

Putting the Love of Christ in the Heart of our Community



Signpost

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



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

Who do you think you are?



I am the great-grandson of the stationmaster at Sandford. But he moved to Winscombe. Even stationmasters don't stand still. So, who do you think you are?

I was with Rosemary last week in Weston doing some shopping, when we fell into conversation with the sales assistant. We discovered that he writes short stories. One involved the transformation of magma into lava. "Did you study geology?" we asked. "No, just take an interest in it. Interested in everything, really – whatever I come across. Especially insects," and he promptly showed us a sketch of a special little beetle he'd recently drawn. Then we found he'd been a carpenter and joiner at one time. Had he still got his tools? "Yes, and I keep them sharp. You never know when you might need them."

He was open to new understandings, open to new experiences. Not trying to copy anyone else. Not trying to be anyone else. Content with who he is and how he is.

So, who does that shop assistant think he is?

Himself. And, growing into all the possibilities life gives, he's content.

Each of us has interests, skills and abilities, unique to us.

We don't need to try to be anyone else, or like some do, try desperately hard to be something we're not.

We can accept being ourselves, just as we are.

And I believe that the who I am is given me by God our Creator. Gifts are for using, sharing and enjoying.

Alleluia!

With my prayers and good wishes,

Reverend Robin Mann

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 September Magazine is Sunday 14th August. 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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- ❖ 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:-

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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

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

A Foreign *Holyday*

August is a quiet month in the church's calendar but in the church lectionary one date stands out for me, the Feast of the Transfiguration (6th August). It only became a red-letter day in the lectionary during the nineteenth century when the church came to recognise the full significance of this event as a turning point in Jesus' ministry.

Jesus' ministry in Galilee had been very successful but now he wants to get away from the crowds and spend time with his closest disciples. He also wants to get away from the attention of Herod, who having beheaded John the Baptist has said he wants to meet Jesus! Jesus has no wish to meet Herod so he takes his disciples to a place called Caesarea Philippi. This is foreign territory where Herod's writ does not run and where Jesus is comparatively unknown.

There is one burning question to which Jesus needs an answer. Do my closest disciples know who I really am? "Who do men say that I am?" They reply with a variety of answers. Then comes the all-important question "But who do *you* say that I am?" And quick as flash Peter replies "The Messiah of God". QED?

But Jesus seems to need further confirmation so he takes three of his most trusted disciples up the mountain to pray and while they are there they have an amazing experience. First they see Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah, then they see Jesus transfigured and finally they hear the voice from the cloud "This is my Son, my chosen, listen to him!"

Sometimes I have wondered why it was necessary for the disciples to go up the mountain as Peter had already told Jesus that he (and probably all the disciples) had already accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Was it simply a further confirmation, for both Moses and Elijah were closely associated with prophecies of the Messiah in the Old Testament?

Sometime ago I was reading in Simon Schama's 'The Story of the Jews' about the Messianic Jews; those Jews who accepted Jesus as the Messiah but did not believe in his divinity. Schama remarks in passing that their view of Jesus was correct and in accordance with the Old Testament scriptures because nowhere do the prophecies claim divinity for the Messiah!

Suddenly, I realised why Peter's assertion that Jesus is the Messiah was not enough for Jesus. Jesus had to show his disciples that he was much more than a Messiah in the Old Testament sense.

He was truly divine, sent from God and those words "This is my Son.....listen to him!" sets Jesus apart from all other claimants. Jesus now can move on with his mission and can begin to explain to his disciples about what lies ahead and in particular about his coming death. The events at Caesarea Philippi really were the turning point in Jesus' ministry. This really was a foreign holiday or holy day to be remembered and celebrated.

Welcome to Our New Curate.

At Cafe Church on Sunday 3rd July we welcomed Jacqui Kier-Bucknall to our churches. We hope that she will find her time with us fulfilling and enjoyable.



“Hi, I’m Jacqui, the new curate for Winscombe and Sandford with Churchill and I am so excited to be able to roll up my sleeves and start to get to know you all, serving alongside Reverend Andrew Hiscox in the churches and across the parishes.

Having recently completed three years part-time studying at Sarum College in Salisbury, I was licensed by Bishop Ruth on 1st July and so I am permitted to undertake the duties of a deacon (a first-year curate). All being well, at the beginning of October, I will be ordained in Wells Cathedral and will continue this three-year position.

My call to priesthood hasn’t exactly followed a ‘conventional’ route but I know that God continues to work out his plan for my life and I am serving exactly where I am meant to be, which gives me a wonderful sense of freedom and purpose. I have come from an early career in IT (when basic computers used to fill a room!) and then moved into primary education, where I was a Headteacher for a number of years, so hopefully many of my skills and experiences will prove useful. However, I will have to rely on your wisdom and patience, as I try to learn the ropes and remember names as well as faces! Because I am what is known as a ‘self-supporting minister’, I will be finding some part-time paid employment that fits in with my role as a curate, as well as keeping the wolves from the door!

On a personal note, I have two independent children, who are now making their own way in the world (where did those sweet childhood years go?!) and I continue to live in Banwell with my two sometimes-dependent cats, Cookie and Queenie. In my free time, I enjoy dabbling with watercolour painting, pretending I’m a gardener and, at the risk of polarising folk, I confess I love marmite, Star Trek and no ketchup on eggs!

If you see me out and about, do stop me and say hello - I’d love to hear your stories and get to know you.”

All Saints Church Community Café



The 2nd July Cafe raised £261.10 including Gift Aid.
Many thanks to all those who supported us at
Sandford Village Hall.

