old and performing in public for the first time. They were enthusiastically applauded for their courageous performances on Irish harp, cornet and clarinet.

Unfortunately, there had to be a winner and Members voted for Wrington No 2 team who talked about Guide Dogs for the Blind. To compensate, everyone received a prize.

We sincerely thank all those involved, especially the teachers and participants for all their hard work. Altogether, a most rewarding experience.

Hopefully, back to our usual scenario next year, embracing all the schools in the area.

You might question why we have not named participants. This is for safeguarding reasons. We are sorry about this.

Ukraine and Rotary

We are active on so many fronts, assisted by Clubs in Poland and surrounding Countries. Not surprisingly, one of the Ukraine Clubs no longer exists!

A **Rotary GB&I Ukraine Task Force** has been established and aid is being funnelled into key areas with medical equipment and drugs supplies being prioritised. Also, humanitarian supplies are being coordinated and managed. Some of the cash donated by you at Touts and Bristol Airport has been allocated to this fund. All these monies generate gift aid.

In Poland, the Czech Republic and Moldavia we are coordinating the management of refugees.

Shelter box is very active in Poland and more locally, Water Survival Boxes packed at Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club, are being sent to support refugees.

Should you be touched and wish to contribute donations can be made to the Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom's **(RFUK) Disaster Response Fund** or to the task force.

<https://rotaryhealthcareprofessionals.org/donate>

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

CREATE! Sunday

SPRING INTO LIFE

Sunday 22 May 2022

4-6pm @ Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG



- ✓ *Family friendly*
- ✓ *Inc seniors*
- ✓ *Fun activities*
- ✓ *Nature inspired crafts*
- ✓ *Storytime*
- ✓ *FREE buffet*
- tea*

INFO: Jacqueline

01934 844134

churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk



SANDFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At our April meeting John welcomed a new member Jan Welling to the club.

A Passion for Climbers

Our excellent speaker, Jayne Lyndsey, gave a most informative talk on climbers. Jayne owns a nursery called Tynings Climbers in Congesbury. She went to do a years work experience for John Vanderplank who had the National collection of Passion flowers and enjoyed it so much she worked for him for seventeen years.

We were told that a lot of Passion flowers that can be grown outside, they come in a wide range of colours. There is a beautiful white one called Snow Queen which likes semi shade and a beautiful red one called Victoria. If planted in the right place is quite hardy and will flower for up to 10 months of the year.

Jayne bought a wide range of plants for us to buy passion flowers, jasmine, bougainvillea, honeysuckles, mandevillas, plumbagos and abutilons.

From March through to September they travel with their plants to shows which include Hampton Court, Chelsea Flower Show, Wisley Plant Fair, and Taunton Flower Show.

John thanked Jayne for her talk and thanked the members who helped in the kitchen and with the draw.

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday May 7th 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Sandford Village Hall

Annual May Plant Sale.

Lots of bedding, perennials, and vegetable plants.

Wednesday 1st June 2022 at 7.30 pm

Sandford Village Hall

There will be entitled 'The Magic of Herbs' by Beth Partridge.

There will also be a competition : Best Single Flower in a Vase.

Wednesday 6th July at 7.30 pm

Sandford Village Hall

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



Gardening Notes for May

Hanging Baskets

Choose a hanging basket at least 35cm in diameter and plant up using good quality compost with added slow release fertiliser and moisture retaining gel. Be generous with the planting and if you are using trailing plants there is no need to plant up the sides of the basket as these will soon be covered. After planting leave the compost slightly lower towards the centre to form a shallow dip, water well and place in the greenhouse or conservatory until the plants have knitted together and the threat of frost has passed

Vegetable Garden

Make outdoor sowings of runner and French beans, continue to sow carrots, parsnips, beetroot and salad crops, as soil temperatures are now high enough for fast germination and growth.

Control black fly on broad beans by pinching out the tips of every plant.

Earth up potatoes by drawing soil around developing plants using a draw hoe.

Apply a mulch of straw to strawberries to protect the fruit from being splashed with soil.

The Chelsea Chop

This is a great way of extending the flowering season of perennials such as phlox, helenium, monarda, rudbeckia and sedum. This involves cutting back the stems by half in May, usually at the time of Chelsea Flower Show. If you have a single clump, then cut back half the stems by half their height, those left will flower first followed later by those you have cut back. If you have several identical plants you can cut back some clumps and leave others, extending the flowering season by up to a month.

