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# ***Signpost***

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



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## Changing Seasons



For many of us, the month of September is a time of change and transition, with Summer turning towards Autumn, the conclusion of the holiday season and a return to work; the beginning of a new academic year in school, teenagers packing for university or starting their first job.

Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, once said 'change is the only constant in life' but despite its regularity, for most of us change is seasoned with both joy and discomfort. Discomfort because the familiar is disrupted, we have to work at new friendships or at learning new things or routines in a new community, and a 'new normal' has to be found. Change can also be joyous in starting afresh in a place which affords the opportunity to learn and gain new experience or knowledge and make new friends.

Our Christian faith helps us during these times of transition by encouraging us to be thankful for all the good of the past, whilst entrusting our future to God. In the Bible it says,

*'Trust God with all your heart;  
don't try to figure out everything out on your own.  
Listen for God's voice in everything you do;  
he's the one who will keep you on track.  
Don't assume that you know it all. '*  
(Proverbs 3:5,6)

Whether we feel hopeful or fearful for the future, or perhaps a bit of both, the Bible reminds us to place our trust in God, especially when the future is uncertain. By praying and reflecting on God's word, the Bible, we begin to glean a little more about where God is leading us.

It is this sense of trust amidst anxiety that also features as part of this season of Harvest. Rural communities during harvest time would celebrate and give thanks for the fruit of the land whilst asking God for his blessing for the coming seasons.

Our Harvest services in church are therefore an occasion for us to be thankful for all the good things in life, whilst asking God for his help through life's changes and uncertainties.

Even nature seems to prompt us to be thankful when we can take joy in creation through our gardens, walks along the Strawberry Line or the Mendip Hills.

Pope Francis once wrote, 'We must protect creation for it is a gift which the Lord has given us; we are the guardians of creation. When we exploit creation, we destroy that sign of God's love. Custody of creation is precisely custody of God's gift and it is saying to God: "thank you"'.

At Harvest time we remember how much of a gift creation is to us and say 'thank you' to God for all the good things that have been a blessing to us, our families, our community over the past year, whilst taking the opportunity to do good towards those who have been less fortunate, and fulfil our role as custodians of creation.

At Harvest time we are also entrusting our future into God's hands, we ask him to help us with life's choices so that they will ultimately work out for the good of not just ourselves, but for those around us.

And as usual, all donations received during our harvest services go to help the foodbanks we support in Weston and Cheddar. So why not come and help us celebrate Harvest this year?

**Harvest Holy Communion at St Johns, Churchill on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 11.00 am**  
**Harvest Holy Communion at St James's, Winscombe, on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 am**  
**Harvest Parish Praise at All Saints, Sandford, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 11.00 am**

Reverend Andrew Hiscox



### Harvest Lunch

St James's and All Saints Bring and Share Lunch  
Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Church Centre  
12.45 for 1.00 pm

Come and join us .  
Bring something to share if you can.  
Everyone is welcome. There is always plenty.

Please bring your own drinks.

It would be helpful to know if you are coming but not essential.

Sign up sheets available in the Churches and Church Centre.

## **Signpost - The Parish Magazine**

This magazine is created by volunteers from the Anglican Churches in the Benefices of Winscombe, Sandford with 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 October Magazine is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.*** 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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- St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Churchill, BS25 5QW
- Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA

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# Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Signpost!



This edition marks a year since Signpost was first produced in September 2021 and we are celebrating with our biggest magazine to date packed full of local news, information and events.

We now have over 260 email subscribers who receive a copy in full colour as do those who download it from the Church website. 130 copies are distributed to those who cannot receive the magazine online. These are either delivered to their door or collected from a number of shops and our Churches and Church Centre.

We have over 30 regular contributors and are always looking for more ways to spread the news about all the great things that are happening in our Villages.

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**Charity Café Church**  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 am  
Church Centre, Winscombe

The speaker will be  
**Paul Winspear**  
Chief Executive Weston Hospicecare

Children's Craft Activity

All Welcome



## Reverend Andrew's Licensing At Churchill



Reverend Andrew Hiscox was licensed as 'Priest in Charge' at Churchill and Langford (with particular responsibility for Churchill) on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

It was a low key event and the church wardens were invited to represent the churches.

This was another step further towards St John's at Churchill officially joining St James and All Saints.



### William Du Croz

It is with great sadness that we share the news that William Du Croz passed away on Monday 22nd August after a short illness.

William was a much loved member of our village community. Amongst many other things he will be remembered for the leading role he played in 'Winscombe and Sandford Remembers' marking the centenary of the end of World War 1 and more recently for all he did to make the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations such a resounding success.

William was also our PCC Secretary and will be greatly missed by the whole church community.

## All Saints Church Community Café



The August Cafe raised £290.35 including Gift Aid.  
Many thanks to all those who supported us.

Our next Cafe will be on  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
at All Saints

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

We look forward to seeing you again.



*(formerly Michaelmas Fair)*

**Saturday 10th September 2022**  
**Winscombe Community Centre**  
**Gates open 1.30pm-4pm**  
**Entry £1 adult, 50p Children & Concessions**

Registered Charity no. 280231

 **Winscombe Community Centre**

**Please remember to look in your free programme (which has been delivered to every home in Winscombe and Sandford) for further details.**



# **SOUP AND 'PUD' LUNCH**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**SANDFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**12.30 pm**



**There will be a variety of soups plus a selection of puddings**

**Tea and Coffee and Raffle**

**Tickets £6 adults; £4 children**

**Raising funds for All Saints Church**

**Tickets from Llyn Callow 01934 823484  
or at the Community Cafe in September  
and October**



## Winscombe W.I.

You are welcome to join us for our next meetings.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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'.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start

at 'The Church Centre', Winscombe

Our guest speaker, Luke Lyons will talk about the valuable work of  
'Avon Fire and Rescue Service'

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

Carol Hudson (Secretary)



### 'Save The Children' Lunches

at

**Shipham Village Hall**



Our lunches will resume on

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30 pm**

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

£4.50

*Future dates are 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



**Refresh-men-t in the Autumn**

We are extending the summer break for our monthly breakfast at the Railway Inn, Sandford until October as Thatcher’s will be busy with customers on their open day on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Therefore, we will be starting our Autumn programme on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Do save the date for this event when we can look forward to hearing a talk by David Hurst about his work with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

We hope that we will be welcoming back all our regulars and of course, any new members too.

