

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



# ***Signpost***

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



June 2024

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  - 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)

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

## A Boy's Eye View



This month sees the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings which began the liberation of Europe from Nazi occupation. There can be very few alive now who took part in that remarkable event but some of us, who were children then, will have memories of that time.

My father, working for a large shipping company in London, had a '*reserved occupation*'. On the declaration of war in 1939, he and a small group of colleagues were immediately sent to Taunton to set up a second office which could carry on the company's business in the event that the main office was bombed. Meanwhile, my mother took me and my elder brother to live with her parents in Bristol, while

my father looked for a new home for us in Taunton.

In the spring of 1940, we moved into a house in a small hamlet on the edge of the town which became our home for the next five years. The house was one of three and intended as the first of a large housing development which had been abruptly halted by the outbreak of the war. From the back of the house, we had an uninterrupted view across open fields to the Blackdown Hills on which there were several airfields. Every day we saw fighter aircraft taking off and landing and from time to time saw '*dog-fights*'. I never saw a crash site, but I remember sometimes seeing in town a RAF trailer transporting the remains of a crashed aircraft.

As children, we just enjoyed playing in the fields, paddling in the near-by stream, fishing for tiddlers, joining in the fun of haymaking which included riding on the haywaynes and climbing on and sliding off the haystacks as they were being made... no health and safety rules then! And, along with some other children from the road, we attended a small independent school called '*The Beehive*'. It was a very happy school. In short, it was in my memory, really an idyllic time for me and the other children who lived around us. Only the air raid siren and the noise of German aircraft overhead, reminded us that all the time there was a terrible war going on.

Our road ended in a stream, a long ford with a bend so drivers could not see any vehicle coming the other way until they were well into it. Consequently, we saw hardly any traffic! Behind the houses on the other side of the road were a number of recently erected low buildings; a prisoner of war camp originally housing Italian prisoners so I believe, though I cannot remember seeing any. With petrol severely rationed it was generally all very quiet.

Then the Americans arrived! Our quiet roads became busy with army vehicles, trucks and Jeeps rushing everywhere. We sometimes met soldiers out on route marches. They were different from the soldiers we had been used to seeing; the Americans sang as they marched and were more relaxed in some ways than the British. The American soldiers would often throw us packets of chewing gum, and on one occasion a soldier lent forward as he marched and undoing the backpack of the man in front, took out an orange and

laughing, threw it to a group of us children watching. As time went on, the number of American soldiers rapidly increased, many were billeted in those buildings which we believed had previously housed Italian prisoners.

By now, there was clearly a growing expectation among the adults that something important was going to happen. More areas of the countryside were closed to the public. From our vantage point looking towards the Blackdown Hills we began to see aircraft towing gliders. A few to begin with but the number was rapidly increasing. In the end the sky was so full of aircraft and gliders and we could watch the aircraft tow the gliders into the air and then see the tow rope fall away leaving the glider to land goodness knows where. Then, suddenly, one night they all disappeared. Where did they all go? It wasn't long before the news of the D-Day landings the following morning gave us the answer. We didn't see any the gliders again only aircraft. Looking back, I sometimes wonder what happened to them all and how many of the parachutists survived.

After D-Day the mood among the adults changed and became more upbeat. My father pinned a map of Europe on the kitchen wall and together with my brother, who was very grown up and knew a lot about everything at 14!, would mark the Allies' progress with red pencil on the map. The buildings that had once housed POWs were now hospital wards for the injured soldiers. The buildings in due course became an integral part of Musgrove Hospital. My father had often spoken longingly of "*when its peacetime again*". As a boy of 7 years who had no memory of a time before the war, I was intrigued as what '*peacetime*' would be like. Clearly, he had great expectations of life when the war was over.

When the war finally ended in August 1945 we returned to our former home in North London and he to the office that had escaped the bombing of the city. Of course, I had seen the photographs in the newspapers and on the cinema newsreels, but nothing had prepared me for the destruction wrought by the bombing, V1s and V2s. The attractive pink flowers of Rosebay Willowherb growing everywhere in the ruins could not conceal the utter devastation of 6 years of war! Food rationing, power cuts and shortages of almost everything, made life hard for everyone. I was sent to a primary school housed in a very old building, gas lit and heated by coke stoves. There were 46 children in my class: more than the entire number of children in the school in Taunton!



It would be many years before life became anywhere near as pleasant as those years I had spent in Taunton. What I realised quickly is how much we owed to those who had taken part in the liberation of Europe. Had D-Day not been a success ... it does not bear thinking about!

***Thank God for all those men and women who gave their lives that we, the younger generation, could ultimately live in freedom and peace.***

Shaun Darley (age 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  years)

## **Signpost - The Parish Magazine**

Welcome to June's *bumper* edition of Signpost. The magazine aims to serve and reach out to the local village communities of Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill and in doing so, provide opportunities for the residents to become more aware of activities across all Christian denominations and within our villages. We hope you enjoy reading this month's edition.