Our next cafe will be on
Saturday 6th August

We plan to be back at All Saints as we anticipate that the repair work will be completed.

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

We look forward to seeing you again.



Winscombe Village Show
10th September 2022
1.30 pm ~ 4.00 pm
Winscombe Community Centre
Sandford Road



This is the relaunch of the former, much loved, Michaelmas Fair.
The Show will once again feature classes in horticulture, baking, photography and crafts, open to all Winscombe and Sandford parishioners.
Please look in your free programme (which will be delivered to every home in Winscombe and Sandford) for details.
There will also be the usual games and competitions, raffle, stalls and attractions for all the family.
Come along and join the fun!

Messy Church in July.

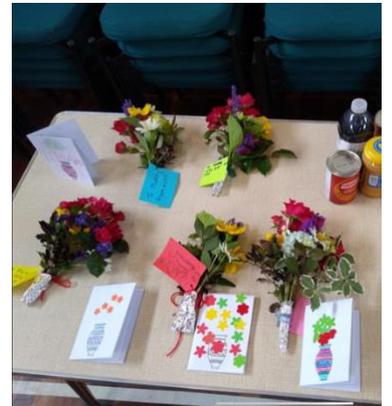


This time we had a story about how the Holy Spirit strengthened the first apostles, Peter and John, to help a crippled man. The man was asking for money, but instead Peter and John brought him something much better: healing of his legs, through the power of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The children made simple puppets of a little man who could walk and leap and praise God, like the healed man in the story.

We thought about the fact that the Holy Spirit's power and strength can also help us to show love and help to those around us.

We made greetings cards, to show our love and care for someone, and the children enjoyed assembling gifts of posies of beautiful summer flowers from Chris Hayter's garden. We thank her for her kindness in sharing her flowers with the Messy Church children.



We were delighted to be joined by Reverend Andrew for this our final session of the summer. We enjoyed singing our songs to his guitar accompaniment.



Mums and Dads had made generous donations towards Messy Church materials. We had a small amount of surplus funds since some of the helpers hadn't claimed back the cost of the materials they'd bought. Because our theme today was "caring for others" as the first Apostles did, we decided to use this money to buy some items for the food bank at the All Healthy Living Centre, to show our love and care for them.

Please see our poster opposite for dates for the return of Messy Church in September. We hope more families will enjoy a "taster" of Messy Church at The Winscombe Show, and that more families will decide to join us in the Autumn.



During the autumn!



***September 10th:**

Find us at our gazebo at The Winscombe Show.

***October 8th 2.30-4pm at our Church Centre**

***November 12th 2.30-4pm Woodborough Rd**

***December 10th 2.30-4pm Winscombe**

Bring Mum and/or Dad and come and join us!for....

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

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

Or find us on Facebook : search for Winsand Churches Messy Church



**The
Children's
Society**

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN 2022
5th and 8th September
WE NEED HELP!**

We are so pleased that once again, after a gap of two years, we are going to be collecting for the Children's Society outside Touts (was Budgens!) at Langford. We shall be there on Monday 5th and Thursday 8th September from 10.00am until 6.00pm.

In order to make this a success and to raise as much money as possible we need help! We are looking for teams of two to stand at the store for an hour and a half, encouraging passers-by to donate their spare cash. If you can spare some time for us on either day we would be so grateful. The Children's Society relies on the dedication and generosity of people like you, who are prepared to give us the time to help raise funds for the thousands of children who need their support in so many ways.

If you would like to find out more about the work of The Children's Society just visit www.childrensociety.org.uk

If you feel able to help then please call Sarah Gunn on 842373 or email Sarahgunn2000@hotmail.com and give your preferred day so that we can plan our collecting days with confidence.

The Children's Society Committee of St. James the Great

Winscombe Luncheon Club

The Winscombe Luncheon Club was started over 40 years ago when the President of the W.I. saw a need in the village for people living on their own to enjoy a weekly hot meal and fellowship.



Until COVID forced us to stop in March 2020 four teams have, in turn, cooked a fresh meal consisting of a main course and pudding every Wednesday in the Community Centre.

We are hoping to restart in September but are short of one team to cook once a month in the Community Centre.

Can you help?

We need a team leader and three or four assistants.

Please contact Mo Matthews on 01934 843729.



Open Day



in aid of

The Children's Society



at Paul and Mo's
13 Belmont Road
Winscombe



Wednesday 10th August

10.00 am until 5.00 pm



Coffee and Cake - £2.00
Lunches from midday - £10
Cream Teas from 3.00 pm - £3.00



Cake Stall, Plants, Bric a Brac and Raffle

No booking required.

Just come along and enjoy the day.

Refresh-men-t In June and July



At our monthly breakfast in June, Barbara Hacking, a counsellor, trustee and founder member of Vine Counselling based in Congresbury, described the work of this valuable charity.

For a long time, effective counselling for many with mental health problems has been difficult to access, related to demand and the

shortage of help available through the NHS. Lengthening waiting lists and now Covid have exacerbated the problem.

The high costs of many private counsellors, put their services to some of the most needy in the community beyond their reach.

The story behind Vine Counselling Services was both illuminating and reassuring. Accessibility and affordability make this service invaluable and we are greatly blessed to have their services so close to hand.

As a charity, this service is well worth supporting: further information can be obtained through their web-site: <https://vinecounselling.org/>

In July, 17 of us gathered. Numbers were down due to Covid, holidays and other commitments. Our speaker was Reverend. Ian Bowley from Yatton Methodist Church. He gave a fascinating talk on Laos where he has spent 14 years on missionary work.

