

*Putting the Love of Christ in the Heart of our Community*



# ***Signpost***

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



April 2023

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



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

## “When is Easter This Year?”



It's a question many of us ask, as we begin to think ahead to holiday plans or family gatherings. It's not a question asked about Christmas, since that is always December 25<sup>th</sup>, however, since the date of Easter is determined by the lunar calendar, it can fall anywhere between March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Although it's a moveable feast, after the Christmas and New Year celebrations, Easter is the second biggest occasion for retail sales in the UK, bringing in £1.3 billion in 2022, so it's no wonder that supermarkets are eager to cash in on this seasonal shopping at the earliest opportunity. Colourful clutches of Easter eggs, bunnies and buns spring up in display cases and shelves, as soon as the festive sales have fallen away... yet always graciously surrendering a little space for Valentine's Day temptations, Shrove Tuesday essentials and Mothering Sunday treats along the way of course!

However, Easter is far more than just another excuse to spend money. Although it's timing can be traced back to the ancient pagan festival of Eostre, which marked the spring equinox (the first day of spring), the Christian church adapted this seasonal festival, to remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and his triumph over death. The full moon that falls on or after the spring equinox (March 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> in the Northern Hemisphere) is known as the Paschal Full Moon. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon... unless the full moon falls on a Sunday, in which case, Easter Sunday is a week later!

To make things even more interesting, Eastern Orthodox churches use a different method altogether to determine the date of Easter, based on the Julian calendar rather than the Gregorian calendar. As a result, Easter for Eastern Orthodox churches can fall up to five weeks later than the date celebrated by Western churches. If that's still all too confusing, perhaps ask Alexa!

Whatever the date for Easter, it remains a celebration of life over death, symbolising hope, renewal, and redemption, since Christians believe that Jesus' death and resurrection made it possible for humanity to have eternal life with God. It's a time to come together with family and friends, to remember the power of love and forgiveness and to give thanks for the blessings of the past year and the hope for the future - and with the many difficult challenges facing us as a nation and across the world, is such hope never more needed and welcomed?

So whatever church you may attend, or none, whether you're celebrating with traditional customs such as Easter bonnets, egg hunts and simnel cake, or simply gathering for a special meal with family and friends, I invite you to take a little time to reflect with gratitude for all that has been good in this past year and to offer a prayer of hope for the future.

And if you're still wondering "When is Easter this year?" - the answer is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Reverend Jacqui Keir-Bucknall

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Details of our Easter Services can be found on page 29.



### **GOOD FRIDAY WALKS OF WITNESS**

#### Winscombe

#### **Good Friday**

Please join us for an ecumenical Walk of Witness on Good Friday (7<sup>th</sup> April) starting at the Lynch Chapel at 10.00 am and culminating in a short service outside the Woodborough Inn at 10.30 am. If wet the service will be held in the Church Centre.

#### Churchill

#### **Good Friday**

There is a Good Friday Service at St John's starting at 2.30 pm. Following the service there will be a Walk of Witness to the Methodist Church in Front Street, Churchill.

#### **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross**

#### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7.00 pm**

Join local churches at a Service of readings and reflections, remembering Jesus' Way of the Cross.

To be held at

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Tweentown, Cheddar.**



**Stations of the Cross**



## 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 May magazine is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Please note that this is a week later than usual due to the Easter holiday.*** Please submit items as Word documents to [parishmag2@gmail.com](mailto: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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## Our Website

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

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

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

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

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

Please use your Satnav with the postcodes, or visit the website [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

## Sounds of Easter

In previous years we have had a variety of themes to help us reflect on Easter. There have been creative contributions from our parishioners such as Easter Gardens, Easter Crosses and Experience Easter.



This year our Easter theme is 'Sounds of Easter'. You are invited to record a sound clip, to help us reflect on the events of Holy Week. We will feature these Easter Sounds on our website and they will also form part of our reflection on Maundy Thursday. Here are some suggestions:

- Two halves of a coconut for a donkey's hooves (Palm Sunday)
- A tray of gravel, deep enough to allow a child to stand in this and march vigorously on the spot (Soldiers marching)
- A collection of pieces of wood that can be thrown down noisily (The cross)
- A bag of coins that can be jangled and from which some can be tipped out (The betrayal of Jesus)
- A cup and some liquid to pour into it (Wine - the first communion)
- Some pieces of cracker that will snap noisily (Bread - the first communion)
- A bowl of water (Washing the disciples feet)
- A garden at night with owl (Gethsemane)
- A hammer and nail with a block of wood, into which to bang the nail (Jesus on the cross)
- Some wooden dice (Soldiers gamble for Christ's clothes)
- A piece of cloth to tear (The temple veil is torn)
- A piece of card that can be wobbled to make the sound of thunder

The clip should be about 30 seconds, recorded on your phone and sent in. You can use the 'Voice Recorder' app which is standard on iPhones or 'Google Voice Recorder' on many Android phones.

Send your contributions to [rev.andrew.hiscox@hotmail.com](mailto:rev.andrew.hiscox@hotmail.com) **and** [parishmag2@gmail.com](mailto:parishmag2@gmail.com) by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April!

# All Saints Church Community Café



The March Cafe raised £385.16 including Gift Aid.  
Many thanks to all those who supported us.

Our next Cafés  
will be on  
**Saturdays 1<sup>st</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**10.30 am - 12.30 pm**  
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.

Please note that there will be no Café  
in May due to the Coronation Celebrations.

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These beautiful blue Scilla are carpeting Angela's garden in Sandford.



Scilla are a genus of bulb forming perennial plants belonging to the asparagus family and are sometimes called 'Squills' in English.



## Why not come and join our 'Alpha?' Course?

Alpha is a series of informal sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith, over coffee, tea and cake!

Typically run over eleven weeks, each session looks at a different question around faith, with talks from DVD setting the scene. The talks are designed to create conversation in small groups afterwards.

So if you'd like to explore more about the Christian faith in a friendly atmosphere, whether you're a regular church goer or not, this is the course for you!

We are looking to offer the course after Easter 2023. It's totally free, and everyone's welcome.

Contact: [rev.andrew.hiscox@hotmail.com](mailto:rev.andrew.hiscox@hotmail.com)



**Save the  
Children**

## 'Save The Children' Lunches

at

**Shipham Village Hall**



**Save the  
Children**

Our lunches will be served at 12.30pm on the second and fourth Fridays of the month

### **Good Friday Lunch**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Join us for soup, bread, cheese, pickle and hot cross buns,  
tea or coffee  
£5.50

### **Fridays 21<sup>st</sup> April , 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Join us for soup, bread, cheese, pickle and homemade biscuits,  
tea or coffee  
£5.00