## **Next Month's Magazine**

***The deadline for July's edition is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June.*** 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.

The Editorial Team reserve the right to amend and/ or reformat submitted articles.

## **Signpost – paper copy**

We produce a limited number of black and white printed copies of Signpost that are available from some local shops, each of our churches and the Church Centre.

## **Signpost – via email**

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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
- ❖ Signpost Magazine: download the latest copy and find out how to contribute
- ❖ Hire A Venue: how to hire our Church Centre, Churches and meeting rooms

### **SIGNPOST - DONATIONS WELCOME**

It costs approximately £600 per annum to produce the magazine, based on current prices for materials and ink. Volunteers give their time freely to distribute the magazine.

We are always grateful to supporters who choose to make a donation and those that place a paid for advert, towards the on-going costs of the magazine. Donations can be placed in an envelope marked 'Signpost Donation' and posted in the letterbox at the Church Centre in Winscombe.

If you wish to place an advert, please contact the Editorial Team: [parishmag2@gmail.com](mailto:parishmag2@gmail.com)

Many thanks to all those who have already made a donation; your generosity is very much appreciated.



## SAVE THE DATES

**Tuesday 4th June - D-Day 80 Coffee Morning**  
Church Centre 10.30 am

*See page 19 for full details*

**Thursday 6th June - D-Day Documentary**  
Church Centre 7.30 pm

*See pages 22/23 for full details*

**Thursday 6th June - Beacon Lighting**  
Millennium Green 8.45 pm

**Friday 7th June - Friday Film Club WW2 Theme**  
Church Centre 2.00 pm

*See page 9 for full details*

**Saturday 8th June - D-Day 80 Nostalgia Night**  
An evening of themed entertainment, fun & food  
Church Centre 7.00 pm

*See page 29 for full details*

**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US**  
**D-DAY 80 WINSCOMBE**

More details of each event to follow

## **D-Day 80**

A number of events are being planned in our villages to recognise the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day which was a remarkable operation during World War 2.

What do you know about D-Day? Here are a few interesting facts (with thanks to the Royal British Legion).



### **It doesn't stand for what you think ...**

The term **D-Day** is used by the Armed Forces to refer to the beginning of an operation. The 'D' stands for 'Day', which means it's actually short for 'Day-Day'. Before the Allied attack in June 1944 there would have been many D-Days, however it was so iconic that it came to be used solely when referring to the beginning of Operation Overlord.

### **Britain was not alone**

In addition to those from the UK, D-Day forces included sailors, soldiers and airmen from the USA, Canada, Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland and others.

### **Even the Allied Forces couldn't beat the weather**

The D-Day invasion was actually planned for 5<sup>th</sup> June, however, in true British fashion, the weather was too bad for the ships to set sail; it was therefore postponed until the day after.

### **Hitler had been preparing**

The D-Day landings weren't a simple matter of invading a series of beaches. They involved breaching Hitler's Atlantic Wall – a series of 'impenetrable' defences stretching 1,670 miles from Norway to Spain. Much of this wall is still intact; concrete turret defences, anti-landing obstacles and more can still be found all across the coast.

### **It wasn't the easiest option on the table**

The Axis actually considered Normandy to be one of the least likely places for the Allies to attack. It had one of the furthest crossing distances from the UK and no port. This is why they chose to invade there. Two artificial harbours were constructed and 7,000 tonnes of vehicles and goods were transported over them each day.

### **Equipment had to be specially invented**

As the invasion was the first of its kind, there was no existing equipment with which to carry it out. Not only were the Mulberry Harbours invented, so were the iconic landing crafts. These had a ramp that dropped down into the sea, meaning troops didn't have to scramble over the side to get out.

### **The South of England was transformed**

The jump-off point for the attack was on the south coast of England and the bottom half of the country was transformed into one large army camp in preparation. Civilian and diplomatic travel was restricted and journalists were constantly monitored.

### **Fake news played a big role**

It was impossible to hide the attack from the German intelligence. The Allies therefore ran operations to confuse them on when and where it would take place. They leaked fake plans, set up fake camps and sent fake coded radio messages. On the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> June, the Allied forces bombed Calais to give the illusion they were readying for an attack. The French resistance then cut telephone lines to stop news of the invasion reaching the German High Command. German intelligence wasn't sure whether the attack was real even as it was taking place.

### **Landing wasn't the first step**

The first part of the invasion was conducted by air. British and American air-borne divisions landed behind enemy lines to capture the Caen Canal Bridge; this was no small task.