He concluded his presentation by saying that the Christian Church in Laos is growing, with numbers going up from 100 to 6,300 in 6 years, in the area where he was working. We could probably learn from their experience.

We do not have a meeting in August. Also due to Thatcher's Open Day on 17th September we have decided to cancel the meeting that month.

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 15th October**, when our speaker will be David Hurst. He will be talking about his work with Mission Aviation Fellowship. MAF is a Christian organisation that provides aviation, communications, and learning technology services to more than 1,000 Christian and humanitarian agencies, as well as thousands of isolated missionaries and indigenous villagers in the world's most remote areas.

Please look out for more details nearer the time.

The continued existence of Refresh-men-t does rely on a critical mass of at least 20 attending. Please make every effort to come along and bring a friend

Tim Harland (01934 843248)

Keeping Churchill and Langford Tidy



Michele Miles is the parish orderly for Churchill and Lower Langford. She is employed by the Parish Council on a part-time basis. North Somerset Council gives a small grant towards her salary and the Parish Council pays the remainder.

The communications officer for Churchill Parish Council asked her to tell us about her work.

The majority of it is litter picking. So I tend to roughly do the same routes on the same day, but it could get changed around. You know, certain patterns crop up. So if the weather's been horrible for a week, the chances of finding a lot of mess in the skate park or the recreation ground are fairly low. On the other hand, if it's Monday, and it's recycling day, and it's windy, it's going to be everywhere. How people stack the recycling boxes, makes a difference, it helps the recycling crews as well. You walk past sometimes, and you think, how is that ever going to stay in if there's even the slightest breeze flowing over the top? And then you might walk by somebody else's and it's immaculate. Litter causes problems for all sorts of reasons. And it is hazardous to quite a lot of wildlife as well. And not just the wildlife, sometimes broken glass found on the pavement, I think about little children and people walking their dogs.

What's the most unusual thing you have found litter picking?

I found a tank once, a little toy tank. Somehow, that was slightly surreal, I now can't remember where it was. Sometimes you find things and know somebody's dropped them and might want them back. So you just put them somewhere really prominent and leave them. If they're still there three weeks later, I take them away.

Why do you like your job?

You're doing something useful. It's out in the fresh air. You're doing something for the community. And I meet the nice people, the people who come and thank you for what you're doing, not the people who drove past and perhaps threw their rubbish out of the car in the first place.

What else do you do?

I empty some of the bins that are not the responsibility of North Somerset Council. And clean the three-block-built bus shelters, the enclosed bus shelters, I clean those once a week as well. I plant some of the summer flowers and maintain those so if it's dry, there might be quite a lot of watering to do. And then, as and when, there are various painting jobs and I wind the village clock. So really any other jobs which could be almost anything as required.

To find out more about some of our local events, news and heroes like Michele. Join the Churchill Parish Council newsletter via our website <https://www.churchillpc.org.uk>



The Banwell Bypass is coming!

A last chance meeting for residents of Winscombe to have their say!

**Saturday September 3rd
2.00 to 4.00 pm
at Winscombe Cricket Club**

Come and find out about the Council's final plans for traffic controls and road changes in Winscombe once the Banwell Bypass is built.

How do these differ from what residents know is really needed?

What can we learn from similar road building projects for housing developments elsewhere in the country?

Meet representatives of North Somerset Council, the Transport Action Network (TAN), local traffic action groups and other experts.

Please contact winscombetag@gmail.com for further details.

News from Winscombe Probus



We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 10.15 am at Winscombe Community Centre. Coffee is followed by our talk at 10.45 am.

We have two meetings scheduled for August with visiting speakers.

Monday 8th August : Film Director David Lean's Life in Film: Jina Merritt-Smith

Monday August 22nd: Health and Safety: Derrick Claridge

If you are interested interested call David Martin, Chairman, on 01934 844327 or just turn up and introduce yourself to our 'Greeter' at the coffee hatch.



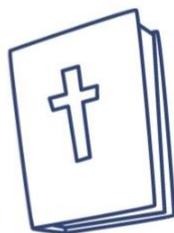
**Save
the
date!**

**20th and 21st August 2022
2pm - 5pm**

Reverend Ann Ogram and Douglas invite
you to visit their **Biblical Garden**

Donations only - refreshments available

**Parking at Thatcher's visitor car park
courtesy of Martin Thatcher**



Sandew House
2 West Croft Lane
Sandford
BS25 5AJ



We are BACK!!!

Children's

POP-IN



at **Lynch Chapel, Winscombe**

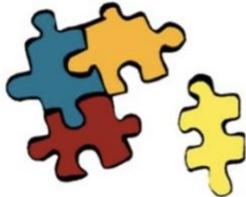
10 - 12 noon, every Wednesday

during the school summer holidays:

27th July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st August

Pop-in for

- **toys**
- **games**
- **Craft**
- **stories**



Time for the grown-ups to meet new people, catch-up with friends and chat - while the children play

*Activities for pre-school children/reception and babies
Older brothers and sisters welcome*



Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information

August Quiz

August is the last month of summer in the northern half of the world. It is named after the first Roman emperor, Augustus Caesar.

So this month's quiz has a Roman feel to it!

1. What is the Roman name given to the city of Bath?
2. Which famous warrior queen led a rebellion against the Romans Britain in AD60?
3. What is the name of the underfloor heating system which the Romans used to heat their bath houses?
4. Which English city was the capital of Roman Britain?
5. Hadrian's Wall was built from Wallsend on the River Tyne to Bowness in Solway. But what is the wall that was built between the Firth of Forth and the Firth of Clyde called?
6. Where in Britain can you see the complete circuit of a Roman amphitheatre?
7. What is the name of the longest Roman Road in Britain?
8. Which two Roman cities were destroyed when Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD79?
9. In Roman mythology who founded the city of Rome?
10. On how many hills was the city of Rome was built?