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

For further details contact Amanda Firth on 01934 844232



# POP UP Easter CaFé



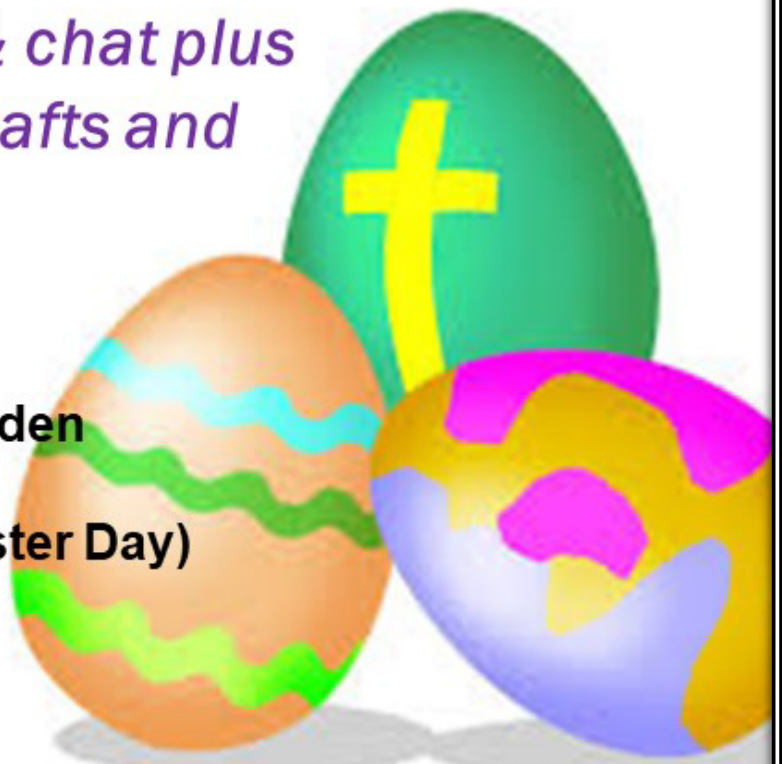
@Churchill Methodist Hall, by Clock Tower

**Saturday 8 April 2022**

**10am - Noon**

*Pop in for cuppa & chat plus  
FREE, ALL AGE crafts and  
activities:*

- ✓ Suncatchers
- ✓ Card making
- ✓ Miniature Easter garden
- ✓ Easter bonnets  
(prizes awarded Easter Day)
- ✓ Posies



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**INFO: Jacqueline  
01934 844134**

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**CREATE! Sunday**

[churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk)

The **Methodist** Church



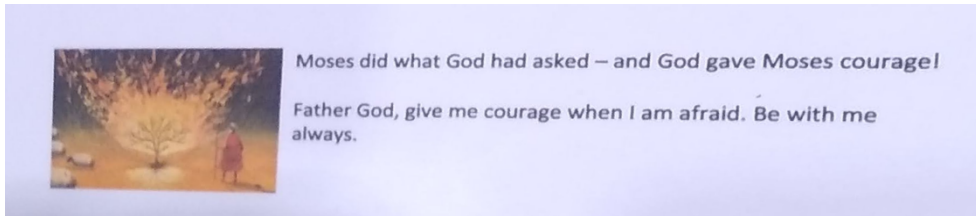


## Messy Church in March

### Be Bold! Be Strong! For the Lord your God is with you!

How would you like to go and ask a mean and powerful King for something big, when you expect that the King will say 'NO'?

That's what God asked Moses to do when the Israelites were being poorly treated as slaves by Pharaoh, King of Egypt. How did Moses manage it? Hilary told us how, and gave all the children a bookmark to remind them of it when they went home (see below).



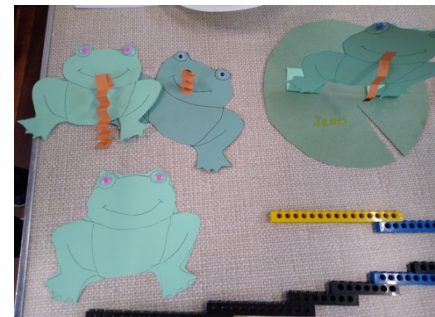
God spoke to Moses from a most unusual burning bush: God promised to be with him and that His power would help him.

The bookmarks have a burning bush picture and a prayer 'Father God, give me courage when I am afraid. Be with me always.'

We sang 'Be Bold, Be Strong, For The Lord Your God Is With You!' and 'Jesus' Love Is Very Wonderful' with all the appropriate actions.

Tim, and his assistants dressed up and retold the story of Moses and the burning bush, and then enacted Moses going to Pharaoh, and the awful plagues that befell the Egyptians because Pharaoh refused to release the people from slavery.

Activities on that theme? Alison helped the children make burning bushes illuminated from within by a tea-light; and some of the horrible plagues made good craft themes. There were fearsome sticky edible insects with edible eyes and lots of legs, some frogs with long red tongues, and snakes, both made of paper and Lego, reminding us of the part of the story where God shows his power to Moses by turning his rod into a snake and back again.



And the game? Well, following Bridget's instruction cards, suddenly the hall was plagued with hailstones that the children had to run from, covering their heads for protection. Then there were lots of child-shaped flies buzzing round each other, swiftly followed by 10 frogs jumping all around. Then there were 10 cows eating grass and then falling down dead, as well as 10 slithering snakes on the ground. Whatever plague would happen next? Quite enough to scare any Pharaoh, maybe!

Our next Session is Easter Saturday (April 8<sup>th</sup>) with an Easter theme. We'll be making Easter Gardens and painting an Easter mural, amongst other things. Will there be any Easter Eggs? What do you think? Quite possibly!



**During the spring!**



**at the Church Centre, Woodborough Rd, Winscombe**  
**Easter Saturday, April 8th 2.30-4pm**

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

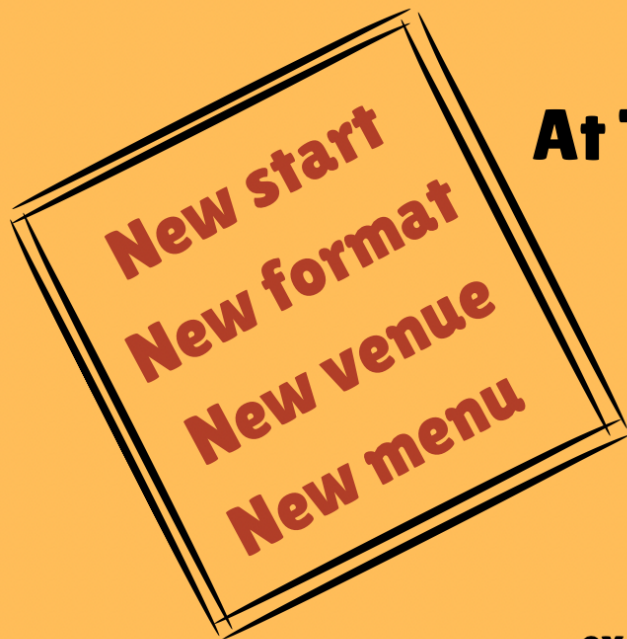
- **Crafts and games**
- **Songs**
- **Bible story told through drama**
- **Drinks and Snacks**

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

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

GREAT EGG-SPECTATIONS AT

# Refresh-men- Breakfast



**At The Woodborough Inn**  
**Winscombe**  
**9.00 am**

**Third Saturday**  
**of the month**

**except March, August & December**

**Re-starting on Saturday 20th May 2023**

For further information or to order this month's men's breakfast  
please contact Tim Harland 01934 843248



**Food**  
**Friendship**  
**Inspiration**

## LYNCH CHAPEL LINK

I'm sitting looking out at my garden. I can't get out into it at the moment but from my study I can see it's waking up; daffodils defying yesterday's snow, hellebores in full bloom, primroses now taking over from the snowdrops and the shrubs beginning to bud up. Spring is well on its way and the birds are gaining their full breeding plumage. It surely lifts the spirit to see what a wonderful God-created world we live in.

In the church's calendar we are into the season of Lent. Here in Winscombe it's become an opportunity for the churches to get together. We have our weekly Lent Lunches where we share together; an opportunity to practise hospitality by eating together and generosity with our support of various charities. How great it is to meet with folk from other churches and to get to know one another better. And of course it's always good to welcome newcomers.