### **The news reached Anne Frank**

Listening on a secret radio, Anne Frank recounts there was *"great commotion in the Secret Annexe!"* upon their hearing about the attack. *"Hope is revived within us"*, she wrote, *"It gives us fresh courage, and makes us strong again"*. Sadly, Anne's hiding place would be found by the Nazis before that liberation she dreamed of could take place.

### **Want to know more about the D-Day operation?**



**D-DAY 80 WINSCOMBE** 

**THURSDAY 6TH JUNE**

**7.30pm at The Church Centre, Winscombe**

**D day Documentary Film**

**For all ages. Come & learn about the events  
that took place on D Day in 1944**

**Refreshments**





ST JAMES'S EVENTS TEAM



# FRIDAY FILM CLUB

**At the Church Centre**

Woodborough Road, Winscombe

**Friday 7th June**

**Doors open at 2.00pm**

**Film starts at 2.15 pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Free Entry**

As part of our D-Day commemoration this month's film is based on a popular sit com about The Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard. The platoon deal with a visiting female journalist and a German spy as World War 2 draws to its conclusion



## MAY ACTIVITIES

Six Members of the Branch visited the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton for a fascinating and fulfilling morning on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The Museum has been updated and improved significantly in the last few years and members found it is a very informative and interesting picture of Royal Naval aviation; impressive even for those in lighter blue! The visit was followed by a first-class lunch at the Podymore Inn.



On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May the Branch Meeting was held in Wells Golf Club and included a further presentation by the new Chairman entitled: *'They Bend 'Em, We Mend 'Em'* cataloguing some more of his experiences as an Engineering Officer at RAF Wyton. The presentation concentrated on several variants of the Canberra aircraft operated at RAF Wyton between 1975 and 1978 including the Canberra PR9 where the Navigator rode in the hinged nose of the aircraft in front of the pilot and the Canberra T4 with its *'swing ejection seat'*. The meeting concluded with lunch and drinks from the golf club menu and bar.

The Branch attended its first exhibition event at the WarAg Festival at Westonzoyland Airfield on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May, providing a display of the Branch activities and what the RAFA Charity does.

## ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION PATRON

The RAFA is delighted to announce that His Majesty King Charles III will be the new Patron of the RAF Association. The news was confirmed by Buckingham Palace to mark the first anniversary of His Majesty's Coronation.

King Charles has been a member of the RAF Association since 1971, having enlisted into the RAF that same year. He also previously took on the role of President of the RAF Association in 1986.



## FUTURE PROGRAMME

As a follow-up to the WarAg Festival, the next Branch Meeting will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 11:00 am in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS. The highlight will be a full presentation by Robbert Turner entitled: *'The Westonzoyland Air Museum'*. The meeting will also mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day with discussion of the RAF involvement in the invasion; as usual, the meeting will conclude with the option of a pub lunch and drinks.

The Branch will be attending two further exhibition events during June. The first will be the display of the Branch and RAFA Charity activities at the Collett Park Day in Shepton Mallet on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June in conjunction with 1182 Squadron (Shepton Mallet) Air Cadets. The second will be at the Mendip Golf Club outside Wells, where the golf club will stage its annual competition for the Sqn Ldr Ron Fell RAFA Trophy.

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July the Branch will hold its summer lunch in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS. Assembling at 12:15 pm, there will be a 2 or 3 course formal lunch with choices for each course.

The Branch covers BS25, BS26, BS27, BS28, BA4, BA5, BA16, TA10 & TA11 postal areas. This event is open to Members from any RAFA Branch, Current and Ex-RAF Personnel and Reserves, Current and Ex-Commonwealth Air Forces Personnel, Members of the RAF Family and Members of the public that support the aims and purpose of RAFA. For further information, please either contact the Branch via email at [rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com](mailto:rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com) or telephone the Secretary on 01458 224057.

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## All Saints Church Community Café



The May Cafe raised £307.25 including Gift Aid.  
Many thanks to all those who supported us.

Our next cafe will be on  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</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.

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## June Quiz

6<sup>th</sup> June marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day. You can find out elsewhere in this edition what the 'D' stands for.

# D·DAY80

This month's quiz is all about other things that feature letters of the alphabet in their names.

1. The title of which 1939 jazz classic, the signature tune of Duke Ellington, refers to the then new subway which ran through New York?
2. What term is short for the German 'Unterseeboot'?
3. What is the name of the gang of teenage boys led by Danny in the musical 'Grease'?
4. How is the Air from Bach's Orchestral Suite No.3 better known?
5. Which American action-adventure TV series features four Vietnam veterans, framed for a crime they didn't commit who help the innocent while on the run from the military? And how was the character B.A. Baracus better known?
6. What name is given to the medical imaging test invented by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen in 1895?
7. What does BFG stand for in the title of a Roald Dahl book?
8. Who directed the 1954 thriller, 'Dial M For Murder', which starred Ray Milland and Grace Kelly?
9. What is the name of the plane which is the most capable combat bomber in the U.S.?
10. Which TV music competition franchise was created by Simon Cowell?