For further information please contact Reverend Andrew Hiscox (07970 011502), Derrick Claridge (01934 843014) or Tim Harland (01934 843248)

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**Messy Church at  
Winscombe Village Show  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**



Messy Church in September will be held under the Churches Together gazebo at the Winscombe Village Show.

Pop in and enjoy a quick craft activity with your children.

All are welcome

Keep the dates free for the rest of the year (see poster opposite). We will be back at our usual venue in the Church Centre from October.

We look forward to seeing you.



**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

Firstly, a HUGE thank you to all who helped at and supported Paul and Mo's Open Day in August. As ever, it was a wonderful occasion with wall-to-wall sunshine (almost too hot!) and so many people came for Coffee, Lunch or a Cream Tea in their beautiful garden. The magnificent sum of over £1500 was raised and the Winscombe Committee are deeply grateful to everyone who attended but particularly we thank Paul and Mo for their hard work hosting such a wonderful event. They, in turn, wish to thank to all those who helped, brought cakes, plants, scones etc. Without your help we could not have raised a record total of over £1,500. So thanks again - we hope to see you next year.



September is going to be a busy month for the Winscombe supporters! We are still looking for a few more collectors for our 'Collection for Children' which will be held outside Touts at Landford on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. If you have an hour and a half to spare on either of those days and would like to help, please contact Sarah Gunn on 01934 842373 or [Sarahgunn2000@hotmail.com](mailto:Sarahgunn2000@hotmail.com). Your help would be much appreciated.

Also in September is our Annual Box Opening which will be held at the Tuesday morning Coffee Morning in the Church Centre on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30 am to 12noon. If you have a Children's Society Box please do bring it along to be counted whilst you have a cup of coffee and a chat and perhaps buy some Home Produce! We shall also be selling the 2022 Christmas Cards. If you have a box but can't be there, do give Sarah Gunn a ring to organise someone to collect it.

Your support is so valued and appreciated but, rest assured, after September we shall go quiet for a few months!

Winscombe St James' Children's Society Committee



# 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.

The people they serve need our help more than ever with the rising cost of living.

We are pleased to be able to deliver non perishable foods to the Foodbanks, and continue to make a significant contribution.

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 (not 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                            |

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## **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*

# *Churchill Baby & Toddler Group*

**Mondays 09.00 - 11.30**

**5, 12, 19, 26 September 2022**

**@Churchill Methodist Hall,  
BS25 5NG, by the Clock Tower**

**Try us for FREE!**



- ✓ Friendly welcome
- ✓ Cake & cuppa
- ✓ Children's snack
- ✓ Large hall
- ✓ Lots of toys
- ✓ Change station
- ✓ Easy parking

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## Winscombe and Sandford Tree Wardens

### Recent Activities



We are tree-loving volunteers who liaise with North Somerset Council and the Parish Council, as well as with any other interested organisations or individual parishioners.

The current climate emergency and evident global warming and increase in extreme weather incidents have made the welfare of our trees more important than ever. In the ten years since we were formed we have planted trees in various sites in the parish, including the flats in Sandford Road, in the verges of Homefield Way, in Knapps Close, in the two primary schools, on the Strawberry Line, in Underwood End, Sandford, outside the depot in Hill Road, in Winscombe Recreation Ground, Sandford Children's Playground, Hillyfields Path, in the Community Orchard and behind the public conveniences. We also have been involved in checking the health of trees with TPOs (Tree Preservation Orders) and obtaining new TPOs.

An important aspect of our work is to try to transmit our concern and knowledge to the next generation. Over the last 10 years approximately 600 children from Sandford and Winscombe primary schools have been introduced to trees. Years 5 or 6 have had four sessions each year about trees in each season. Also 120 "Junior Tree Wardens" have been introduced to tree propagation, tree care and responsible planting.

This year we have been busy planting oaks to commemorate the Jubilee – in Winscombe recreation ground, in the new Strongvox estate in Sandford and at the Millennium Green. We have also been watering them, and other trees during this dry summer, as well as checking on the many trees planted in the Strongvox and Redrow estates. Unfortunately we found 18 trees, planted by Strongvox on their newly completed housing estate in Sandford, were dead due to lack of watering, and reported this to the NSC planning enforcement department.

Another concern is how to deal with ash trees suffering from 'Ash Dieback'. We have large numbers of ash trees in the parish, which are gradually becoming infected. Many on the Strawberry Line will have to be felled, and also on the Award Land near Sandford Quarry. The Tree Wardens will not be doing the felling, but we will be involved with the purchase and planting of replacement trees.

Aside from replacing ash trees, there is limited opportunity to plant trees in public spaces, and we would like to encourage local residents to plant trees in their own gardens. We are willing to help and advise anyone who is interested to do this, including providing suitable saplings. As well as the benefits provided by trees in fixing CO<sub>2</sub>, helping to remove pollutants from our atmosphere, attenuating temperature on hot days and providing shelter for wild birds, bats and insects, those of us with trees in their gardens will have appreciated the shade they provide during the sweltering heat we experienced in July and August this year.

An important point, often missed, is that it is better to retain and take care of a healthy and mature tree, which not only contributes hugely to the environment, but also contains a substantial reservoir of stored CO<sub>2</sub>, than to replace it with a sapling which will take many years, if not centuries to mature.

If you would like to contact or join us please call - 07732 335178



## SEPTEMBER QUIZ KNOW YOUR APPLES!

In the UK alone there are over 2,500 varieties of apple. In this month's quiz, the answers are linked to the names of apple varieties.