Many of us have been following the Lent Course – The Long Road to Heaven. The film, 'The Way' is the starting point to an exploration of Salvation. It's been quite challenging but enlivened by the humour of the film itself. And again, what a joy to meet and explore ideas with other Christians.

Lent culminates in Holy Week when we have the Stations of the Cross Service (7.00 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> April) at the Cheddar Catholic Church and the Walk of Witness on Good Friday (10.00 am on 7<sup>th</sup> April at Lynch Chapel, walking in silence down to the Woodborough Inn for a 10.30 am Service).

These are times when we reflect on the horror of what was done to our Saviour but we do it in the full knowledge that it was not the end. For on April 9th we celebrate Christ's triumph over death. In 1986 Pope John Paul II, delivering his Easter message in Australia, said:

***'We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!'***

It was a phrase which caught fire across the world. We are the Easter people was proclaimed on many a wayside pulpit and was the subject of many a sermon.

And just recently we at Lynch Chapel were challenged to show our joy in our faith in our faces.

*We say we rejoice in our faith. Let us do our best to show that joy in our faces.*

Joy is what I feel when I see the new life emerging  
in the garden, although maybe the flowers don't  
quite see it that way  
A JOYOUS EASTER TO EVERYONE  
FROM LYNCH CHAPEL





# Family Film Club

**On the Big Screen  
at Lynch Chapel, Winscombe  
LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**29<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> May (third Saturday),  
24<sup>th</sup> June and 29<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Doors open at 2.45pm  
Film starts at 3pm**

**Admission FREE**

**Come and collect your 2023 Family Film Club membership card  
Membership FREE**

**Films are usually 'U' rated and sometimes 'PG'  
so suitable for the whole family to enjoy**

**Children of all ages welcome  
- but must be accompanied by an adult  
Tea/Coffee - Sweets - Popcorn - Soft Drinks  
available to buy**





## April Quiz

This month our quiz has a theme related to Easter. In honour of the Easter Bunny, its all about rabbits!

1. Which country started the tradition of the Easter bunny?

2. Which 1940's Disney film includes a rabbit called 'Thumper'?

3. What happened when Winnie the Pooh visited Rabbit's house and ate too much honey?

4. What are the names of Peter Rabbit's three sisters?

5. What was the name of the rabbit superhero who featured in DC comics in the 1980s?

6. In the movie 'Who Killed Roger Rabbit' where does Roger Rabbit live?

7. Which rabbit is the central character in the Uncle Remus stories and featured in the 1946 Disney film 'Song of the South'?

8. Which famous cartoon rabbit has the catch phrase 'Ehh, what's up doc?'

9. What is the title of the novel which tells the story of rabbits Hazel, Fiver and Bigwig?

10. Which fable has the moral 'Slow and Steady Wins the Race' and who wrote it?

**Answers can be found on page 36.**

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### Responding to the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal

Last month the Churches in Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill launched an appeal for the victims of the Earthquake. The total raised following an additional appeal during our March Cafe Church was £2152. We know that many people gave separately to the appeal so that the actual amount of support probably far exceeds this.



## COMMUNITY CORONATION CELEBRATION WHAT'S ON IN SANDFORD AND WINSCOMBE



### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

- “BEST OF BRITISH” SCARECROW TRAIL AND COMPETITION 2023 (see page 18)

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

- Church Centre, Woodborough Road ‘CORONATION COFFEE MORNING’ 10.30 am  
Tickets free from Beth 01934 844529 or at Tuesday Coffee Mornings before the event

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

- Sandford Primary School – ‘CORONATION CONGA AROUND THE PLAYGROUND’ and ‘BEST CROWN IN CLASS’ competition - 2.30 pm for pupils and their families
- Winscombe Folk club present a ‘CORONATION CELEBRATION CONCERT’  
In the Marquee 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm Tickets £7 (see over)
- The Winscombe Club, Sandford Road. Live band ‘THE HARRISONS’  
8:00 pm Free Entry



### SATURDAY 6TH MAY ‘THE MAIN EVENT’



## SANDFORD AND WINSCOMBE COMMUNITY CORONATION CELEBRATION

**In the Marquee at Winscombe Community Centre 2.00 pm - 10.45 pm**  
**For details see over.**

- Railway Inn, Sandford: LIVE SHOWING OF THE CORONATION in Stan’s barn
  - Sandford Village Hall: LIVE SHOWING OF THE CORONATION  
with refreshments provided

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

- ALL AGE COMMUNITY SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THE CORONATION  
in the Marquee 11.00 am (‘Churches Together’)
- COMMUNITY PICNIC LUNCH: Bring your own picnic lunch; in the Marquee 12 noon
- THE BIG CORONATION QUIZ: Royal themed family quiz from 1.30 pm (see page 21)
- All Saints Church, Sandford ‘SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE’ 10.00 am
- All Saints Church, Sandford ‘CORONATION HIGH TEA’ 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm  
Tickets from Llyn 01934 823484

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

- Railway Inn, Sandford. Live music ‘Function Junkies’ 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm  
(Details on Railway Inn website)

### Other dates

- Various events at the Cricket Club. Check the Winscombe Cricket Club facebook page.

**For further information contact Alison [alisonparmj@aol.com](mailto:alisonparmj@aol.com)**





**'THE MAIN EVENT' SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**Giant Marquee on the grass at**  
**Winscombe Community Centre**  
**Sandford Rd BS25 1HP**



**2:00 pm – 6:15 pm**



**THE CORONATION BIG LUNCH**

Bring your own picnics to the Marquee

Bring your neighbours

Bring your family and friends

• Family Scavenger Hunts

- Ice Cream Van
- Candy Pop Treats
- Short Tennis (Winscombe Tennis club will be running some short tennis on the day for people of all ages to try – [winscombelawntennisclub@live.co.uk](mailto:winscombelawntennisclub@live.co.uk))

**3:00 pm** Winscombe Community Singers Concert to include the National Anthem

**3:30 pm** DJ Tav – Family Disco

**4:00 pm** BBQ, Street Food and Bar – Supplied by The Winscombe Club (cash only)

**4:15 pm** Kidstime Children's Entertainer

**5:45 pm** DJ Tav – Family Disco

**6:00 pm** Marquee closes to prepare for evening events



**Avon and Somerset Police Horse 'Sandford'**  
**'HORSE - NAMING CEREMONY'**

With guard of honour and presentation of a name plaque by Mr Martin Thatcher DL, Managing Director, Thatcher's Cider Company Limited

**6:30 pm** Marquee re opens for Evening Entertainment

**RE-ENTRY TO MARQUEE BY WRIST BAND ONLY- DETAILS OF HOW TO PURCHASE ON PAGE 18.**

N.B. Only alcohol purchased at the Marquee Bar allowed in the Marquee

**7:00 pm to 10:45 pm** Lets Rock Live Music by -'Elevation' and 'Super Blue Moon'

*Thank you for the kind sponsorship from*  
*Chew Valley Gas and Oil Ltd, Mrs Betty Webb and Farrons Estate Agents*



## HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR WRISTBAND FOR LIVE BANDS ON SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> May



Be quick - limited number of wristbands available  
Buy early to avoid disappointment



**Winscombe : Farrons Estate Agents and The Wine Shop**  
**Sandford : Sandford Premier Stores**



Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an Adult  
CASH ONLY



**Early Bird Price** – Saturday 1st April - Sunday 30th April £3.00  
each



Monday 1st May to Friday 5th May £4.00 each  
Saturday 6th May at Marquee £5.00 each

## GET YOUR SOUVENIR COASTERS, FRIDGE MAGNETS and CLOTH BADGES



Available from Farrons Estate Agents  
from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Box of 4 Coasters plus free fridge magnet £5**  
Individual coasters, badges, fridge magnets  
£2 each



## “BEST OF BRITISH” SCARECROW TRAIL AND COMPETITION 2023

Design, Make and Display your Creation for the  
Parish of Winscombe and Sandford to enjoy  
Free to enter - No age restrictions.