*Answers can be found on page 41*



# Big Help Out

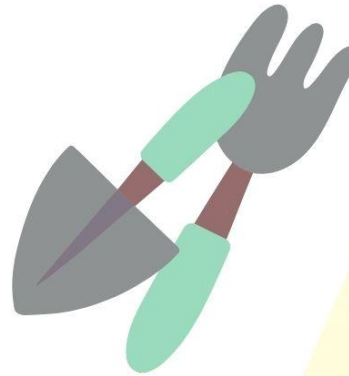
## Sat 15 June

09.30-13.00

@Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG



Pop in & help tidy our community facilities



Warm welcome, bacon butties, cuppa & cake

Pick what you prefer:

- Light or family friendly jobs
- Dust, sweep, mop
- DIY, building maintenance
- Gardening & outdoor tidying



Churchill Methodist Church

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INFO: Jacqueline  
01934 844134



## Supporting Your Local Foodbanks



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

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

There are collection baskets for each village in each of the churches and at the Church Centre. The foodbanks also appreciate cash donations which can be used to buy items in particular need or provide vouchers that can be spent on food in local supermarkets.

Cash donations can be placed in the post box 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.

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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                            |



**Winscombe**  
SATURDAY MARKET

**Winscombe Saturday  
Market  
Winscombe Community  
Centre  
Every 3rd Saturday  
of the month  
0900-1300**

Churchill Methodist Church  
**CREATE! Sunday**

**Sunday 23 June 4-6pm**  
**FAMILY GARDEN PARTY**

WELCOME



INFO: Jacqueline  
01934 844134

**FUN FOR FAMILIES**

**Games ~ Nature & Craft Activities ~ Story**  
**Entry free ~ Bring & Share BBQ**

**@ The Secret Garden, Station Rd, Sandford BS25 5RQ**



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Christian Aid groups in North Somerset present

# The Joyful Spirit Choir concert

**Friday 7 June 7.30pm**

Sidcot School

Quaker Meeting Hall



We're delighted to partner with Joyful Spirit raising money to transform lives across the world. Joyful Spirit – a brilliant community gospel choir based in Wrington; with a live four-piece band and around 40 singers.

The roots of gospel music influence the joyful and inspirational music we enjoy today. Joyful Spirit will sing a range of songs influenced by that heritage from artists such as Abba, Jackie Wilson, Dusty Springfield, Marvin Gaye, Simon & Garfunkel, Toto, ELO, Earth Wind & Fire, etc. Suitable for all ages. Parking available.

Obtain tickets online from Eventbrite (Fee applies)  
<https://joyfulspiritCA.eventbrite.com>

or from the church office, or Christian Aid volunteers. Price £8 in advance.

email: [dhart@christian-aid.org](mailto:dhart@christian-aid.org)

**Tickets  
available  
now from  
the Church  
Centre office**



## **WINSCOMBE W.I.**

You are welcome to join us for our next meeting:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start

Sewell House, Belmont Road, Winscombe, BS25 1LQ

**Our speaker will be Penny Godden whose fascinating talk is entitled 'Counsellors & Killers – Fact to Fiction'**

Refreshments will be available

*(find us on Facebook)*



## Jazz in the Garden - family lunchtime event

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July starting at 12:30 pm

Bramble Cottage, Dinghurst Road, Churchill, BS25 5PJ

Featuring Opa Rosa



Opa Rosa, one of the most dynamic and virtuosic bands in the UK will share music from the Balkan, Greek, Klezmer and Roma traditions. They are guaranteed to set the feet tapping or even dancing (ably guided by Lulu). Bring your gazebo and seats (limited number of chairs will be available) sit back, soak up the music whilst enjoying a delicious hog roast bap. *Bar available as well as vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options.*

**Tickets include hog roast:** £19.50 Champions of Churchill Music  
£22.50 non-champions  
£7.50 under 18s

Tickets can be purchased online from Ticketsource or by email:  
[holly@churchillmusic.org.uk](mailto:holly@churchillmusic.org.uk) or call 07442 672805

# MID-WEEK CHURCH SERVICE

*Short, informal service on the first Wednesday of each month*

*10.30am at Lynch Chapel, followed by tea and coffee*

# Come for a Cuppa!

LYNCH CHAPEL



Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July

2.30pm - 4pm

Tea/coffee and cake



*First Saturday every month!*

# Come for a Cuppa!



***SAVE THE DATE...***

***see page 43  
for full details***

Friends of St James's Church  
warmly invite you to  
Jazz in the Paddock



**D-DAY 80 WINSCOMBE**  
**D DAY COFFEE MORNING**

**TUESDAY 4TH JUNE**

**10.30 AM**

**AT THE CHURCH CENTRE**  
**WINSCOMBE**

Free tickets  
from Beth  
01934 844529  
or at Tuesday  
Coffee  
Mornings



**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US**

## Refugees

They have no need of our help  
So do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
Should life have dealt a different hand  
We need to see them for who they really are  
Chancers and scroungers  
Layabouts and loungers  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut-throats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here  
We should make them  
Go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes  
Share our countries  
Instead let us  
Build a wall to keep them out  
It is not okay to say  
These are people just like us  
A place should only belong to those who are born there  
Do not be so stupid to think that  
The world can be looked at another way