Answers can be found on page 25



Family Services at the Church Centre

(St. James's, All Saints and St. John's)

Join us on

Sunday 7th August : Cafe Church 10 am

Sunday 21st August : Family Holy Communion 10am

Children's activities including lego, colouring and crafts.



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.

With the rise in the cost of living the Foodbanks are in even more demand and your contributions are much appreciated. As the summer holidays approach this will put even more strain on family budgets so please help if you can.

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 |

For the summer holidays donations of small packs of crisps and other snacks, cereal and bars, squash and sandwich fillings are needed for children.

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*

News from the Lynch Chapel

Recently, some of the Lynch Chapel deacons went on a quiet day at the Ammerdown Centre where we considered Ruah- Breath of God.

We enjoyed good company, meditation, quiet times, body prayer, a tour of the organic garden and also very importantly, a good lunch.



We brought back many thoughts and ideas, but one unexpected idea was to use wildflowers, otherwise sometimes known as weeds, to decorate the church.

Who knew that Valerian as a cut flower actually lasts for over a week in a vase? Using different colours of Valerian as well as Meadow Buttercup and various grasses we have been able to bring the outside in to chapel, creating a lovely display to enhance our services.

This ties in well with our plans for developing the Psalm 23 garden in our churchyard.

We will soon have a bird bath and feeders installed, and there are plans for bug hotels to be built.

We are also asking the church community for donations of native wildflower plants or plants that attract insects that we can plant in the grass.

If you have any plants that you would be willing to donate, we would be very pleased to accept them. Please leave them in the churchyard by the wall that borders The Lynch and we will plant them or why not bring them along to our service on Sundays at 10.30am?

Maybe next year we will have an even greater choice of flowers to decorate the chapel.

Alison Waite

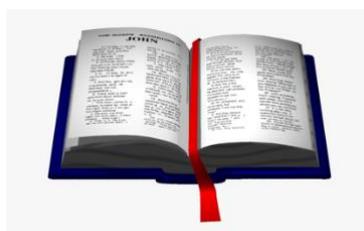


AUGUST 2022 – DIARY

TUES 2	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
THURS 4	10.00am	Holy Communion Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 6	10.30am	Sandford Community Café – Sandford Village Hall
SUN 7		TRINITY 8
		See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 9	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 10	10.00-4.00pm	Open Garden Day at Paul & Mo Matthews, 13 Belmont Rd – in aid of The Children's Society
THURS 11	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 13	2.30-4.00pm	Sandford & District Gardening Club - Annual Summer Show
SUN 14		TRINITY 9
		See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 16	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 17	2.45pm	Holy Communion at Sewell House
THURS 18	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 20	9.00-1.00pm	Winscombe Saturday Market
SUN 21		TRINITY 10
		See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 23	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
THURS 25	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SUN 28		TRINITY 11
		See opposite page for details of Services
TUES 30	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre

BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST

<p>Sunday 7th August Genesis 15: 1-6 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8 -16 Luke 12: 32-40</p>	<p>Sunday 14th August Jeremiah 23: 23-29 Colossians 4: 1-18 Luke 12: 49-56</p>
<p>Sunday 21st August Isaiah 58: 9b-end Hebrews 12: 18-end Luke 13: 10-17</p>	<p>Sunday 28th August Proverbs 25: 6-7 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14</p>



Church Service Times Opportunities to Worship in August

Sunday 7 th August	8.00 am	St John's	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Church Centre	Café Church
Sunday 14 th August	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Parish Praise
	11.00 am	St John's	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st August	10.00 am	Church Centre	Family Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St John's	Morning Worship
Sunday 28 th August	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Parish Praise
	11.00 am	St John's	Holy Communion

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday All Saints 10.00 am Holy Communion

Special Services August

Thursday 4th August Dunster Court 10.00 am Communion in the Community
 Wednesday 17th August Sewell House 2.45 pm Communion in the Community

We Welcome

Ruby Bailey to our church family in Winscombe. She was baptised at St James's Church, Winscombe on Sunday 10th July 2022.

Emmy Violet Taylor, Jude Joseph Taylor and Felix John Vennall to our church family in Sandford. They were baptised at All Saints Church, Sandford on Sunday 24th July 2022.

We Remember

Our love and sympathy go to the family and friends of

Aileen Marjorie Palmer whose funeral took place at St James's Church, Winscombe on Friday 17th July 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 14th August 9.30 am Holy Communion	Air from Suite Number 3 in D JS Bach	Prelude and Fugue in D major D Buxtehude

Fun Free Things To Do Locally in August

Here are a few of the places locally that you can visit without spending much money during the school holidays.

A wander round one of Weston's Parks such as Grove Park or Prince Consort Gardens,

The See Monster at the Tropicana: (<https://seemonster.co.uk>)

Weston Sea Shanty Festival: August 5th to 7th (<https://wsmschantyfest.com>)

This three day event is organised by The Steepholmers Shanty band at venues across the town centre, seafront and Italian Gardens

Brean: Beach, Brean Down, walk to the Victorian fort (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brean-down>)

Weston Dairy Festival: The Dairy Festival takes place on the Beach Lawns, Weston from August 4th to 7th (<https://www.dairyfestival.co.uk>)

Weston Museum: discover the history of Weston-super-Mare at Weston Museum. Housed in a beautiful and distinctive historic building the museum tells the story of the seaside town from prehistoric times to the present day. (westonmuseum.org.)