Register your entry and be included in the Trail map  
Email: [beckytwinn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beckytwinn@hotmail.co.uk) with your  
address and name of creation, by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
2023

**Prize for most popular Scarecrow, as voted by  
those completing the trail.**

Trail maps available from Woodborough Inn,  
Winscombe from Thursday 27th April, or request an  
email copy from [beckytwinn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beckytwinn@hotmail.co.uk)



# A Coronation Celebration Concert

*Proceeds to local Food Bank and  
Winscombe Flags & Festival Committee Fund*



Featuring a host  
of local, talented  
musicians  
and headlining an  
exciting, rare  
opportunity to see

## Magenta

### Friday 5th May

*The Marquee in the Community Centre Grounds*

*7pm - 10pm*

*£7.00 entry fee paid CASH on the door*

*For further information please refer to  
Winscombe Folk Club page on Facebook  
or call Martin on 07901 510992 during  
March  
and Nigel on 07551 197685 during April*



# Coronation Coffee



## Morning

**Tuesday 2nd May**



**10.30am - 12noon**

**at The Church Centre**

**Winscombe**

**Join us for a right royal cup of coffee or tea and cakes**

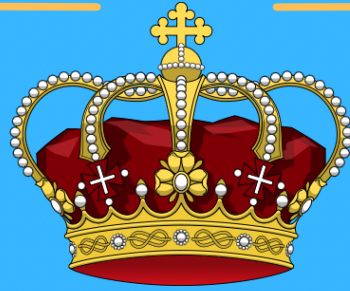


**Free tickets  
from Beth  
01934 844529  
or at Tuesday  
Coffee  
Mornings**

**Music  
and  
Special Royal  
Visitors!**



**Organised by St James's Church.**



**Join us for**  
**The Coronation Quiz**  
**Sunday 7th May at 1.30pm**  
**in the marquee**  
**(Winscombe Community Centre)**  
**A family quiz on a royal theme**

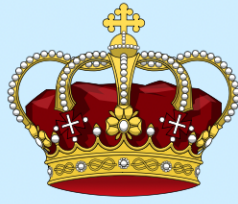
**Free**  
**Entry**  
no need to  
book



Come as a  
team (up to 6)  
or make one  
up on the day



Organised by St James's Church.



**Churches Together In  
Winscombe and Sandford  
invite you to**

**An All- Age Service to  
Commemorate the  
Coronation of  
King Charles III**



**Sunday 7th May  
11.00 am**



**in the Marquee at  
Winscombe Community Association**

**To be followed by a  
'Bring Your Own' Picnic  
and  
The Coronation Quiz**



**Sandford & Churchill Fellowship**  
**at Churchill Methodist Church 2.30 pm**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Reverend Julie Sims  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Lois Emm

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**

### ***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*

### **Winscombe W.I.**



You are welcome to join us for our next meeting.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start  
at 'The Church Centre', Winscombe

Our guest speaker, Tim Bull, will entertain us with his talk entitled 'Read Easy'. Refreshments will be available and we hope to see you will be able to come along and join us.

Please join us for a sociable get-together. Refreshments will be served.

Carol Hudson (Secretary)

# 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**  
(term time only)

Easter Break 3 weeks, return on April 27<sup>th</sup> at  
The Church Centre, Winscombe  
May 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (at Lynch Chapel, Winscombe),  
May 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (at The Church Centre),

*Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information*





## Supporting and Protecting our Natural World.

### Good Shepherds.

I was surprised to hear on the news recently that scientists studying flamingoes have found that they have friends within their group and that they support and recognise each other. This surprised me because I assume that most people who keep animals already understand this and rather take it for granted. Each animal, whatever its species also has a definite personality by which she or he is recognised particularly by their young. In fact once when Albert Keedwell came to move my sheep he said that he had just moved some of his own cattle and that he had possibly split up two friends. He returned home and reunited them!



*We are very good friends.*

*These two chickens always sleep squashed up together even though their house is very spacious. The larger hen is getting very old (11 years) and so I don't know how her friend will react when she finally loses her.*

The New Testament of the Bible in John Chapter 10 recognises this: 'The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep... the sheep listen to his voice.. he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own he goes on ahead of them and his sheep follow him because they know his voice and a stranger they will not follow but will flee from him for they know not the voice of a stranger.'

This is a parable but it can be applied to the trust that must be earned between humans and other species. The acknowledgement of trust between species is a common but powerful experience for us humans. We feel it in many ways especially by inviting other species into our homes – dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, rats and reptiles. They sleep on our beds, sit on our laps, join us for walks and so on.

Then there are common links out of doors with sheep, cattle, pigs, and poultry. As already noticed they have their own relationships with each other but soon accept their 'owner' humans once they feel safe and take appropriate precautions against strangers. It is such a privilege to be trusted by another species and also a huge responsibility and duty of care that should not be betrayed.

### Post Script



Today, 6<sup>th</sup> March, the lovely Maran hen died. She used to sleep in a nest box with her bantam friend. I was interested to see whether the little bantam had still gone back to the box even though her friend was no longer there. This is what I saw; the nest box on the right was completely empty and the little blond bantam had joined the others but at a distance. I felt very sad that she had lost her friend.



## Supporting Your Local Foodbanks

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



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

### Update from the ALL Healthy Living Centre

The organisers of the Foodbank at Bournville, continue to be amazed and humbled by our generous donations and support. Thank you all.



There is one item they do have in abundance which is Baked Beans! Please stop these for the moment but other tinned vegetables, in particular, and meats (please not Fray Bentos pies) would be very gratefully received. These would help give a bit of variety to the meals that can be created.

We wonder if anybody would like to visit FAHLC and maybe meet Mark, Paul and the rest of the team? if there is interest we'll ask them for a few suggested dates and see if we could book the Churchill Minibus. Contact us via the Church Office.

Beth and Denys Cutmore.

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

Cash donations can be placed in the postbox at the Church Centre in Winscombe. Please label to show whether your donation is for the Cheddar Foodbank or the For All Healthy Living Centre.

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

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| ❖ 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 (nit 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                            |

POP UP

# Coronation Café

@Churchill Methodist Hall, by Clock Tower

**Saturday 29 April 2022**

**10am - Noon**

*Come, share Coronation fun...*



- ❖ Cuppa & Chat
- ❖ Fun activities & crafts 0-99 years
- ❖ FREE ENTRY
- ❖ FREE\* ceramic crown or medal for each child \*while stock lasts
- ❖ Pay-as-you-Paint own ceramics



**INFO: Jacqueline  
01934 844134**

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The **Methodist Church**



**Jumbles  
CREATE! Sunday**



**APRIL 2023 – DIARY**

SAT 1	10.30am	Community Café – All Saints
	2.30pm	Coffee and Cake Afternoons – Lynch Chapel
<b>SUN 2</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	
MON 3	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross – Cheddar Catholic Church
TUES 4	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
	7.00pm	Compline – St James’s Church
WED 5	7.00pm	Winscombe WI – Church Centre
	7.00pm	Compline – St James’s Church
	7.30pm	Sandford & District Gardening Club – Sandford Village Hall
<b>THURS 6</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	
	10.00am	Communion in the Community - Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
<b>FRI 7</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	
SAT 8	2.30-4.00	Easter Messy Church – Church Centre
<b>SUN 9</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	
TUES 11	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 12	2.00pm	Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s Church
THURS 13	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s Church
SAT 15	9.00am	Winscombe Saturday Market – Community Centre
<b>SUN 16</b>	<b>EASTER 2</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	
TUES 18	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 19	2.15pm	Communion in the Community – Sewell House
THURS 20	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
<b>SUN 23</b>	<b>EASTER 3</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	
TUES 25	10.00am	Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning – Church Centre
WED 26	2.00pm	Knit and Natter – Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice – St James’s
THUR 27	9.30am	Scramblers – Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James’s
SAT 29	2.45pm	Family Film Club – Lynch Chapel
<b>SUN 30</b>	<b>EASTER 4</b>	
	<b>See opposite page for details of Services</b>	

**BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL**

<p><b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Palm Sunday)</b>                  Psalm 118: 19 - 24                  Matthew 21: 1-11</p>	<p><b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday)</b>                  Acts 10: 34 - 43                  Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24                  John 20: 1-1</p>	<p><b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>                  Acts 2: 42-end                  Psalm 23                  1 Peter: 2: 19-end                  John 10: 1-10</p>
<p><b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>                  Acts 2: 14, 22-32                  Psalm 16                  John 20: 19 - end</p>	<p><b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>                  Acts 2: 14, 36 -41                  Psalm 116: 1-7                  1 Peter 1: 17-23                  Luke 24: 13-35</p>	

## Church Service Times Opportunities to Worship in April

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	8.00 am	St John's	BCP Holy Communion
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Morning Worship
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
<i>Easter Day</i>	11.00 am	All Saints	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St John's	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Church Centre	Family Holy Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30 am	St James's	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	All Saints	Morning Worship
	11.00 am	St John's	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	St James's	Morning Worship
	11.00 am	All Saints	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St John's	Holy Communion

### Midweek Services

Every Tuesday                      All Saints                      10.00 am                      Holy Communion

### Special Services April

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Cheddar Catholic	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	St James's	7.00 pm	Compline
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	St James's	7.00 pm	Compline
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April			
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Dunster Court	10.00 am	Communion in the Community
	St John's	7.00 pm	Holy Communion
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April			
<i>Good Friday</i>	Lynch Chapel	10.00 am	CTWS Walk of Witness
	St John's	2.30 pm	Walk of Witness with Methodists
	St James's	2.00 pm	Good Friday Reflection
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Sewell House	2.45 pm	Communion in the Community

### We Remember

Our love and sympathy go to the families and friends of:

**Joan Dickins** whose funeral took place at St James's Church on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March followed by her burial at Ilex Lane Cemetery.

**Trevor Charles Watson** whose funeral took place at St John's Church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March followed by his burial at Ilex Lane Cemetery.

## Fooling Around!



April Fools' Day (April 1<sup>st</sup>) has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures. However, it's exact origins remain a mystery.

One of the most popular theories dates back to 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII ordered a new calendar (the Gregorian calendar) to replace the old Julian Calendar. The new calendar called for New Year's Day to be celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> January, when previously it was marked between 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

People who refused to accept the new date or did not learn about it, continued to celebrate New Year's Day on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Over time these people became the butt of jokes and would be teased by calling them fools for believing that the year started on 1<sup>st</sup> April. This eventually led to the custom of April Fools' Day, when it was acceptable to play a prank in the name of fun.

These included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as 'poison d'Avril' (April Fish) said to symbolise a young easily caught fish and gullible person.



April Fools' Day has also been linked to the Roman festival of Hilaria (Latin for joyful) which involved dressing up and mocking fellow citizens. It could also be linked to the vernal equinox, the first day of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with unpredictable weather.

In the UK, the first reference to April Fools' Day was in 1698 when an article was written about people being tricked into going to the Tower of London to view the annual ceremony of the lions being washed in the moat!

In Scotland, the traditional prank is to ask someone to deliver a message that supposedly requests help when, in fact, the message reads 'Dinna laugh, dinna smile. Hunt the gowk another mile.' which translated means 'don't laugh, don't smile, send the messenger another mile'. The recipient, upon reading it, will explain he can only help if he first contacts another person, and sends the victim to another person with an identical message.

The media has a long history of fooling the public with elaborate hoaxes for April Fools' Day. One of the most famous pranks took place in 1957. As part of the current affairs programme, Panorama, the BBC broadcast a film that showed Swiss farmers picking freshly grown spaghetti, in what they called the Swiss Spaghetti Harvest. The BBC was later flooded with requests to purchase a spaghetti plant, forcing them to declare the film a hoax on the news the next day.

In another hoax, in 1977, the Guardian created a travel supplement on the tiny, semi colon shaped, tropical republic of San Serriffe. Everything connected with San Serriffe was named after printing and typesetting terms and a number of advertisers joined in the joke such as Kodak who ran a competition for the best photos of the island to be displayed 'at this time next year'!

# Churchill & Langford Village Fund



## Celebrate the Coronation

Friday 5th to Sunday 7th May

Beacon Lighting and BBQ

Family Fun Afternoon

Music Party Night with Hog Roast

Community Church Service and Big Picnic

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

For More Details



## Community Transport in Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill

We are fortunate to have a number of community transport schemes operating in our villages. We have included details of these schemes this month and will include a digest of this information in future editions.



### 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)

The schedule is also advertised on various noticeboards around the villages.

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

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### Sandford Helpline



If you are a resident of Sandford and require help with transport to medical appointments, please contact any of the following numbers

01934 820300

01934 852426

01934 822174

01934 822030

Please do not leave messages but keep trying until you get an answer.

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### Churchill Volunteer Driver Scheme

This is a self help scheme to assist those without transport to get to the optician, dentist, medical appointments or hospital visits.

Contact Kate on 01934853081 or Trevor on 01934 852589

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### Winscombe Contact Scheme

Transport available for medical and other health related appointments for all residents of Winscombe and / or patients of Winscombe Surgery.



To make arrangements please contact the transport co-ordinator on 07888 812398



# **SANDFORD HELPLINE IS URGENTLY LOOKING FOR A NEW SECRETARY AND TREASURER.**

**SANDFORD HELPLINE IS A COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME, WITH A POOL OF VOLUNTEER DRIVERS, WILLING TO ASSIST ANY SANDFORD RESIDENT WHO HAS A HOSPITAL OR OTHER MEDICAL APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND, BUT DOES NOT DRIVE OR HAS NO RELATIVE OR FRIEND WHO IS ABLE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORT.**

Unfortunately, Sue, our secretary for 14 years, is unable to continue in this role, and Tony, who kindly stepped into the role of Treasurer last year on a temporary basis, has many other commitments.

Is there a Sandford Resident out there who can who can help us? You never know when you or your family might need us.