*(now read from bottom to top)*

by Brian Bilston

© Brian Bilston

## Knit for Peace

Since March, regular attendees at the Tuesday Coffee Morning held in the Church Centre in Winscombe, have been busily knitting blanket squares. They have joined with members of Sidcot Meeting, Sidcot School staff, students and parents, and other members of the local community, to knit the squares.



The Churchill Reading Room Craft group have also knitted 170 or so squares to add to the collection. These are being sewn into blankets which are then sent to RAFT (Refugee Action From Taunton). Together with donations of clothes, the blankets are sent to Ukraine or to support refugees.

Members of the Winscombe village community meet on Tuesday mornings at the Church Centre and in Churchill the craft group meets in the Reading Room on Wednesday afternoons.

There are two sessions at Sidcot School; one in the Library on a Wednesday lunch time for staff and students and the other in the Small Meeting House for parents and the local community, on Wednesday afternoons from 4.45 pm to 5.45 pm.



*We welcome any donations of wool, knitted squares (or your company)  
at any of our knitting sessions*

For patterns and further information please email: [barley.hearn@Sidcot.org.uk](mailto:barley.hearn@Sidcot.org.uk)

## 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS

### BEACON LIGHTING CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June @ 8.45 pm

Old Station Millennium Green

In 1944 during the Second World War, Operation Overlord, D-Day, was the largest Naval, Air and Land operation in history. We have been invited by the government to mark this occasion with a Beacon Lighting Ceremony starting at 8:45 pm and pay tribute to the *'light of peace that they brought out from the misery of darkness during that dreadful campaign'*.

This free event, hosted by the Millennium Green Trust together with The Festivals and Flags Group and supported by local organisations, will be held on the Old Station Millennium Green community site on the Strawberry Line, in the centre of Winscombe.

Message from Lois Brenchley, Chair of Millennium Green Trust:

***We are proud to be playing our part with the tribute and celebrations for D-Day 80. The Millennium Green is a beautiful and fitting place at the heart of our village, where we can come together as a community and remember this momentous occasion. The Old Station was acquired and regenerated by the community for the community, in 2000 for occasions such as this and we look forward to welcoming you all on 6<sup>th</sup> June.***

Supporting and playing a part in the ceremony will be representatives of The Royal British Legion, Winscombe Primary School, Strawberry Line Girl Guides, 1st Winscombe Scouts, the Fire Service and other local organisations. Reverend Andrew Hiscox will read the official tribute and Chair of the Parish Council, Archie Forbes will light the Beacon at 9:15 pm.

#### **D-Day Documentary Film**

Preceding the beacon lighting, starting at 7.30 pm there will be a short D-Day documentary film shown in the Church Centre, Woodborough Road, Winscombe; light refreshments will also be available. This will end at 8:30 pm enabling all who are able, to move to the beacon lighting on the Millennium Green.

***Everyone is welcome***



# **D-DAY 80**

## **BEACON LIGHTING**

**Join thousands of communities world wide**

**THURSDAY 6TH JUNE**

**8:45 pm Tributes + Beacon**

**WINSCOMBE OLD STATION**

**MILLENNIUM GREEN**

**on The Strawberry Line**

**BS25 1AQ**

**Preceded by**

**Film 'Documentary' at 7:30 pm**

**Discover what happened**

**Church Centre, Woodborough Rd, BS25 1BA**

**Free events all welcome**

**more info text 07776235435**



## Churchill Reading Room Open Day



(Front Street, Churchill, BS25 5NG,  
It's behind the Clock Tower!)

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
10am-4pm

*Come and see our newly refurbished Reading Room,  
available for hire, with a good selection of books and  
jigsaws to borrow. There will be art work on display,  
and refreshments available including bacon rolls and  
cream teas.*



**Folk ... Yes, but all kinds of music and verse  
Fourth Tuesday each month 7.30 to 10.30 – just £2**

A quiet and respectful acoustic space for performers  
and audience.

Further information from Nigel Carson, 07551 197685 or  
winscombefolkclub@gmail.com. Also on Facebook.



## Birth Flowers and Birth Stones

### June

#### The Rose

The rose has long been a symbol of love, beauty and affection making it a suitable choice for the warm days of early summer.