1. Who is the English physicist and former musician best known to the public as the presenter of science programmes such as 'The Infinite Monkey Cage' on Radio 4 and numerous television appearances?
2. Which traditional English Folk song is often believed to have been composed by Henry VIII for his future queen, Anne Boleyn?
3. Which is the sixth planet from the sun and the second largest in our solar system?
4. What word can mean a small but noticeable part in a film or play performed by a famous actor, or a piece of oval jewellery on which there is a head of one colour on a surface of a different colour?
5. What is the name given to an inhabitant of an ancient city in Greece which was famous for strict discipline and training of soldiers?
6. What is the name of the genre of music that originated in the African-American communities of New Orleans in the late 19th and early 20th centuries?
7. Where is the Oxfordshire seat of the Dukes of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill?
8. Which wooden ship was built especially for Robert Falcon Scott's expedition to the South Pole in 1901?
9. What is the name given to a type of stage lighting once used in theatres and music halls which can now mean being the focus of public attention?
10. What is the name of the fictional character from the 1968 film 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' portrayed by actress Sally Ann Howes?

***Answers can be found at the bottom of page 31***

## Sandford & Churchill Fellowship

After the summer break this friendly group starts meeting again this September. We meet fortnightly at **Churchill Methodist Church** from September through to May, now at a new time of **2.30pm**, for a time of friendship and companionship. The afternoon commences with a short time of worship, followed by a speaker and concludes with refreshments and chat.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September - A.G.M. With Reverend Meg Sligo**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Paul Norcross**

**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**

### News from Winscombe Probus

We have two meetings scheduled for September with visiting speakers.



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September : Filton in Space by Terry Ransome

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September: My Career in Music by Rachel Roberts

We meet at the Winscombe Community Centre at 10.15 am for a coffee before the talk, and finish at midday.

If interested call David Martin on 01934 844327 or just turn up and introduce yourself to our greeter at the coffee hatch.

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### Clevedon Adult Study Association

#### Rusty Brains Welcome!

Are you interested in art history, literature, history, crafts, music, philosophy....?

Would you like to get learning again and meet new friends?

Look no further than Clevedon Adult Study Association (CASA), which promotes lifelong learning for fun. Our experienced and knowledgeable tutors deliver courses and day schools for everyone, all reasonably priced.

Please have a look at our website for the autumn programme!

[www.casaclevedon.org.uk](http://www.casaclevedon.org.uk)



Pauline Trapp (CASA)



## First Aid Training for Parents & Carers

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm

Churchill Methodist Hall (Front Street, BS25 5NG),

Experienced instructor Carol Hudson will cover practical responses to common illnesses and accidents in babies and children. Defibrillator and CPR training is included and there is opportunity to ask you own questions. The cost is £27, including handbook and certificate.

Places are limited to 10, so please book your place early: call Jacqueline 01934 844134.



# PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID

**Training for Parents & Carers**  
**TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**  
Starts 7.00 pm  
@Churchill Methodist  
BS25 5NG



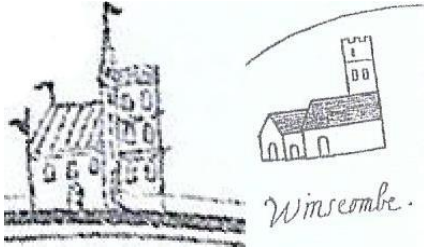
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- ✓ 2.5 hours practical training
- ✓ Includes accidents eg choking, head injury etc
- ✓ Ask your own questions about illness such as fits or seizures, meningitis etc
- ✓ Practise CPR & defibrillator
- ✓ £27 includes Training, Certificate & Handbook

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## Local History Corner

### 786 Years and Counting

St James's Church, Winscombe, was dedicated on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1236, ten years after the first incumbent, William de Kaynesham, was appointed in 1226, seven hundred and ninety six years ago. It seems unlikely that any church building existed at that time although there was probably a chapel on the east side of the courtyard of Winscombe Court. The courtyard has since been totally obscured by later (mostly 19<sup>th</sup> century) building.



The hamlet of Winscombe almost certainly came into existence because there was a plentiful supply of good water from the spring at Eastwell. The manor of Winscombe is noted in the Domesday Book, 1086. It was in existence in 970 and documented as being given by King Edgar to Aelfswith, the wife of a nobleman.

Aelfswith later resided in a nunnery at Winchester. On her death the manor came into the possession of the monks of Glastonbury.

In the 11<sup>th</sup> century with dissent between the church, the crown and the monasteries, Winscombe became traded to the church in return for more independence for the monks of Glastonbury. The manor, therefore, came under the control of the Dean and Chapter of Wells who in 1226 granted it to the bishop, Jocelin, who presumably appointed the first vicar.

Jocelin had been in exile for a period in Rouen during King John's reign and he would have been aware of St Romanus, the patron saint of that cathedral. The new cathedral of Wells was dedicated by Jocelin on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1226, perhaps not entirely coincidentally on the Feast of St Romanus. It is not a great stretch of the imagination to suppose that Jocelin, when he was given possession of the manor of Winscombe, built a chapel there and he may also have dedicated it to this saint. Records show that in 1331 a hermit was living "in the place commonly called St. Romanus's". There are no dedications to this saint anywhere in the country so it may just be possible that this hermitage was very close to Winscombe Court.

We cannot know the form of the church when it was dedicated in 1236, but generations of worshippers have since developed it into the glorious building of which we can justly be proud. There are two early illustrations of the church from the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> centuries held by the Waldegrave archives, which show it much the same as it is today.

John Matthews

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## From The Lynch Chapel

### A Tribute to John Pockett.

Lynch Chapel has lost one of its most loyal and reliable members, John Pockett, who died at the beginning of August.

He was a man of many parts, a talented artist, a fine musician, a loyal and faithful friend and a committed Christian.

Many readers will have glimpsed his talent as an artist. Think back to the 'Churches Together' Christmas cards which dropped through your doors year by year listing all the Christmas services. The art work, often humorous, was very often produced by John. And it always raised a smile.

John was, of course, our organist, a role which grew over very many years. He tackled whatever hymns, sometimes unfamiliar to us all, the preacher of the day suggested, and sometimes they were a real challenge. He was always available for any other services hosted at the chapel.