Aubretia and Pulmonaria

Cut these back tight after flowering to produce new growth for next year, always water well to enable the plant to recover. After flowering pulmonaria suffers from attack by mildew, if the foliage is cut back to ground level new healthy growth will be produced.

The Greenhouse

Avoid unbearably high temperatures in the greenhouse by creating shade, this can be done in several ways. Shade paint can be applied directly to the glass, then washed off in the autumn. Shade netting can be pinned and pegged inside while some greenhouses have integral blinds making it easy to react to daily weather conditions. It is important to control ventilation during hot weather by opening the door and also having the use of roof vents and side vents low to the ground. When open the air is drawn in at the bottom and out through the roof.



RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH



RNLI WINSCOMBE POP-UP SALE ON SATURDAY 12th MARCH 2022

The Branch held its first 'Pop-Up' Sale of 2022 on Saturday 12th March on Studley's Forecourt. Luckily, the weather was kind and the sun came out. There were 10 Pop-Up stalls offering a variety of items but footfall was down on previous sales, however, the profit was still a healthy £303.

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

The next Branch event will be the 'Plant & Garden Jumble Sale' from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday 14th May on Studley's Forecourt in Winscombe opposite the Co-op Supermarket. Stalls will include 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 & domestic tools; and guest stalls plus a few new ideas all at 'Give-Away' prices. Contact Allan Cooper by e-mail allan.coop@tiscali.co.uk or tel 01934 842954 or Tina Joyce by e-mail meejlfh@gmail.com or tel 01934 842304 for more details. Branch members will collect any items donated for this sale ahead of the date.

Down in Axbridge outside April Cottage on Jubilee Road, Mike's Honesty Table is up and running again with early plants and seedlings supplied regularly by Christa for those that cannot wait for the Plant Sale.



In Winscombe, the Thursday Market is running again in the Community Hall so each week Chris's RNLI Honesty Table will have a selection of tools and 'Bits & Pieces' available in return for cash donations. The Branch has just started a new fund-raising initiative called "Betty's Pots" that can be done by anyone in their own home. Participants are issued with small individual breakfast style jam/marmalade pots to fill with five pence coins for the RNLI; an ideal opportunity for young and old to save those pesky little coins for our charity. Contact Tina Joyce by e-mail meejlfh@gmail.com or tel 01934-842304. Each Thursday 'Betty's Pots' are available on the RNLI Honesty Table to take away and filled pots may be left on the table as well.

RNLI LIFEGUARDS RETURNING THIS SUMMER TO LOCAL BEACHES

Every year RNLI Lifeguards are involved in carrying out water rescues, administering first aid, delivering water safety information and helping to reunite missing children with their families. Over the past few weeks RNLI Lifeguards have been training and practising their skills so that they are ready to deliver a Lifesaving Service this summer. This year, RNLI Lifeguards will be on patrol at Burnham-on-Sea, Berrow and Brean Beaches from 10:00am to 6:00pm between Saturday 2nd July and Sunday 4th September.

MARCH RESCUES

In March there were eight shouts between just two of our lifeboat stations (Portishead 4 & Weston-super-Mare 4). Both Weston RNLI lifeboats were requested by HM Coastguard to launch on service at 19:30 hrs on 3rd March as a member of the public was concerned after seeing a person entering the water near The Grand Pier on Weston beach. The D class lifeboat launched with 3 volunteer crew members on-board, and was quickly on scene. However, the casualty was helped back ashore as the lifeboat arrived; the crew were stood down and returned to station. The Atlantic 85 lifeboat had been en-route to launch when the good news came through that the casualty was safely in the care of the ambulance service.



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

Join us on

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

Sunday 15th May : Family Communion

Children's activities including lego, colouring and crafts.

Mendip Folk Dance Club

Monday 9th May

and

Monday 23rd May

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

May Quiz Answers

May the Fourth Be With You!

1. Apollo 13
2. Neil Armstrong
3. Douglas Adams
4. Drew Barrymore
5. 1977 and C3PO
6. David Bowie
7. 2001: A Space Odyssey
8. Steven Spielberg
9. Alien
10. Gravity



Chrism Eucharist



On Tuesday 12th April, for the first time in two years, there was a Chrism Eucharist service at Wells Cathedral. The service included the Blessing of Oils, renewal of Ordination Vows and Commitment to Ministry. Over 500 people attended. They included Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Readers, Lay Ministers, Chaplains, Churchwardens and other 'special people' who minister in all sorts of ways in our churches. Whole Ministry Teams from some churches were present.