The history of roses can be traced back to ancient civilisations. Ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans were known to cultivate them, and their uses included medicine, perfume and religious ceremonies. Cleopatra is said to have used roses to perfume her rooms and seduce Mark Antony!



During the Middle Ages they were associated with the purity and devotion of the Virgin Mary and the red rose was linked to the blood of Christ.

Roses were the symbols of the rival Houses of Lancaster and York, white for Lancaster and red for York.

In Victorian times the rose was often used to convey deep emotions and secret messages.

Each colour of rose holds a different meaning. A red rose means 'I love you' and is a sign of romance; pink represents gratitude and admiration; a white rose symbolises innocence and purity; orange means desire and excitement and yellow represents friendship and joy. A red and white rose paired together has come to symbolize unity.

#### The Pearl



The birthstone for June is the pearl; a symbol of purity. The Ancient Greeks believed that pearls were the tears of joy from Aphrodite, the goddess of love.

Pearls are a natural wonder and unlike other stones, which are often mined, it is produced within the soft tissue of a living shelled mollusc such as a saltwater oyster or clam.

Just like diamonds, pearls are considered to be a beautiful wonder from nature. Unlike a diamond, a pearl is not mined but rather found inside a saltwater oyster or a freshwater clam. The word 'pearl' comes from the French word, 'perle', which means leg – describing the mollusc shell shape in which you can find a pearl. But what is the meaning behind a pearl? A pearl symbolises success, happiness and love. It is also said to represent chastity and modesty and to encourage a stable marriage.



## RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH



### RESULTS UPDATE

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, the Branch launched to Tesco Clevedon from 09:00 to 17:00, our first 'shout' at this location that raised a magnificent total of £868 making it a brilliant start.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Tina Blunsden of Tina's Cakes organised a Car Boot Sale at Winscombe Community Centre in conjunction with the Saturday Market to raise cash for the RNLI. The Branch ran some stalls and the total raised, with a donation from Tina, was £269. The Branch President raised £100 from the sale of a parasol and a sewing box. Finally, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April in St Andrew's Church, Cheddar, our Secretary, Mary represented the Branch at the Mendip Inner Wheel Concert of Popular Music, in aid of the RNLI and Cheddar Village Hall; the concert was well attended and cash flowed so results will be reported in a future edition.

### RNLI WINSCOMBE & DISTRICT BRANCH - MAY EVENTS

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May Winscombe Folk Club staged a Rock Concert / Dance by 'Vintage Cheddar' in the Church Centre, Winscombe. This was a leap into the unknown for both the Folk Club and the Winscombe RNLI Branch. 'Vintage Cheddar' Rock Band performed songs from Chuck Berry, Soul, The Beatles, ABBA, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison and many, many more! Tina and Kevin ran a bar with all proceeds going to the RNLI Winscombe & District Branch. No pictures or results available at time of copy submission so this will be reported in a later edition of Signpost.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May RNLI Winscombe & District Branch held its RNLI Bicentennial Plant & Garden Equipment Sale starting from 10:00 am at the Winscombe Community Centre. Stalls included a full range of greenhouse plants, runner and French beans and courgettes; bedding plants and garden fillers, acers and shrubs, garden jumble including patio items and tubs, garden and domestic tools and guest stalls plus a few new ideas, all at give-away prices. Once again Steve and Julia provided beverages, cakes and hot dogs throughout the morning to add to the attraction. As this has just happened, obviously there are no pictures or results available yet so this will be reported in a later edition of Signpost.

### APRIL SHOUTS

In April there were 9 'shouts' between our four Lifeboat Stations (Burnham-on-Sea 1, Minehead – 1, Portishead – 3, W-s-M - 4).

**CALL OUT** – RNLI Portishead volunteers didn't get their Saturday lay-in on 27<sup>th</sup> April as their pagers sounded at 7.37 am! A call from the coastguard came in saying that there was a barge with engine trouble up near the Prince of Wales Bridge in the Severn Estuary.

With a strong incoming tide, windy weather and large ships coming into Avonmouth as well as boats coming out of the marina, it was a busy time on the water. The barge was very vulnerable drifting in the channel and the crew knew they had to get to the stricken vessel as quickly as they could. The crew made best speed to the reported position of the vessel, once on scene they made sure everyone on board was fit and well. With everyone ok they set up a tow to bring them back to Portishead Marina.

With it being a windy morning and a heavy boat to tow, the Portishead volunteers asked for assistance from the larger all-weather lifeboat at Barry Dock RNLI to come and assist. The volunteers from Barry Dock RNLI arrived just as the Portishead lifeboat approached the marina and quickly set up another towing line so that they could pull the stricken vessel into the lock with Portishead lifeboat acting as a brake. The cold was now setting in and the volunteers quickly manoeuvred the vessel in to the safety of the marina. Great teamwork and proof that working together does help! The vessel was then tied safely alongside the pontoon. The 4 people on board were pleased to be back safely.