**Please contact Barbara Western on  
01934 820300 if you can help.**





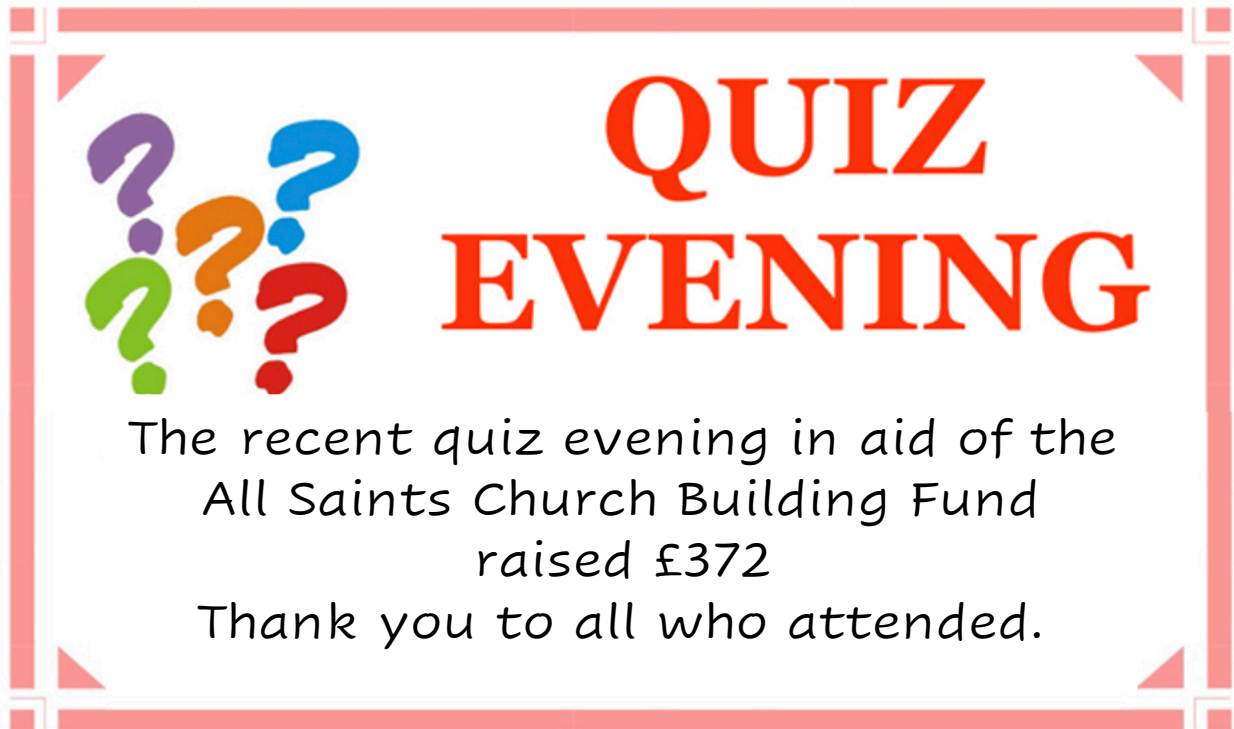
## News from Winscombe Probus

Our April meeting takes place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

'Yuri Gagarin and the Chief Designer' a talk by Terry Ransome. Terry spent some time in Russia during that exciting period.

We meet at the Winscombe Community Centre at 10.15am for a coffee before the presentation, 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.



### **Shipham, Rowberrow & Star History Society.**

We are coming to the last three meetings for this year before our Annual Outing in July and have some very interesting speakers lined up.

In March there's a talk on the Strawberry Line (no samples of produce I'm afraid!) in which Lois Brenchley will show how its use has changed over the years. April has a visit from Kay Wych to tell us how she became a 16<sup>th</sup> century kitchen maid. I'm guessing there were no Marigolds back then.

May's speaker is Tony Painter on the subject of 'History of Somerset Place Names.'

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Thierry Room at Shipham Hall. The doors open at 7.00 pm with coffee, tea and a biscuit (or 2!) and the talk starts at 7.30 pm. Membership is open to all at £10 for the year/£2 per visit and visitors are always very welcome.



**Churchill Music! Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Churchill BS25 5QW**

**7.30 pm - 9.30 pm**

### **The Tong Brothers, Piano Duo**

We are delighted to welcome pianist brothers Joseph and Daniel Tong who have been playing the piano together since childhood.



Their programme for this concert is built around **Schubert's F Minor Fantasy**, written during his final year and many people's choice as the most perfect work ever written for two pianists at one piano.

The programme also includes works by **Schumann** and **Mendelssohn**, who revered Schubert and were responsible for the discovery and performance of several of his works that were never heard during his tragically short life.

Joseph is a versatile and imaginative pianist, much in demand as a soloist, duo pianist and chamber musician. He enjoys a busy and varied career giving regular performances at concert venues and festivals throughout the UK and abroad whilst producing critically acclaimed new recordings reflecting his musical interests and passions.

Daniel enjoys a diverse musical life and is regarded as one of Britain's most respected and probing artists. He performs as soloist and chamber musician, and directs two chamber music festivals, as well as teaching and writing. Daniel first came to prominence as piano finalist in the BBC Young Musicians competition and his life has subsequently embraced a rich variety of musical experience, from concerto performances at Kings Place and St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, chamber concerts at the Wigmore Hall and frequent broadcasts on BBC Radio, to a current role as Head of Piano in Chamber Music at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

Another unmissable concert!

### **Tickets**

Champions of Churchill Music: £14.50; non-Champions £18.50; Under 18s £1.

Available online from [Ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.com) or

[tickets@churchillmusic.org.uk](mailto:tickets@churchillmusic.org.uk) or contact Holly on 07442 672805

## April Quiz Answers

1. Germany
2. Bambi
3. He got stuck in the door to Rabbit's house.
4. Floppy, Mopsy and Cottontail
5. Captain Carrot
6. Toontown
7. Brer Rabbit
8. Bugs Bunny
9. Watership Down
10. The Hare and the Tortoise by Aesop



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### Social Craft Afternoons

Wednesdays 2-4pm

Reading Room

Front Street

Churchill (opposite the Methodist Church)

£2.50 per session (to include refreshments)

All Welcome

Tel. Emma (07972585406) or Sally (07539665976) for more information.

## Cutting the Cost of Reading!

Did you know that over 2.5 million items are available to borrow through North Somerset's libraries, part of LibrariesWest.

Did you know that you can also download **free** eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines and newspapers as part of your library membership?



### **Borrowbox**

The Borrowbox app can be downloaded onto a mobile phone or tablet. It enables you to download eBooks and eAudiobooks which you can read or listen to on your device. It is easy to search for specific titles or authors. You can borrow or reserve up to 10 books in each format.

*Free compared to Audible at £7.99 per month*



### **Libby**

The Libby app can also be downloaded and provides free copies of over 80 popular magazines including Hello, The Radio Times, BBC Good food, Gardeners World, popular Women's magazines, Countryfile, National Geographic and many more!

You can also look at back copies in case you missed that vital gardening tip or recipe etc.

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### **PressReader**

Your library card gives you free access to the PressReader app and website, which allows you to read or download full digital editions of major newspaper and magazine titles from around the world.

*Free compared to an annual subscription to a daily digital newspaper of £65*

In addition all libraries have free to use computers, internet access and wi fi, and you can print for a small charge per page.

### Winscombe Library Opening Hours

Tuesdays 9.30 am to 12.30 pm & 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm

(opens at 10.00 am on first Tuesday in month)

Thursdays 10.00 am to 12.30 pm & 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Saturday 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

*Extended Access Hours: daily 8.00 am to 8.00 pm*



## THURSDAY LUNCHES

Enjoy a chat over soup and sweet!

**6, 13, 20 & 27 April**

**12.30pm @Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG**

Only  
£5



- ✓ Friendly welcome
- ✓ Special diets ok
- ✓ Wheelchair access
- ✓ Transport



To book or find out more,  
call Janet

**01934 852197**

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The **Methodist Church**



The Branch held its AGM on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00 am in the Wessex Hotel, Street, when the Chairman reviewed the 2022 activities and the Treasurer presented the 2022 Accounts; the Meeting approved both submissions. A new Committee for 2023 was appointed and the plans for 2023 were outlined including details of the Area and National Annual Conferences. Members then enjoyed a hotel lunch and some social discussions over a drink.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 am**

Branch Visit to Boscombe Down Aviation Museum including a Pub Lunch at the 'Old Castle' Harvester Inn, Old Castle Road, Salisbury.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am**

General Branch Meeting

Followed by a presentation 'Building RAF Mount Peasant in the Falkland Islands'

The meeting will be followed by an optional pub lunch.