The Marine Lakes: Weston (<https://westonmarinelake.co.uk>) and Clevedon (<https://westonmarinelake.co.uk>)

Weston Walls: Europe's largest street art festival is returning to Weston-super-Mare this summer for a second street art trail featuring about 20 large-scale murals. If you fancy going further afield visit the Upfest Murals in Bristol (<https://www.upfest.co.uk>)

Glastonbury Tor: Climb the Tor for great views of the surrounding countryside (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/glastonbury-tor>)

Avalon Marshes: Visit one of the wonderful nature reserves to see birds, dragonflies and much more (<http://avalonmarshes.org>)

Apex Leisure and Wildlife Park: Burnham on Sea. A great place to walk, play or feed the ducks. (<https://www.burnham-on-sea.com/tourist-information/apex-leisure-park>)

Stearth Marshes: Another lovely place for a walk and some wildlife spotting (<https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/stearth-marshes>)

Portishead Marina Arts Trail:

([https://www.publicartportishead.co.uk/cmfiles/154/Portishead Brochure.pdf](https://www.publicartportishead.co.uk/cmfiles/154/Portishead_Brochure.pdf))

Cheddar Reservoir: Walk around the reservoir and do a bit of bird spotting.



Jazz in the Paddock Returns

After 3 years absence due to Covid, Jazz in the Paddock was back. On an evening in early July it was great to welcome back Ritchie and his Big Band playing Jazz and Swing from the 40s and 50s. After a very unpromising start to the day with long spells of rain in the morning and into the early afternoon we wondered how many people would be brave enough to come. Then the clouds rolled back to give us a glorious evening of unbroken sunshine. Families and friends arrived with their picnics and settled down to enjoy the music. Whilst the audience looked a little thin to begin with, once the band had struck up, numbers began to increase. Some had obviously left it late to come perhaps waiting to be sure that weather really had improved. In the end we had a good audience if not as great as in the pre-pandemic years. It was great to have a number of very accomplished swing dancers, some of whom had come out from Bristol to join in the party. The evening was organized by The Friends of St James' Church which exists *to help preserve enhance the fabric of our beautiful and ancient church*. If you would like more information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Celia Starr Tel. 842353.





Brownies

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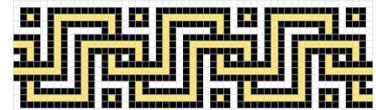
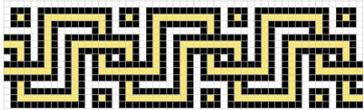
Join us at **Brownies** on Fridays to share your superpowers!

Contact Victoria on 07588652479

Or email strawberrylineguiding@yahoo.com

August Quiz Answers

1. Aquae Sulis (Latin for 'the waters of Sulis')
2. Boudicca
3. Hypocaust.
4. Colchester
5. The Antonine Wall
6. Caerleon in South Wales
7. The Fosse Way
8. Pompeii and Herculaneum
9. Romulus
10. Seven



Cost of Living Information and Useful Links

Unfortunately the cost of living crisis is affecting many people within our communities.

The dramatic increase in the cost of living is a huge cause for concern. Unprecedented price rises of fuel, utilities, food and other essentials are stretching incomes to their limits, at a time when many were already struggling.

In order to support communities North Somerset Council have put together some resources and helpful links:

[Wheels to Work West](#) helps people overcome barriers to travelling to work, training and skills opportunities.

[North Somerset Council Cost of living advice and guidance](#)

['Worrying About Money' North Somerset leaflet](#) Three steps to find options and places to get help in North Somerset.

[Citizens Advice North Somerset](#) offers free, independent, confidential and impartial advice and information on a wide range of subjects. Get in touch by phone, by email form or online. www.nscab.org.uk

There is also a useful page [Cost of Living crisis-sources of help and advice](#)

[Martin Lewis Money Saving Expert cost of living survival kit](#) Over 90 money saving tips



Inner Wheel Club of Wrington Vale



We held a final couple of celebrations for retiring President, Nic Lucas, after two years at the helm. One picture is of some blankets that the Club knitted and crocheted for donations; the other one is of the Committee! (Haha Nic – good one! But she still won't tell me which one I am supposed to be!)



The photo of Kate Arklay in her Union Jack mac was taken at our Jubilee and end of the year tea party held in the garden of Nic's mum, Angela. This event was organised by Angela and our other social secretary, Ann. Unfortunately, they forgot to organise the weather. The rain was so heavy overnight that one of the gazebos collapsed! Obviously had too much Prosecco to drink!

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 Pauline on 853868

Folk .. Yes but all kinds of music and verse.
Fourth Tuesday each month 7.30 to 10.30 £2
 Upstairs Bar, Winscombe Club, 7 Sandford Road.

A quiet and respectful acoustic space for performers and audience.

Further information from Nigel Carson, 07551 197 685
 or winscombefolkclub@gmail.com. Also on Facebook.



Wrington Vale Rotary Club School Competitions



Covid 19 completely ruled out primary school competitions during 2020 and 2021. We had hoped that this would be in the past for 2022. Sadly it wasn't, but we did manage to run Young Artist, Youth Speaks, Young Musician and Young Chef, albeit in a severely reduced manner. We are so pleased that Banwell, Blagdon, Churchill, Hutton, Sandford and Wrington schools all took part.