He had a great love of music, both classical and jazz. He had a huge CD collection and despite his deafness was able to still enjoy it. He was the glue that held the 'Recorded Music Society' together and those who attended will remember his varied and sometimes esoteric programmes. His programmes always started with a humorous anecdote or comment he had come across in his research. And he really loved the concerts put on by Churchill Music! I'm so grateful that he and Mary introduced me to its various delights.

John was a keen member of Probus and indeed was their registrar. Many of you will remember him in that role.

One of my fondest memories was of him and Mary putting together summer programmes for August Activities (trust him to come up with a good pun) which ran for several years with fun activities for the over 60s and always including a sing song with Jazz as a final flourish. John loved Jazz and Old Time Music Hall. The idea grew out of their joint concern for those who found August a difficult month with most activities closing down. They were very much aware of the need to help others. As such they ran the Sandford equivalent of Contact to ensure people who needed a lift to hospital could be provided for. This meant hours of work ringing round to make a match between client and driver.



John was always a dapper dresser and as someone described him 'One of Nature's True Gentlemen'.

John was still playing the piano for us up until a fortnight before he died. He was also still keeping our books straight, making sure claims were made in a timely fashion.

He was generous and had just bought a beautiful bird bath for our developing Psalm 23 Garden. It will be a wonderful way to remember him each time we go from the carpark to the chapel. We shall miss him so very much, but we know that he has faithfully trodden the path that was set before him and is now with his God.

*'To see the world in a grain of sand, And a heaven in a wild flower,  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand, And eternity in an hour.*

Elizabeth Holmes.

# come to Scramblers

A friendly,  
church toddler group for children  
from birth to 4 years  
and their parents/carers

Toys

Drinks &  
Snacks

Stories  
Both Bible &  
traditional

Singing

Craft Activities

Games

**Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am**  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

**at The Church Centre, Winscombe**

**NOTE: The September 22<sup>nd</sup> session will be held at Lynch Chapel, due to the Church Centre being used by NHS blood donors on that day.**

*Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information*



**SEPTEMBER 2022 – DIARY**

THURS 1	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	10.00am	Holy Communion Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 3	10.30am	Sandford Community Café – All Saints
<b>SUN 4</b>	<b>TRINITY 12</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	
TUES 6	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 7	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's
THURS 8	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 10	1.30-4.00pm	Winscombe Village Show – Community Centre Messy Church at the Village Show
<b>SUN 11</b>	<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING ST JAMES'S/TRINITY 13</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	
TUES 13	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 14	2.45pm	Holy Communion at Sewell House
	7.00pm	Winscombe WI – Church Centre
	7.15pm	Choir Practice
THURS 15	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
SAT 17	9.00-1.00	Winscombe Saturday Market – Community Centre
<b>SUN 18</b>	<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING ALL SAINTS/TRINITY 14</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	
SUN 18	1.00pm	Harvest Lunch – Church Centre
TUES 20	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 21	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's
THURS 22	9.30am	Scramblers – <i>Lynch Chapel</i>
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's
<b>SUN 25</b>	<b>TRINITY 15</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	
TUES 27	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning & Children's Society Box Opening– Church Centre
WED 28	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James's
THURS 29	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's

**BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER**

<p><b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> Deuteronomy 30:15-end Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:1, 7-14</p>	<p><b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b> Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Philippians 4:4-9 John 6: 25-35</p>
<p><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b> Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13</p>	<p><b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:6 -19 Luke 16: 19 - end</p>

## Church Service Times Opportunities to Worship in September

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	8.00 am 10.00 am	St James's Church Centre	BCP Holy Communion <b>Charity Café Church</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	St James's All Saints St John's	<b>Harvest</b> Holy Communion Parish Praise <b>Harvest</b> Holy Communion
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am 11.00 am	Church Centre All Saints	Family Holy Communion <b>Harvest</b> Parish Praise
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	St James's All Saints St John's	Parish Praise Holy Communion Holy Communion

### Midweek Services

Every Tuesday                      All Saints                      10.00 am                      Holy Communion

### Special Services September

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September              Dunster Court              10.00 am              Communion in the Community  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September              Sewell House              2.45 pm              Communion in the Community

### Advanced Notice

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October                      Wells Cathedral              10.30 am              Ordination of Jacqui Keir-Bucknall

### Harvest Services

Please note the dates of the Harvest Services at our three Churches.  
We will be collecting for the Foodbanks in Cheddar and at The For All Healthy Living Centre in Weston. A list of the foods that are needed are on page 13 but please consider giving money instead which helps the Foodbanks respond to particular needs.  
*For details of our Harvest Lunch please see page 4.*



### We Remember

Our love and sympathy go to the families and friends of

**Keith Martyn Vigus** whose funeral took place at St James's Church, Winscombe on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

**Jean Leigh** whose funeral took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

### Organ Music for St James's September 2022

Date and Time	At the Beginning of the Service	At the End of the Service
Sunday 11th September 9.30 am Holy Communion (Harvest)	Aria from Concerto No 12 GF Handel	March from Scipio GF Handel
Sunday 25th September 9.30 am Parish Praise	Chant P	



## Johnny Appleseed



The legend of Johnny Appleseed is based largely on the life of John Chapman. While the story is often considered a tall tale, many parts are true!

He was born in Massachusetts in 1774. As a young man he began an apprenticeship as an orchardist which inspired his life's journey of planting apple trees.

John Chapman really did travel through parts of the United States planting apple trees and apple orchards. He carried apple seeds with him in a sack as he travelled across the country. He was usually barefoot and wore threadbare clothing.

Although he was a wandering apple farmer, he did not just randomly plant seeds all over the country. Instead he carefully planned, bought land and cared for the orchards he planted. He put fences around the orchards to protect them from animals and left them in the care

of neighbours and friends.

Johnny Appleseed spent 50 years travelling across many states caring for these orchards. He is known to have travelled and planted trees in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, West Virginia, as well as Ontario in Canada. Chapman owned around 1,200 acres of valuable land at the time of his death.

The trees that Chapman planted had multiple purposes, although they did not yield edible fruit. The small, tart apples his orchards produced were useful primarily to make hard cider and applejack.

Johnny Appleseed made friends with many people as he travelled and people looked forward to his visits. He was even close with many Native American tribes. They called him the apple seed man, and the Johnny Appleseed nickname did not actually stick until after his death.