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

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.

**COFFEE  
MORNING**



Every Tuesday at 10.30 am  
Church Centre, Winscombe  
All Welcome

*Spaces in all sections and volunteers needed.*



# Girlguiding

Strawberry Line  
and Lone Rangers



**Rainbows**  
For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.



Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.



**Brownies**  
For ages 7 to 10



**Guides**  
For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.



**Rangers**  
For ages 14 to 18

Find a group near you [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

Registered charity number:



## Gardening Notes for April

### Growing plants from seed

There is nothing more enjoyable for gardeners than growing plants from seed, nurturing them through from sprinkling the seed to a young plant ready to go into the garden.

Wherever possible use fresh seed, although some seeds like brassicas can stay viable for years and others like poppies can stay dormant in the soil for hundreds of years until they are triggered into germination by exposure to light.

Always use fresh compost which should be sieved and does not have high fertility as the seedlings are only going to be in it for a short period.

Sow thinly to allow the seedlings room to develop good roots.

Seeds come in all sizes and shapes, from almost dust to larger heavier seeds such as beans and will need to be treated in different ways. Cover the seeds to give them darkness and to stop fine seeds being pushed to the edges of the containers when being watered.

Some seeds such as achillea, celery, petunias and tobacco plants need light for germination and are best lightly covered with vermiculite. Most seeds need some form of heat for germination, this could be as simple as a clear cover over a seed tray. A heated propagator is even better.

Prick out the seedlings as soon as 'true' leaves appear into a 8cm pot and, when the roots fill the pot, pot on further into the next size up. Give the plants plenty of ventilation and water regularly.

Almost all vegetables can be grown from seed either sowing directly into the soil or in containers for planting out later. All annuals, tender and hardy, are best raised from seed under cover and planted out at the end of May. Biennials such as foxgloves and wallflowers can be sown in June. Perennials can also be raised from seed but a little patience and extra care is required as they take much longer to develop.

Seeds can be sown in different containers depending on their size. Seed trays can be used for most annual flowers, covering them thinly with sieved compost or vermiculite. Medium sized seeds such as runner beans and French beans and beetroot can be sown in modules or root trainers. Some larger seeds can be sown individually in small pots to avoid being repotted, pots made of newspaper can be planted directly into the ground. Larger pots suit fast growing plants like sweet peas and sunflowers.



## SANDFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our speaker Mike Smith gave a most informative talk on hanging baskets and containers. We were shown the various baskets that could be used and also the wide range of basket liners. These included recycling a compost bag turned inside out and using the black side on the outside remembering to put four or five holes in the bottom for drainage. Coir linings are very good for retaining moisture and also the felt ones are good; plastic ones that have preformed holes are quite easy to plant up as well. It is always useful to put a saucer in the bottom of the basket as a reservoir.

We were told to use a good quality compost. Those with a water retaining gel and feed in are the best. It is still a good idea to feed them at least once a fortnight and not let them dry out. If they do it is a good tip to sit them on a bucket of water in a shady place for a day. You can get pulleys which make it easier to water them.

Mike gave us a list of all the plants you can use to make an impressive basket. We were shown some beautiful slides of baskets and containers.

John thanked Mike for his talk and reminded everyone about the outing to Dewstow Grottos and Garden and Dyffrun Garden. This is taking place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023. It will be a lovely day out and anyone that is interested in going will be most welcome. You don't have to be a member of the club to come. The price is £23.00 for RHS members and £32.00 for non members. If you are interested in coming please contact John Dunster on 01934 844777.

Our Spring Show was well attended. We had a beautiful array of spring flowers. We were surprised by the number of entries we had and it was lovely to see all the spring flowers out in bloom. Many thanks to all who entered and donated their lovely home made cakes and gave their time to help in the kitchen.

The trophy winners were as follows:

The Hyacinth Cup: John Dunster	The Willet Trophy: Bridget Andrews and Gill Cleverly
The Pitchbury Cup: Gill Pittaway	WI Spring bulb Trophy: Claire Milkins
Spring Plants Cup: Chris Byles	Pot Plant Trophy: Beryl Jenkins
Floral Art Cup: Gill Cleverly	Keeble Trophy: Lynn Parfitt.

Best in Show was won by John Dunster for his container of three hyacinths.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm**

Sandford Village Hall

A talk entitled 'A New Style of Roses'. by Mervyn Reed

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30 pm**

Sandford Village Hall

A talk and demonstration on 'Flower Arranging from Your Garden' by Myra Cox

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 10.30 am - 11.30 am**

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*Cheque presentation: President Bob with Lisa Cooper, Head of Somewhere to Go, Volunteer Tiffany Monk and Rotarian Suzi Downs.*

We meet each week at Mendip Springs Golf Club, generally have a meal and a Speaker on a diverse range of topics. This is a pretty casual affair with a fair bit of bonhomie.

Once a month we have a business meeting when we address our work in society.

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## BETTY'S POTS REMINDER

'Betty's Pots' are still available in Winscombe and can be obtained from, and filled pots returned to, Farrons Estate Agents but Tina (01934 842304) is still on the look out for more venues willing to help us

## BRANCH AGM THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH

The Branch held its AGM on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Winscombe Club. The Chairman reported that similar to last year, the Branch had to cancel or restrict some events. Early in 2022 this was due to the high levels of Covid and, sadly in September, due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who was the RNLI Patron and out of respect the RNLI followed the official period of State Mourning. Clearly, this had an effect on the Branch's ability to raise funds on behalf of the RNLI and to participate in local events. Nevertheless, the Branch organised 11 public events (2 Folk Nights, 3 Open Air Sales, 3 Supermarket/Garden Centre Bucket Collections, a Fish Supper, a Reindeer Run & an AGM) and took part in 5 local events including the Winscombe Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The 'Card Sales Team' also attended a number of collective charity venues. The Treasurer reported that the total raised in 2022 was £16,411. The Branch Committee was re-elected en-masse as each member agreed to stand for a further year. Following the formal aspects of the meeting, there were a number of presentations. The Chairman Allan Cooper presented Sue Watson from Shipham (previously a committee member) with a RNLI Certificate for her service to the Branch. The Publicity Officer provided a pictorial presentation covering each of the 16 events reported above. Two guest speakers, brothers Freddie & Lloyd Steim, gave a fascinating overview of

their RNLI life, first as lifeguards at St Agnes in Cornwall providing lifeguard cover on seven beaches between Portreath and Perranporth, and then their service as crew members on the St Agnes D Class Inshore Lifeboat, including videos showing the foibles of launching from a beach into heavy surf. Lloyd qualified earlier this year as a lifeboat helm. There was a short presentation about the 'Atlantic Dragons' reported separately below and the AGM ended with a brief Question & Answer session.



## **ANNUAL PLANT & GARDEN ITEMS SALE – SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY**



The next major Branch Event will be the Annual Plant & Garden Equipment Sale on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May starting at 10:00 am at the Winscombe Community Centre, Sandford Road, Winscombe, BS25 1HP. Stalls will include a full range of greenhouse plants; runner and French beans and courgettes; bedding plants and garden fillers; Acers and shrubs; garden jumble including patio items and tubs; garden & domestic tools; and guest stalls plus a few new ideas all at 'Give-Away' prices.