For some the Blessing of Oils was an unfamiliar act. It is for the anointing in three ways

- The oil for the sick, remembering the teaching in the Epistle of James about anointing those who are ill
- The oil of baptism, which is used in many churches to trace the sign of the cross on those being baptised
- The oil of chrism, used for the consecration of church buildings and altars, and at the consecration of a new Bishop.

The sermon, from The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton and Acting Diocesan Bishop of Bath and Wells, was all about 'Endurance'. She spoke about the times we have been through and how we have endured the challenges caused by the pandemic to our personal and church lives.

During the Renewal of Commitment to Ministry, the Bishop invited everyone to dedicate themselves afresh to God's service, to build up the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace, to continue to preach the gospel of Christ and to minister the holy sacraments, to make Christ known to all and to seek to serve the whole people of God.

During the Liturgy of the Sacrament the oils were brought forward and blessed. Vessels for Oils, brought to the service, were refilled and collected after the service. Communion was administered in one kind. Immediately after receiving there was the opportunity for all, lay and ordained, to be anointed for their continuing ministry.

The following words, from one of the hymns used during the service, summarises the whole purpose of the Chrism Eucharist

'Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.'

Douglas Ogram

Life in Abundance

A message from Brian Castle, Honorary Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells



It all happened so quickly. I went to A&E with severe back-pain which affected my mobility. The NHS was outstanding. Within a dizzying few hours, I heard I would need an immediate MRI scan and possibly rods to support my spine. I dreaded the thought of going into the scanner, let alone the surgery. As I was being wheeled along the corridor, Lauren, my Godson's 10-year-old daughter, came into my mind.

Lauren is a talented girl passionate about football. Just over a year ago, it was discovered that she had a growth at the base of the spine which would need radical treatment to prevent spinal curvature. She would also require rods in her back which could be regularly extended by surgery as she grew into adulthood. In addition, this ten-year-old would be spending lonely hours in a soul-less scanner.

Lauren is lovingly supported by her wonderful family and magnificently treated by NHS professionals, but while it can be shared, the load is ultimately hers to carry. Parents bear the agony of powerlessness. In the middle of this painful dilemma, young Lauren is instinctively grabbing the God-given gift of abundant life which is for all and which lies at the heart of the Gospel. As we get older, less passionate and more cynical we can lose faith in this gift.

As I was being taken to the radiology department, I realised that I was being strengthened and inspired by this young girl, six decades my junior, facing far greater challenges than me. My own fears were being transformed by Jesus Christ's gift of life mediated through Lauren's courage. Life may turn out differently from what we expect, but that does not restrict its abundance.

The young are an inspiration. It is the role of the older generation to ensure they can grow into the special people God has created them to be so that they can release the gifts they have for us all.

Thanks, Lauren.

Despite all she faces, Lauren continues to play football.

+Brian

Useful Telephone Numbers

Police	Non- Emergency PCSO Kayley Anderson	Call 101 07802 874658
Fire	Non-Emergency	01179 262061
Police, Fire, Ambulance		Call 999
Utilities - Emergency	Gas - National Grid Gas Electricity - Western Power Distribution Water - Bristol Water Water - Wessex Water (24 hour)	0800 111 999 Call 105 03457 023797 02456 004600
Health	NHS Health Enquiries Winscombe Surgery Banwell Surgery Mendip Vale, Langford	Call 111 01934 842211 01934 820113 01934 852906
Hospitals	Weston General Hospital Bristol Royal Infirmary Bristol Southmead Bristol Children's Hospital	01934 636363 01179 230000 01179 505050 01179 665881
Pharmacy	Boots, Winscombe	01934 843168
Dentists	Honeycomb Dental Clinic Winscombe Dental Practice	01934 842573 01934 842230
Veterinary	Alexandra and Hillyfields Vets Langford Vets Small Animal Practice	01934 843381 01934 852422
North Somerset Council	Information Out of Hours Emergency Environmental Problems Council Tax and Benefits Social Services	01934 888888 01934 622669 01934 888802 01934 888144 01275 888801
Parish Councils	Winscombe and Sandford Churchill and Langford	01934 844257 01934 316333
Assistance	Winscombe Contact Scheme Sandford Helpline Churchill Churches Volunteer Driver Scheme Samaritans (North Somerset) Citizens Advice Bureau Churchill and Langford Minibus	07888 812398 01934 822030 01934 852239 0330 094 5717 0808 278 7973 01934 852589
Schools	Winscombe Primary School Sandford Primary School Churchill Academy and Sixth Form Sidcot School	01934 843407 01934 852602 01934 852771 01934 843102

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