## Wrington Vale Rotary Club

### **Keynote Speaker: General Sir Peter Wall (retired)**

After a very tasty dinner at the Mendip Spring Golf Club, Sir Peter addressed a large audience of Rotarians and guests setting out the world scene from a military perspective. It was indeed a great privilege to hear such a thought provoking and considered analysis.

Topics included Russia, Ukraine, Iran, Japan, Israel, Palestine, China, Taiwan and of course defence spending. This was followed by a really interesting and extensive question and answer session.

Thanks are due to Lieutenant Colonel Bob Preedy (retired) who organised the event.



*Photo of Sir Peter and President Angie Biggs*



Our next breakfast together will be on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 am.**

This will be an open meeting, so all will be welcome. Our speaker on this occasion will be Bristol based artist Ralph Mann. His talk entitled: 'Faith in Art', will include illustrations of his work over the years in a number of different locations and contexts.

A full breakfast is now £10.50, but there are still other options for less as below:

- Cooked breakfast: 1 x sausage, 1 x bacon, 1 x fried egg, hash brown, mushrooms, grilled tomato, baked beans, black pudding, toast and butter with tea/coffee/fruit juice - £10.50
- Vegetarian Cooked Breakfast including tea/coffee/fruit juice - £9.50
- Bacon Bap including tea/coffee/fruit juice - £7.50
- 2 rounds of toast with butter, jam, marmalade including tea/coffee/fruit juice - £5.00

To book your place for this month's breakfast contact Tim Harland on 01934 843248.



**D-DAY 80 WINSCOMBE**  
**NOSTALGIA NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 7.00PM**  
**AT THE CHURCH CENTRE WINSCOMBE**

Join us for an evening of:

**Live 1940s Music**

**Singing & Dancing**

**Quizzes & Games**

**Rations (Light Supper)**

**.... And more!**

**Dress up on a 1940s theme**  
**(if you wish)**



**TICKETS £10**

**to include your Rations**  
**Available from the**  
**Church Office & Post Office**  
**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

## JUNE 2024 – DIARY

|               |  |   |
|---------------|--|---|
| SAT 1         | 10.30am  | Community Café – All Saints, Sandford                       |
|               | 2.30pm   | Come for a Cuppa – Lynch Chapel                             |
| <b>SUN 2</b>  | <b>TRINITY 1</b>                                 |   |
|               | <b>See opposite page for details of Services</b> |   |
| TUES 4        | 9.30am   | Churchill Baby & Toddler Group – Churchill Methodist Church |
|               | 10.00am  | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room                  |
|               | 10.30am  | D-Day Coffee Morning – Church Centre                        |
| WED 5         | 7.15pm   | Choir Practice – St James's                                 |
|               | 7.30pm   | Sandford & District Gardening Club – Sandford Village Hall  |
| THUR 6        | 9.30am   | Scramblers – Church Centre                                  |
|               | 10.00am  | Communion in the Community – Dunster Court                  |
|               | 7.30pm   | D-Day Documentary – Church Centre                           |
|               | 7.30pm   | Bell Ringing – St James's                                   |
|               | 8.45pm   | D-Day Beacon Lighting – Millenium Green                     |
| FRI 7         | 2.00pm   | Friday Film Club WW2 Theme – Church Centre                  |
| SAT 8         | 7.00pm   | D-Day 80 Nostalgia Night – Church Centre                    |
| <b>SUN 9</b>  | <b>TRINITY 2</b>                                 |   |
|               | <b>See opposite page for details of Services</b> |   |
| TUES 11       | 9.30am   | Churchill Baby & Toddler Group – Churchill Methodist Church |
|               | 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                                 |
| THUR 13       | 9.30am   | Scramblers – Church Centre                                  |
|               | 7.30pm   | Bell Ringing – St James's                                   |
| SAT 15        | 9.00am   | Winscombe Saturday Market – Community Centre                |
|               | 9.30am   | Refreshmen+ - Woodborough Inn                               |
| <b>SUN 16</b> | <b>TRINITY 3</b>                                 |   |
|               | <b>See opposite page for details of Services</b> |   |
| MON 17        | 9.30am   | Churchill Baby & Toddler Group – Churchill Methodist Church |
| TUES 18       | 10.00am  | Midweek Communion – All Saints Church Room                  |
|               | 10.30am  | Coffee Morning – Church Centre                              |
| WED 19        | 2.45pm   | Communion in the Community – Sewell House                   |
|               | 7.15pm   | Choir Practice – St James's Church                          |
| THURS 20      | 9.30am   | Scramblers – Church Centre                                  |
| <b>SUN 23</b> | <b>TRINITY 4</b>                                 |   |
|               | <b>See opposite page for details of Services</b> |   |
| MON 24        | 9.30am   | Churchill Baby & Toddler Group – Churchill Methodist Church |
| 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                                  |
|               | 11.00am  | Communion in the Community – Winscombe Hall                 |
|               | 7.30pm   | Bell Ringing – St James's                                   |
| SAT 29        | 2.45pm   | Family Film Club – Lynch Chapel                             |
| <b>SUN 30</b> | <b>TRINITY 5</b>                                 |   |
|               | <b>See opposite page for details of Services</b> |   |