Chapman was a follower of the New Church, also known as the Church of Swedenborg. He carried a Bible with him and preached the Gospel to the people wherever he travelled.

*Oh, the Lord's been good to me  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me the things I need,  
The sun, the rain and the appleseed;  
Oh, the Lord's been good to me.*

*Oh, and every seed I sow  
Will grow into a tree  
And someday there'll be apples there  
For everyone in the world to share.  
Oh, the Lord is good to me.*

# OUR FAMILY OPEN DAY IS BACK!

Join us from midday to 5pm on **Saturday 17th September 2022** for a behind-the-scenes look at life at Myrtle Farm.

**FREE ENTRY**



### HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL FIND:

- Trailer tours of our orchards.
- Guided tours of our cidermaking, canning & bottling lines.
- Apple pressing.
- \*New for 2022\* The Thatchers Music Stage at The Railway Inn (midday to 8pm)
- Children's entertainment.
- Cider tasting.
- Over 25 local craft and produce stalls.
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## **COFFEE MORNING**



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



## Weston Museum Events

In Burlington Street, tucked between the Boulevard and Meadow Street, Weston Museum is housed in the town's former Gas Company workshops, with stunning glass roofs and views across a cobbled courtyard. If you are lucky enough to stumble upon this hidden Weston gem, you could relax with coffee or lunch in the café and then stroll through spacious galleries soaking up Weston's fascinating story. The collection contains thousands of amazing objects from the ancient past right up to the present. The Museum is becoming increasingly popular as a wedding venue, as well as hosting pub quizzes and lectures, Bath Bomb and Slime workshops, and has an education team who work with school groups.

In more recent times the Museum has become home to events you would normally expect to see in a city. Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition is back this year and, unlike venues in Bristol that charge an entrance fee, at Weston Museum it's free.

Also the 'World of Martin Brown: Horrible Histories and Other Dazzling Drawings' has an exhibition until November with Martin Brown running illustration workshops and book signings.

Though many exhibits are on permanent display there's always something new to see in the spacious ground floor galleries.

Weston Museum's free admission means it is here for everyone - locals and tourists and is now one of Weston's top attractions.

### What's on in September

All these events at the museum are free and further information can be found at <https://westonmuseum.org/events>

#### **September 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am to 12:00 noon**

Heritage Talk – History of Swimming and Pools in Weston-super-Mare

#### **September 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Autumn Market

#### **September 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am to 3:30 pm**

Royal Archives Day by the South West Heritage Trust

#### **September 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Heritage Talk – Storms and Tides in Weston-super-Mare

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#### **Wednesday 21st September (10:30 am -11:30 am Juniors; 12 noon to 1.00 pm Seniors)**

Amazing Artefacts – Home Educators Monthly Sessions

£15

Each month, we will take part in a variety of different hands on activities inspired by an item from the collections. Each season, we will explore a new theme, which for the Autumn Season will be 'Who Found It?'





## Quiz Night

In aid of East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal

(<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/east-africa-hunger-crisis-appeal>)



**6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**Winscombe Church Centre,  
Woodborough Road, BS25 1BA**

**Tickets: £10 per person**

(Buy tickets individually, or for Teams of 6 people)

**Please bring your own drinks**

**Light Supper – Raffle**

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**Tickets from**

**Janet Corry: 01934 842657 or John Hayter: 01934 844656**



## Aquinas Piano Trio.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

St John the Baptist Church, Churchill, BS25 5QW

Ruth Rogers: violin; Katherine Jenkinson: cello; Martin Cousin: piano.



The 'intermission' is over; rekindle your love for world-class, live, classical music in Churchill this autumn as we finally welcome back the Aquinas Piano trio (postponed from January).

Ruth, Katherine and Martin will launch our new season of concerts with a sublime piano trio by Mozart, a rare and unique set of movements by Elgar as well as a passionate and heart-wrenching

work by Smetana. The last work was written after Smetana had lost his beloved four year old daughter and his deeply moving composition reflects that profound outpouring of emotion. This is certainly a concert not to be missed.

### Tickets

Champions of Churchill Music : £12.50; Non-Champions £16.50; Under 18s £4.50

For further information please contact Mary Smallwood 01934 852589 or [tickets@churchillmusic.org.uk](mailto:tickets@churchillmusic.org.uk)

Website : <https://www.churchillmusic.org.uk/concert/aquinas-piano-trio-2/>

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### The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society

The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society runs two minibuses and operates a schedule of trips every month to shops in Wells, Nailsea, Clevedon, Worle and Weston. In addition it also provides transport for members to their healthcare appointments and subject to availability runs non scheduled trips for its members.

In the past these have included Churchill Music, Theatres, Cinema, pub lunches, trips to the coast and social events etc.

**To see the current schedule of trips please visit**

**[https://www.churchillpc.org.uk/Minibus\\_Society\\_36635.aspx](https://www.churchillpc.org.uk/Minibus_Society_36635.aspx)**

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



## Wroughton Vale Rotary Club

### Jazz in the Orchard.

On a beautiful summer's afternoon in July some 2000 people gathered in Thatcher's Orchard at Sandford to enjoy the gentle Jazz played by the excellent 'Severn Jazz Four'. Naturally, proceedings were lubricated with a choice of ciders, wine and soft drinks. Food came in the form of very tasty, barbecued pork and salads. The afternoon drifted by with groups sitting in the shade of the apple trees, communing with their friends whilst enjoying the music.



This event raised about £320 for charities supported by Rotary.

Currently much of our spending goes on our extensive Youth Programme with local schools.

Our sincere thanks to Thatchers, their most excellent staff and all our supporters.

Rotary at its best.



For details about Rotary and its activities please contact Ivor Metherell 01761 462607 or Angie Biggs on 07790 400718





# THURSDAY LUNCHES

12.30pm @Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 September

Only £5

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- ✓ Special diets ok
- ✓ Wheelchairs ok
- ✓ Transport available, inc wheelchairs

Details & bookings call Janet 01934 852197

*Autumn Menu*

*Soup & Roll*

*Pudding Or Dessert*

*Tea or Coffee*



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## SANDFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The club had a super day for its outing on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July to RHS Rosemoor. It was a beautiful sunny day and we stopped en route at a lovely cafe and nursery for coffee.