Contact Allan Cooper by e-mail [allan.coop@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:allan.coop@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone 01934 842954; or Tina Joyce by e-mail [meejlfh@gmail.com](mailto:meejlfh@gmail.com) or telephone 01934 842304 for more details. Branch members will collect any items donated for this sale ahead of the date.

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

## **ATLANTIC DRAGONS COMPLETED ROWING THE ATLANTIC FOR THE RNLI**

As reported last month, a friend of one of our committee called Dan Bohin together with his colleague Adrian Tyrrell (The Atlantic Dragons) were rowing the Atlantic to raise £50,000 for the RNLI. Well, they arrived safely and stepped ashore in Antigua in the early hours of 5<sup>th</sup> March so congratulations to them both. Sadly, so far they have only received £10,000 in sponsorship on their 'Just Giving' Page so they still seek more sponsorship money. During the crossing both men lost considerable weight and Readers can see the "Before & After" photographs of the Atlantic Dragons at:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063656361359> where you will find details of how to give money to their cause.

## **FEBRUARY RESCUE**

In February there was just one shout at RNLI Weston-super-Mare. At 09.52 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Weston's Lifeboat crew were paged by the HM Coastguard control centre to make an immediate launch to a report of two swimmers possibly in difficulties in the sea between the Grand Pier and Knightstone Island. A concerned member of the public walking along the Promenade had contacted the Coastguard as it appeared to them that the swimmers were signalling for assistance. The D class lifeboat was quickly deployed to check whether the swimmers were in need of any assistance but it was quickly established that they were fine and enjoying a bracing swim. The lifeboat was then recovered back to the station for the crew to return to their day jobs. The caller was thanked for having made absolutely the right call, as all of the team would rather check out people in possible need of help rather than the emergency services having to respond when the situation has escalated.

## News from Winscombe Community Singers

We have been delighted to welcome several new members following our 'Come and Try' evening earlier in the year. We have boosted all our sections and it has been particularly exciting to see our men's section grow considerably. Come and hear us sing at the Coronation Celebrations.



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The recruitment poster features a white background with a large, colorful graphic of musical notes and a treble clef on the left. It includes two small logos of the community singers group and contact information for Simon Page.



## The Cost of Discipleship

In our homegroups this Lent each weekly session concluded with a simple prayer from Bonhoeffer's 'Letters and Papers from Prison'. So who was Dietrich Bonhoeffer?

He was born in Breslau (in Germany, now Poland) in 1906 into a large very highly educated and gifted Protestant family. Dietrich graduated from the University of Tubingen and received his doctorate in Theology from the Humboldt University in Berlin in 1927 when he was still only 21 years old. Too young to be ordained in the Lutheran Church, he went to the United States and studied at the Union Theological Seminary, New York. This was a life changing experience as he came into contact with African Americans and the social injustices that many experienced. He also observed the churches failure to bring about integration. Returning to Berlin in 1931 to teach at the University, he became active in the emerging ecumenical movement. In 1925 time he was ordained into the Lutheran Church and became a dedicated pastor.

When Hitler became German chancellor in January 1933 everything changed! Bonhoeffer was one of the first to speak out against Hitler and the Nazi persecution of the Jews. The Gestapo quickly sought to take control of the national church infiltrating the Lutheran synods to ensure the appointment of Nazi and pro-Nazi clergy and officials and the adoption Nazi doctrines especially with regard to the Jews. In response a breakaway group, the 'Confessing Church' was formed to proclaim the supremacy of Christ and traditional Christian beliefs. Bonhoeffer travelled around Germany visiting churches trying to persuade them to remain true to the Christian faith. He ran an underground seminary to train pastors for the Confessing Church. The Gestapo were steadily closing down any opposition to the Nazi government. In 1938 Bonhoeffer was banned from Berlin, then forbidden to speak in public, and, once war had been declared, from printing or publishing anything.

With the help of his brother-in-law he secured a post in the Abwehr, the German military security service where there was already growing opposition to Hitler. This way Bonhoeffer was able to avoid conscription into the army and at the same time being able to travel abroad officially on security business whilst actually seeking support for the resistance and helping Jews to escape from Germany. In this way he met Bishop George Bell of Chichester hoping to win support from the British for the resistance movement. But Bell was unable to persuade the British foreign office to take any interest.

In April 1943 Bonhoeffer was arrested and imprisoned in Tegel Prison and although forbidden to, he continued to write with his papers being smuggled out by visitors and friendly guards. He also continued his pastoral outreach among other prisoners and guards. During his time in prison he became engaged and his fiancé who was the only person allowed to visit him smuggled out his writings. It is thanks to her that his 'Letters and Papers from Prison' was published after the war.

After the failure of 20<sup>th</sup> July plot to kill Hitler in 1944 and the discovery of documents relating to the conspiracy, Bonhoefer was accused of association with conspirators and he was transferred to the Gestapo's high security prison. In 1945 he was moved secretly to Buchenwald concentration camp and finally in February to Flossenbergl. As he concluded a morning service for fellow prisoners on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> he was led away. Following a brief trial with no defense or witnesses he was condemned to death on Hitler's orders. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April he was hanged along with 6 others.

Within a month Hitler was dead the war had ended! Today we remember Bonhoeffer as a martyr, teacher and a great disciple. As a theologian he had been working on 'Christian Ethics' but he is probably best remembered for 'The Cost of Discipleship', (1938) and the 'Letters & Papers from Prison' published posthumously.

*In such a short space it is impossible to do justice to this great Christian but I felt that I could not let the anniversary of his death pass.*

Shaun Darley

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### **Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Prayer from Prison.**

O God, early in the morning I cry to you.  
Help me to pray and gather my thoughts to you, I cannot do it alone.  
In me it is dark, but with you there is light;  
I am lonely, but you do not desert me;  
My courage fails me, but with you there is help;  
I am restless, but with you there is peace;  
in me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;  
I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me.  
Father in Heaven praise and thanks be to you for the night

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

# The joy of Easter

By Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

As April begins, we mark it with the Palm Sunday procession, the welcoming of Jesus into Jerusalem amongst much jubilation and a sense of impending revolution. There were those who expected Jesus to be the next rebel leader who would rouse the local people to turn against their Roman overlords. In their enthusiasm, limbs of trees were broken to pave the way for this new hero.

However, it didn't take much for the crowd to turn around and change its tune. Those palm leaves torn from branches to throw in his path have become the palm crosses we hold today. Symbolising for us the way in which the week ends. Fronds of living trees now dried and woven to form the cruel instrument of death on which Christ suffered.

Many of our churches are now engaged with rewilding their church grounds, many are seeking to gain awards with Eco Church and are looking for new ways of reducing or capturing carbon. There would be horror at the thought of denuding our trees! In fact, parishes are discovering opportunities to partner with others to plant new trees on

spare glebe land.

Sometimes though it can feel to us that the environmental crisis is too great a one to solve. Yet the message of Easter shows us that when things seem nigh on impossible it is then that we glimpse the grace of God at work. God's way of overcoming evil was not to fight a small act of resistance against a Roman invasion but rather to combat sin itself. The death of Jesus was the ultimate battle to overcome that which has separated humanity from knowing the extent of God's love for each and every one of us.

The natural world around us is a wonderful illustration of how death is not the end. The environment can be devastated by flood, fire and human carelessness and yet new life can begin again. The joy of Easter is that the story doesn't end in death but opens a new beginning for us all through the resurrection of Christ.

May you know the life and love of Christ this Easter!

Bishop Ruth ■



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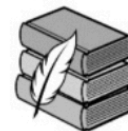
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