Finally, the Young Chef competition had two entries from Banwell and one from Churchill. The youngsters were clearly focused, all produced excellent meals and loved the experience. The fabulous winner, shown in the photograph, was Erin from Churchill School. Our two judges, Carol Baker and Jan Murray did a great job and have said they'd like to judge again in the future.

All in all, despite several hiccups along the way, we kept the competitions on track, ready to return to normal in 2023. Fingers crossed!!

For more information about Wrington Vale Rotary Club please contact Angie Biggs on 07790 400718 or Ivor Metherell 01761 462607



Winscombe W.I.

Our Speaker in July was Sam Walker who gave a fascinating talk on 'The History of Walker & Ling', a local trader in Weston.

The evolution of this department store over the period of more than a century proved to be extremely interesting, especially the old photographs displayed.

Problems concerning high street issues were discussed but no doubt our members will be drawn to have another look inside this store which is constantly being updated in both outlook and content.

We are pleased to report that we had a high attendance rate despite the fatiguing temperature and the talk was enjoyed by all those present.

We will not be meeting during August, however, you are welcome to join us for our next meeting.

Wednesday 14th September

at 7.00 pm for a 7.30pm start

at 'The Church Centre', Winscombe

Our guest speaker, Nick King, will talk about 'The Goats of the Gorge'.

Refreshments will be available and we hope you will be able to come along and join us.

Carol Hudson (Secretary)



World class music in Churchill

What's on 2022/23

Sat. 1st October
7.30pm
St. John's Church
Churchill



Aquinas Piano Trio

Ruth Rogers, violin;
Katherine Jenkinson, 'cello
Martin Cousin, piano

Sat. 3rd December
7.30pm
St. John's Church
Churchill



Leia Zhu

The Violin Girl, Alison Blundell, piano.
Leia made her debut at the age of four in the Last Night of the Proms in Newcastle City Hall. Now 15, Leia is quite simply inspirational and has performed at prestigious festivals and venues all around the world.

2023

Sat. 11th March
7.30pm
All Saints Church
Wrington



Classico Latino

Blending the passion and vitality of authentic Latin music with the smooth sound and virtuosity of the classical tradition.

Sat. 22nd April
7.30pm
St. John's Church
Churchill



The Tong Brothers

Piano Duo, Joseph and Daniel Tong will perform works by Schumann, Mendelssohn and Schubert including his famous F Minor

Sat. 24th June
6.30pm
Churchill Court Lodge



Jazz in the Garden

A sumptuous evening of Swinging Rhythm and Blues in the garden (Churchill Academy if wet)

How about becoming a Champion of Churchill Music?

For a very modest minimum annual donation of just £14.00 per family (we do truly appreciate more if you can spare it to support our education projects), you could become a Champion and make great savings on ticket prices for Churchill Music concerts AND receive our newsletters reminding you of our concerts. Ask for an application form tonight or download one from our website or email info@churchillmusic.org.uk

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Gardening Notes for August

Summer Pruning Fruit Trees

By August the new growth produced in the spring will have substantially increased the size of the tree. You can reduce this leafy growth without losing any of the fruit. The benefit of Summer pruning is that you can limit the size of the tree and decrease the amount of soft leaves drawing up water also new soft shoots are also more prone to pests and diseases. The aim is to cut back the leading shoots on the main branches by around half their length. Pruning is best carried out as the soft green spring shoots start to ripen and become woody, usually accompanied by a colour change to light brown. This can be used as a guide as to where to prune, cutting off the pliable section of the current season's growth.

Lavender

Without regular pruning lavender can become straggly, tired and woody, a regular annual trim can keep the plant neat and fresh. After the flowers have faded using a sharp pair of secateurs take off the dead flowers together with 2 to 6cm of current year's growth. Alternatively spring pruning can be carried out in March or April by cutting back the stems to the first vigorous bud on each branch. The old flowers and growth will have helped to protect the plants against winter cold and wet.

Dead Heading

Keep your borders fresh by deadheading flowers and trimming back any excessive growth. There is still time for more flowers and fresh foliage to form. Avoid treading onto the beds as this will cause damage to plants and compact the soil, use a soft kneeler for a comfortable way to get close to the plants

Tomatoes

Tomato plants require regular, even watering to prevent problems such as blossom end rot which is caused by inadequate and erratic watering preventing the plants from taking up sufficient calcium. Limit the height of cordon plants by cutting out the top shoot to a leaf and keep pinching out any side shoots.

Sowing vegetable seeds

There are quite a number of vegetables that can be grown at this time of year which can be harvested during autumn and winter. You can sow seed directly into the ground now or raise new plants in modules to fill gaps after harvesting summer crops. Just rake over the surface of the soil, make drills and water the base of each one before sowing the seeds. Water again in a week if necessary. Some vegetable seeds to consider planting now are chard, pakchoi, rocket, spinach, turnips, carrots and kohlrabi.

SANDFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

In July, our speaker, Marion Dale, gave us a slideshow and talk on “Designing your Dream Garden”.

We were shown a show garden that was designed and built by Marion for the RHS Show Challenge and photos of her with Chris Beardshaw.

When designing a garden you have to create a specific look and feel. When selecting plants you have to make sure what type of soil you have and introduce a variety of shapes and textures to make the garden look interesting. Also the colours you choose can define the mood of the garden.

Marion told us there were a lot of different garden themes you can use: ‘Formal Style’ which is usually nearer the house; ‘Cottage Style’ with plants that will spill over the paths and are grown close together; ‘Low Maintenance’ which can include gravel beds and pots; Wildlife Sanctuary where you can grow wildflowers.

John thanked Marion for her talk.