The roses at Rosemoor were beautiful! The gardens there are really wonderfully laid out. We were able to have lunch in their restaurant and the food was excellent! I'm sure our members really enjoyed it. Many thanks to John Dunster who arranged it for us.

You may have noticed some of the flower tubs in Sandford have not looked their best. Unfortunately we have a thief who persists in stealing the plants. We would love to know who is responsible for this vandalism as these tubs are planted up voluntarily for the benefit of the village. It's hard to understand why someone wishes to undermine the hard work that goes into maintaining them.

The 'Summer Show' was a great success. The number of exhibits was amazing as the warm weather has been a bit too hot for plants and vegetables! A big thank you to all the exhibitors and all the people that donated cakes and gave up their time to come and help on the door and serve refreshments! It was much appreciated!

Trophy winners were as follows:

- Vegetable Cup, Dickens Cup, Sweet Pea Trophy, Committee Cup, Members Trophy and Presidents Cup: John Dunster.
- W.I. Rose Bowl: Tony Callow, Ann Ford, Jan Welling and Marjorie Dunster.
- Fuschia Trophy: Marjorie Dunster.
- Vic Bridges Dahlia Trophy: Gill Cleverly and Beryl Jenkins.
- Committee Ladies Vase: Marjorie Dunster.
- Greg Smith Memorial Trophy: Meryl Leach.
- Single Rose Trophy: Tony Callow.
- Novices Trophy: Gill Cleverly.
- Whitewell Challenge Cup: Pauline Hurst.
- Stan Thatcher Cup, Higgins 40th Anniversary Trophy: Beryl Jenkins.
- Ebsworth Cup: Christine Byles, Beryl Jenkins and Ann Ford.
- Sandford Harvest Home Cup : Pauline Hurst.
- Committee Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Show was won by Beryl Jenkins and Meryl Leach.



### September

There is no club meeting in September.

### Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 7.30pm

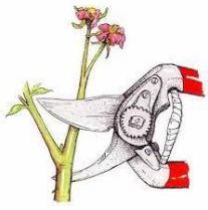
Sandford Village Hall.

There will be a talk entitled "Growing Orchids" by Howard Burnett



## Gardening Notes for September

### The Ornamental Garden



Continue dead heading penstemons, dahlias and any other late flowering perennials to prolong the flowering period. Keep feeding patio plants and hanging baskets with a high potassium feed such as tomato fertiliser.

Cut privet, yew and leylandii hedges for the last time, giving them chance to recover before winter sets in.

Keep camelias and rhododendrons well watered to ensure good flower bud formation for next year. Plant new flowering perennials now while the soil is still warm and there is plenty of time for plants to root and get established before they become dormant for winter. Make sure they are watered if it's dry and put some mulch around them to protect the new roots

### Divide Perennials

Start to dig up and divide early flowering perennials that have outgrown their space or have become congested. Prepare the soil well before replanting.

### Plant Bulbs



Plant Bulbs in borders, other than tulips which should be planted in October to November. For containers plant bulbs in layers for a succession of Spring colour. Use a container at least 30cm wide and high. Cover the drainage hole with crocks and add some compost. Position late flowering daffodils or tulips in a circle leaving a bulb sized gap between each one. Cover the first layer of bulbs so the tops are just visible and plant early flowering daffodils in the gaps between the tops of the bulbs below. Repeat the same operation and plant a third layer of bulbs such as crocus or iris reticulata. Top up the container with compost to just below the rim and water well.

### Lawns

Help lawns to recover from the summer stress. Start by mowing, then scarify the surface with a wire rake, removing any dead material and moss. Improve drainage and relieve compaction by making holes with a fork or hollow tined aeration tool. Finally apply a top dressing, which you can buy ready-made or mix your own using compost, loam and fine grit. Spread the top-dressing thinly and evenly over the lawn so that it smooths over any dips and falls into the holes



### The Kitchen Garden

Asparagus: the ferny foliage of asparagus has been growing all the summer, helping to feed the crowns for next year's crop. As soon as the leaves turn yellow, cut down 2-3cm above ground level. Lightly fork over the surrounding soil and add a generous mulch of garden compost.

# SEPTEMBER QUIZ KNOW YOUR APPLES! ANSWERS.

1. Professor Brian Cox (Cox or Cox's Orange Pippin)
2. Greensleeves
3. Saturn
4. Cameo
5. Spartan
6. Jazz
7. Blenheim Palace (Blenheim Orange)
8. Discovery
9. Limelight
10. Truly Scrumptious (Scrumptious)



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## ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION MID-SOMERSET BRANCH NEWS



### AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Royal Air Forces Mid-Somerset Branch had no events during August so the programme for 2022 will continue in the autumn as follows:.

**Monday 5th September:** Branch Late Summer Lunch

12:15 pm for 12:45 pm

At Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS.

This will also be a centenary celebration of a Branch Member who flew in RAF Coastal Command Wellingtons and Catalinas during 1944 to 1945.

**Sunday 18th September:** Branch Battle of Britain Service

10.30 am

At St Peter and St Paul's Church, Shepton Mallet

By kind permission of the Rector of the Shepton Mallet Benefice, the Branch will sponsor the service at 1030 am to commemorate the Battle of Britain followed by wreath-laying at the town Cenotaph.

**Monday 3rd October:** General Branch Meeting

11:00 am for 11:15 am

At The Street Inn, 1 - 3 Somerton Road, Street, BA16 0DR.

There will be a Branch Meeting followed by a presentation and optional pub lunch.

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 email [rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com](mailto:rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com) or telephone the Secretary 01458 224057 for further information.



## Care for the Family – Parent Workshops



Starting Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

12.45 pm -14.45 pm

‘Time Out for Parents – The Early Years’


This is a series of six workshops for parents and carers of children 0 to 4 years, covering bonding, play, positive parenting, boundaries and behaviour. The resources are published by national charity ‘Care for the

Family’, which aims to support all aspects of family life. The course of workshops is led by experienced licensed facilitators. FREE sessions at Churchill Methodist (BS25 5NG) include a creche with refreshments and handbook. For further information and bookings, please call Jacqueline 01934 844134.

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# Time Out For Parents



## Early Years Workshops

6 sessions for anyone parenting children under 5y






**Friday, 12.45-14.45**  
**16, 23, 30 September;**  
**7, 14, 21 October 2022**

@Churchill Methodist Hall BS25 5NG (by clock tower)

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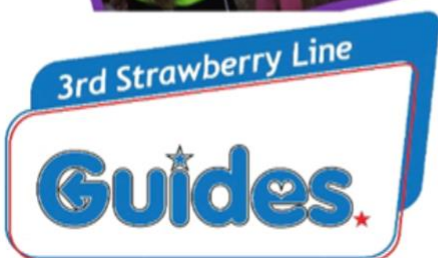


WE DIDN'T STOP OVER THE SUMMER, WE JUST SLOWED DOWN!!!!

Rainbows have been on a Summer Camp sleepover and we have had all sections take part in bat walks.

Guides had a meeting to plan their activities for next term and the Leaders have been busy booking exciting trips for all!

We have limited spaces at Brownies and spaces at Guides Rainbows has a year waiting list and needs another leader.



Our girls have earned over 400 badges since we opened in September - and that's not counting our latest badge, created for our fab bat walks!!

We are all so proud of what they have achieved and are excited for another year of fun!





# RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH



## JULY RESULTS

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July, branch members “rescued” £454 from the Bucket Collection at Sanders Garden Centre. This was the first time the branch has been able to collect at this location.

## BURNHAM & BREAN BEACH LIFEGUARD PATROLS END OF SEASON

RNLI Lifeguards have been providing Beach Safety Patrols at Burnham-on-Sea and Brean Beaches between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm since 2<sup>nd</sup> July but their Summer Season will finish on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES & FUTURE PLANS

August was a quiet month for the “Team”, not least because of the heat wave, however the Branch has a Committee Meeting at Tina’s on Thursday 1st September to plan the details for the Branch Autumn Programme. Regardless of this meeting, there are already four significant events in the branch diary for September:

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September

The Branch will be at the Winscombe Village Fair to promote the RNLI in this part of Somerset. Allan is planning this one so please turn up ready to be “surprised” by Allan’s efforts!

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Di Redfern is holding an “Open Garden” event at her home so Tina will be running a “Bulb Sale” to raise funds for the Branch; as in previous years Tina’s bulbs are excellent value for money. **PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS NO LONGER TAKING PLACE.**

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September

The Bristol Sea Shanty Festival is being held at “Open Air” venues in and around the Bristol Marina. One of our members James Barattini is a member of the local Mendip “High & Dry” Shanty Group that will be taking part in this festival. James & Phil Gibson (Leader of High & Dry) are arranging a presence at their singing venue for the RNLI to collect and sell souvenirs in conjunction with the RNLI South Bristol Branch. Posters for the Festival are on display in the area, on the RNLI Noticeboard at Brown’s Corner and on the Branch Facebook page; it promises to be a good day out!

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September

You will find Branch members “moored” at the exit to Cadbury’s Garden Centre with “Rescue Buckets” deployed ready to recover cash that is drowning.

## THE FASTNET RACE DISASTER REMEMBERED – 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1979

On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1979, 303 yachts set out from Cowes for the Fastnet Race on a 605 mile course to sail to the Fastnet rock off the south coast of Ireland and return to Plymouth. On the night of 13<sup>th</sup> August 1979, a huge Force 11 Storm blew up off Ireland and so began the biggest Sea Rescue Operation since the Second World War. In total, 200 yachts retired, 19 were abandoned and five sank while the rescue operation involved RAF Nimrod aircraft and helicopters, RN Surface ships and helicopters, HM Coastguard and Irish Coastguard staffs, Irish Air Corps aircraft and helicopters, and thirteen RNLi All Weather Lifeboats from four stations in Southern Ireland, Angle in South West Wales and nine stations in Cornwall. That night the RNLi Lifeboats saved 96 lives alone, in addition to those rescued by helicopters. Sadly, fifteen sailors were lost to the sea despite the enormous efforts made by the Coordinated Rescue Organisations.

## JULY RESCUES

In July there were twenty two shouts between our four lifeboat stations (Burnham-on-Sea 2, Minehead 7, Portishead 6 & Weston-super-Mare 7).

At 7:50 pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, the Weston RNLi volunteers were paged by HM Coastguard. A fishing boat had suffered engine failure with 2 people on board and was unable to get back on to its mooring. The crew were requested to assist with the recovery of the vessel and return it to Uphill Boatyard. Both lifeboats were launched at 8:15 pm and the Atlantic 85 lifeboat provided the main tow back to Uphill where the D class lifeboat then positioned the casualty vessel safely onto its mooring.

Once the recovery was completed, both lifeboats were returned to the lifeboat station where they were washed, refuelled and made ready for service by 10:00pm.



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## Wrighton Vale Inner Wheel

Soup and Puds Lunch

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm

The Church Centre, Woodborough Road  
Winscombe, BS25 1BA

Tickets £7.50

Available from Pauline on 01934 853868  
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**Fourth Tuesday each month 7.30 to 10.30 £2**

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## ***“In Quires and Places where they sing....”***

...and sing they did! The combined voices St James’ Church Choir and The Trinity Singers, in tribute to the late Keith Vigus whose funeral took place last month. Appropriately, the anthem chosen was C.V.Stanford’s setting of the Nunc Dimittis in B flat and the hymns, all chosen by the family, included Tallis’s Canon and the Old Hundredth. The service in church concluded with the choir singing Orlando Gibbons’ ‘Drop, Drop Slow Tears’.