Bulb Catalogues

Please can you give your Bulb Catalogues back to John with your orders and monies by the middle of August.

Dates for Your Diary

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’

Tea, coffee and home made cakes.

Auction and Raffle.

Admission 50p (Children - free of charge)

Schedules available from John Dunster 01934 844777

September

There is no club meeting in September.

Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 7.30pm

Sandford Village Hall.

There will be a talk entitled “Growing Orchids” by
Howard Burnett



SOMERSET CHORAL SOCIETY – START OF AUTUMN TERM 2022



time.

Somerset Choral Society is pleased to announce that their Autumn Term programme of communal rehearsals begins on Wednesday 7th September 2022. The programme and rehearsal conditions will be subject to the Government Covid Regulations prevailing at the

The first formal rehearsal of the Autumn Term will be on **Wednesday 7th September at 7:30pm in the new Cheddar Catholic Church Community Hall, Tweentown BS27 3HU** and thereafter every Wednesday evening between 7.30 pm and 9.30 pm. The music this autumn will be the much loved “**Faure Requiem**” in preparation for the Autumn Concert in St John the Baptist Church, Axbridge at 7.30 pm on Saturday 26th November 2022. New members from all voices (SATB) will be welcomed to join them for this beautiful piece; there are no auditions and scores are provided. Membership fees will remain at £55.00 for the Autumn term. More information may be found on the society’s new website

www.somersetchoralsociety.com

Somerset Choral Society invites Singers from all choirs in this area to join them for a “**Come & Sing Faure Requiem**” on **Saturday 3rd September starting at 10:00am in the new Cheddar Catholic Church Community Hall, Tweentown BS27 3HU**. Registration will be at 10.00 am. The workshop (cost £10.00 including music) will run from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm with an hour lunch break and will end with a short performance ending at 4.00 pm. More information may be found on the website www.somersetchoralsociety.com



Winscombe Saturday Market Winscombe Community Centre

**Every 3rd Saturday
of the month**

0900-1300

THE BRILLIANT MUSICAL GIFT TO THE QUEEN

West Mendip Orchestra

This article has been contributed by Olha, a Ukrainian Music teacher who has recently moved to Winscombe.



On Friday 1st June, in the Church of St. Nicholas, a wonderful, atmospheric concert by the West Mendip Orchestra team took place. The concert was dedicated to the outstanding event - the Platinum Jubilee of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. The orchestra was led by the well-known conductor, a winner, with an award for Best Musical Director John Johnson, who is a Musical Director of the West Mendip Orchestra.

The concert program polyphonically combined works of various historical periods and styles exclusively from the repertoire of English classical music of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The orchestra sounded very harmonious, the performers sounded in an absolute ensemble. The performances were both synchronized, homogeneous and expressive, and individualized separately in each part. In the masterful performance of the orchestra, works were sounded both in the original score recording (among the authors are Sir Arthur Sullivan, Vaughan Williams, Edward Elgar, Eric Coates, Gustav Holst) and in the arrangements of famous English composers as well as Goodmusic Publishing company.



The works that were performed represent the history of English music of the last two centuries, a whole collection of different styles and directions (Savoy Opera, neo-classic, neo-romantic, light music) and genres (opera, overture, film music soundtrack, instrumental songs, dances, marches), with works which contrast each other and shade each other.

The extremely warm atmosphere of the concert captivated absolutely all music lovers who came to the concert - both adults and children (for children, the organisers of the concert provided a magical table with coloring pages and various curiosities).

The concert had great dramaturgy. The concert program was opened by a bright, active overture from the comic opera *The Pirates of Penzance* (1879), created by Sir Arthur Sullivan in a peculiar style of Savoy opera. Historically the name of opera genre derived from the Savoy Theatre that was built specifically for the productions of operas created in collaboration between composer Sullivan and his librettist Gilbert (together both of them created 14 operas). This work was followed in the concert program by masterpieces of English music, in particular two chansons: *Nuit and Matin* (1897, 1899) by Edward Elgar who is considered to be England's greatest composer of XX century, *The Dam Busters March* (1955) created by Eric Coates, an English composer of light music, first as a separate piece, and later as a soundtrack to the British war film *The Dam Busters* devoted to national history. The concert had two culminating compositions. The first was of a lyrical nature. It was *Enigma*, like an elegant, mysterious play-riddle to the listener, one of the most famous works of E. Elgar. The second climax was the solemn *Crown Imperial Coronation March* by William Walton. This work was originally created in 1937 and was performed at the coronation of King George VI in Westminster Abbey in 1937. 16 years later, its performance marked an outstanding event - the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

So, the concert caused absolute delight among all the listeners. It was one of the most brilliant musical gifts for the Queen. I sincerely look forward to seeing the ensemble perform the pieces at upcoming English music festivals or classical music competitions.

You can find out more about the Orchestra and the program of the next concert here: <http://www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk/>

Olha Myronenko-Mikheishyna,
Musicologist

**COFFEE
MORNING**



Every Tuesday throughout August at 10.30 am
Church Centre, Winscombe
All Welcome

This poem has been contributed by one of our readers.

Times Passed.

Quote: 'The singer may die but the song will remain'

If I could beg, steal or borrow

Times passed

I'd hold onto them

Live them again

Slowly

Fully

Kindly

Recapture excitement

Anticipation

Joy

Laughter and even tears?

Hold them on a thread

Woven by you

In times past

But

Time has passed

Live today – now, always

Though remember Kindly

Fully

Joyfully

Wistfully even tearfully

Living today

Capture what's new

Contentedly

Wholeheartedly

Thoughtfully

It's part of that thread

Woven by you

In times past.





RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH



RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH SALES OF DONATED ITEMS & DONATIONS RESULTS

People continue to donate items to the Branch for potential re-sale. Recent items have included vintage dolls, china, garden equipment and even a bicycle. The Branch then sells these items on e-bay and/or local selling platforms. These sales have proved very successful so that, together with money from the Winscombe Thursday Market honesty table and the plant honesty tables in Sandford and Axbridge, the Branch has made around £1000. In addition, High and Dry Shanty Group and Magenta Folk Group have donated nearly £500 from concerts they have given.

The Branch is always grateful to receive donations of any good quality items of any kind to sell; please contact Tina Joyce on 01934-842304 or e-mail meejlfh@gmail.com.

RNLI WESTON-SUPER-MARE LIFEBOAT OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 18th JUNE

Weston Lifeboat Station held its “Open Day” when both Weston Lifeboats together with a Burnham-on-Sea lifeboat and the All-Weather Lifeboat from Barry Dock did Rescue Displays in Weston Bay. The Open Day raised £1,700 for RNLI funds.



JULY ACTIVITIES

On Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July the Branch received its third and fourth “Collection Shouts” of 2022. On both days members deployed “at best speed” to Sanders Garden Centre where they patrolled at the entrances to the site and deployed their “Rescue Buckets” to rescue funds for the RNLI. The public response was excellent on both days including donations by card machine but results are not yet available and will be reported in next

month’s magazine. The Branch thanks Sanders Garden Centre for providing a first class “Anchorage” for the two days as shown in the photograph.

On Sunday 31st July the Branch Secretary and Souvenirs Coordinator Mary took the Souvenirs Table to Churchill Cream Teas Afternoon; results will be reported next month.

AUGUST EVENT

August is always a quiet month for fund raising due to the holiday period, however, on Saturday 13th August, the Branch will take part in the Kewstoke Festival Day and provide some fun with the “Hook a Duck” game. The autumn programme will wind up in September with three events planned that will be announced in the September magazine.”

JUNE RESCUES

In June there were eleven shouts between three of our four lifeboat stations (Minehead 5, Portishead 4 and Weston-super-Mare 2). On Sunday 26th June, Minehead lifeboat crew rescued five paddle-boarders caught out by treacherous wind and tide conditions in the Bristol Channel. The group, all in their twenties from South Wales, had put out from the nearby beach but once out of the lee of the land found themselves having to contend with a gusting, offshore south-westerly wind. Minehead RNLI crew were completing their routine Sunday morning training exercise when they noticed the group were in difficulties as they were going nowhere against the wind while the tide was just starting to flood as well. The Minehead crew decided they had to intervene otherwise the paddle boarders would inevitably have been pushed further out to sea and further up the coast. The D class helm Phil Sanderson had the challenging task of navigating the boat through a maze of fishing stakes to reach them. By the time the crew got to them they were off the boards and standing chest-deep in the water, but every time they tried to take a step nearer the shore they got pushed further out. The five casualties were properly kitted out but were all cold and two were suffering from shock; they were brought ashore by the station's D-class boat and given hot drinks at the lifeboat station.



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.



If you love singing ...
we'd love you to join us



Winscombe Community Singers

Have fun, make friends and enjoy singing

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Winscombe Community Centre

New Musical Director: Joshua Newport

For further details please contact
Simon Page on 07900 693783

www.winscombecommunitysingers.co.uk
Starting again on Tuesday August 16th



**Weston
Hospicecare**

Charity Café Church
Sunday 4th September at 10.00 am
Church Centre, Winscombe

The speaker will be
Paul Winspear
Chief Executive Weston Hospicecare

All welcome

**'Save The Children' Lunches at
Shipham Village Hall**

Our lunches will resume on

Friday 9th September at 12.30 pm

Join us for soup, bread, cheese, pickle and homemade biscuits,
tea or coffee
£4.50

*Future dates are 23rd September, 7th and 21st October, 4th and 18th November
and 2nd December*

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

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>

Bishop Christopher (Honorary Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells)



I'm new around here. Following retirement from ordained ministry last year, Somerset has become my adopted county and Bath and Wells my adopted diocese. Sally and I are delighted to be full time now in this lovely and stimulating area. We join many of you who have been part of this diocese and county for a lifetime or for decades, and also some who have recently arrived like us.

We have chosen to be here. Others arrive here because of a range of circumstances and decisions. Perhaps sometimes the journey seems haphazard or inexplicable. Some people come here as refugees fleeing persecution, injustice, or war, especially from Syria, Afghanistan, and Ukraine. They arrive with uncertainty, and often anxiety or trepidation in an unknown and entirely new place far from home.

In our churches and Christian communities, we are committed to welcome everyone - those settled here and also those who are newer. We know we are sisters and brothers in God's family, regardless of background, nationality or indeed any other thing which distinguishes us. God's family is the family of humankind. It's not that we pick and choose whom to call family; we share the same flesh and blood.

St Paul tells us that each one of us has been adopted into that family which is divine and human. God sent Jesus "so that we might receive adoption as children" enabling us to be gifted with the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 4:4-7)

We don't belong out of personal choice, in contrast to my decision to choose here as my adopted diocese and community. We don't pick and choose our ultimate citizenship. God chooses and calls us without us desiring or deserving such adoption. That's why, following God's adoption of us, we never select who to welcome into our church or parish. All belong and all are welcome without hesitation.

We have been adopted into God's family and we are thrilled to adopt everyone into our communities. Thank you for welcoming me!

+Christopher

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 07399 523961
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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