Keith Vigus was born in 1936 and grew up in Dursley, Gloucestershire. He joined the choir of the parish church at the tender age of 7 and it was here he discovered his love of music and choral singing which would become a life-long passion. Leaving school he went up to Bristol University to study dentistry. It was through the university choral and operatic societies that he met his future wife Pamela, a student physicist. They became engaged as soon as they graduated. Keith practiced briefly at Gloucester Hospital before taking up a dental practice in Hartcliffe in 1960. He remained an NHS dentist until he retired from practice in 1995. His children once asked him why he did not go into private practice like so many others? He replied that if he were to go private it would rob many people of access to dental treatment in Hartcliffe.

Keith and Pam were married in 1960 in St Marys’ Wedmore, moving to what would be their permanent home, in Winscombe, in 1963. They had three children and the elder two joined St James’ Church Choir in the early 1970s They thoroughly enjoyed singing and tried to persuade their father to join the choir but Keith initially resisted his children’s pleas, claiming he was too busy, but eventually he succumbed and joined in about 1976. It wasn’t long before he was asked to take on the role of choirmaster following the sudden death of the existing organist and choirmaster.



Towards the end of the 80s the church’s music was reorganised and moved away from the traditional to a more ‘charismatic’ style of worship—The next incumbent was a keen musician and under Keith’s direction the choir flourished. By the end of the decade, it had trebled in size and included many children as shown in the photograph.

The new millennium brought further changes at the vicarage and Keith decided to resign as choirmaster.

However, still enjoyed singing with other choirs especially The Trinity Singers.

He had many other interests including collecting and restoring agricultural machinery - he had an Armstrong-Whitworth steam roller in the back of his garage! He was a keen gardener, growing many of his own vegetables and also a keen and a very knowledgeable environmentalist. In his later years much of his time was devoted to the care of his wife Pam as dementia gradually overtook her life.

Contributed by Shaun Darley with thanks to Nigel Vigus and John Jenkins





# **Winscombe Saturday Market**

**Winscombe Community  
Centre**

**Every 3rd Saturday  
of the month**

**0900-1300**

## **Mendip Folk Dance Club**

**Mondays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**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**

### **Benefices of Winscombe and Sandford with Churchill**

#### **Benefice Administrator**

We will shortly be advertising for a part-time, self employed Benefice Administrator based at the Church Centre in Winscombe.

For further details please contact Reverend Andrew Hiscox

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## When We See The Harvest

A harvest of apples, a harvest of corn;  
A harvest of plenty, an autumn adorned.  
With bright coloured leaves, a fall festive blend;  
A wonderful time for families and friends .

A harvest of pumpkins, a harvest of grain;  
A harvest of bounty, and cool autumn rains.  
A big harvest moon- way up in the sky;  
A harvest of blessing that God has supplied.

Be grateful, be humble, give thanks to the Lord;  
He has showered His blessing here in our world.  
But have we been faithful , and have we been true?  
Have we put God first in all that we do?

A harvest that God sees is not food or crop;  
Not pumpkins, or grain, not apples that drop.  
But God see the harvest of souls needing Him;  
A harvest of people who need saved from their sin.

A harvest of souls and A harvest of love;  
A harvest of mercy from our Father above.  
When we see the harvest, let's see through God's eyes;  
And share with the nations the life He supplies.

By Susan Y Nikitenko



## Harvest – a time for generosity



September is the time of year when we celebrate Harvest, or Creationtide - a time to reflect on God's generous provision and an opportunity to consider how generosity is being cultivated within each of us.

This is particularly important right now, as we witness the growing needs in our churches and communities, so this is a timely opportunity to reflect on our own experience of that generosity

and consider how we can help.

To enable this, the national church has created an excellent resource for churches and individuals called 'Generosity Week'. Gary Watson, Lead Giving and Funding Adviser says, "Generosity Week is a fabulous opportunity to reflect, either individually or together, on the generosity we've experienced from God and that which we see in ourselves and others. What we do in response to that has incredible power to change lives and situations because generosity is so contagious! I'd encourage all churches to run a 'Generosity Week' each year and even if your church isn't able to be involved you can still personally join in with the national church week online."

Generosity Week kicks off on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September with a national online Eucharist to celebrate generosity. Throughout the following week, daily reflections and podcasts will be available to help us consider the different facets of generosity and the week ends with a final Eucharist of thanksgiving on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Church resources, including resources for children and young people and ideas of how to celebrate generosity in our wider community can be found at [churchofengland.org/generosity-week](http://churchofengland.org/generosity-week) or look out for #GenerosityWeek on your social media channels.



## The Wonder of Harvest

By Alistair Redfern, Honorary Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Bath and Wells



In a simple sense harvest is about receiving; receiving the gifts provided from the fruits of the Earth on which our lives depend for survival. Harvest is also about giving; giving thanks for such wonderful and vital resources to provide us with what we need to live day by day.

But, of course, what we receive through the wonder of harvest does not just happen! Human beings who benefit from harvest have to contribute significantly to growing, pruning, fertilising, collecting and distributing the produce. We share in the creation as well as in the fruits.

This deep truth should remind us of a number of important factors around receiving and giving:

- each human life is received from the miracle of Creation, and is called to play a part in enabling this creation to produce the fruits that sustain us all: food, fellowship, dreams and hopes.
- we receive guidance in how to fulfil this primary purpose in our lives through the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.
- the key is partnership and participation - we are part of one body, with one Head. This is my body: do this in remembrance of me.
- the fact of sin and selfishness means that millions of God's children don't receive a fair share of God's harvest and are left hungry and struggling.

Harvest is the time for giving:

- giving thanks to God for our creation, and for our calling to play a part in the whole of the creation being fruitful.
- giving careful consideration to our failings to work harder for the inclusion of the excluded.
- giving priority to crafting actions which will enable a fairer sharing of the miracle of the harvest.

Harvest is a good time to go to church; let us join others in giving thanks, confessing our failings, and being joined in a universal body that seeks to include all God's children in the sharing of the fruits of the Earth. Give thanks, confess, commit to making a difference and be part of our public witness for Harvest and Giving.

Every blessing

Bishop Alistair

**For details of Harvest Services in our Churches see the centre pages of the magazine.**

*All are welcome to join us.*



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<b>Health</b>	NHS Health Enquiries Winscombe Surgery Banwell Surgery Mendip Vale, Langford	Call 111 01934 842211 01934 820113 01934 852906
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