## Church Service Times

### Opportunities to Worship in June

|                                    |          |                  |                       |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>  | 8.00 am  | St John's        | BCP Holy Communion    |
|                                    | 10.00 am | Church Centre    | Café Church           |
|                                    | 11.00 am | Sandford Station | Holy Communion        |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | 9.30 am  | St James's       | Holy Communion        |
|                                    | 11.00 am | All Saints       | Parish Praise         |
|                                    | 11.00 am | St John's        | Holy Communion        |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 10.00 am | Church Centre    | Family Holy Communion |
|                                    | 11.00 am | All Saints       | Parish Praise         |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> | 9.30 am  | St James's       | Holy Communion        |
|                                    | 11.00 am | All Saints       | Holy Communion        |
|                                    | 11.00 am | St John's        | Parish Praise         |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 9.30 am  | St James's       | Holy Communion        |
|                                    | 11.00 am | All Saints       | Parish Praise         |
|                                    | 11.00 am | St John's        | Holy Communion        |

### Midweek Services

Every Tuesday                      All Saints                      10.00 am                      Holy Communion

### Special Services in May

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June                      Dunster Court                      10.00 am                      Communion in the Community  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June                      Sewell House                      2.45 pm                      Communion in the Community  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June                      Winscombe Hall                      10.30 am                      Communion in the Community


### ***We Remember***

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

**David Graham Saker** whose funeral took place at Weston Crematorium on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Gillian Margaret Williamson** whose funeral service took place at St James's Church on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May followed by her burial at Ilex Lane Cemetery.

### BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b><br>Deut 5: 12-15<br>Psalm 81: 1-10<br>2 Cor 4: 5-12<br>Mark 2: 23-3:6   | <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>Genesis 3: 8-15<br>Psalm 130<br>2 Cor 4: 13-5: 1<br>Mark 3: 20-end     | <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>Ezekiel 17: 22-end<br>Psalm 92: 1-8<br>2 Cor 5: 6-10, 14-17<br>Mark 4: 26-34 |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b><br>Job 38: 1-11<br>Psalm 107: 23-32<br>2 Cor 6: 1-13<br>Mark 4: 35-end | <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>Lamentations 3: 23-33<br>Psalm 30<br>2 Cor 8: 7-end<br>Mark 5: 21-end |                                |

## Time Out for Parent Workshops



**Starting Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** 12.45-14.45 pm, 'Time Out for Parents – The Early Years' is a set of six workshops for parents and carers of children 0-5 years, covering bonding, why play is vital, positive parenting, boundaries and behaviour. Each informal session builds parent confidence and introduces a toolkit. The resources are published by national charity 'Care for the Family', which aims to support all aspects of family life.

The series of workshops is led by an experienced team (DBS checked), including a licensed facilitator. FREE sessions at Churchill Methodist (BS25 5NG) include a creche with refreshments and handbook. All sessions will start and end promptly to assist parents collecting children from school or nursery. For further information and bookings, please call **Jacqueline 01934 844134**.

The poster features a white background with colorful handprints in blue, yellow, orange, and green. At the top left, it says 'Churchill Methodist Church positive parenting' with a small red cross logo. To the right is the 'Care for the Family' logo and the text 'Because family life matters'. The main title 'TIME OUT FOR PARENTS' is in large, bold, black letters, with 'Early Years Workshops' below it. A pink box contains the text '6 sessions for anyone parenting a child under 5y'. Below that, a Facebook icon is followed by the dates 'Fridays 12.45-14.45', '7, 14, 21 & 28 June', and '5 & 12 July'. The location '@Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG (by Clock Tower)' is written in a grey box. A yellow box at the bottom left contains 'INFO: Jacqueline 01934 844134' and the website 'churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk'. A cartoon boy with a paint palette is at the bottom left. On the right, a list of benefits is preceded by heart icons: 'Friendly & informal', 'Boost bonding & love languages', 'Tips & tools to make life even better', 'Strengthen family relationships', 'Creche available for under 5s', 'Experienced leaders with DBS', and 'FREE of charge, inc. handbook.'



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# CHARITY CAR WASH & TABLE TOP SALE SATURDAY 29 JUNE

10 AM - 1 PM  
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If you love singing ...  
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## Winscombe Community Singers

Have fun, make friends and enjoy singing.

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm  
Winscombe Community Centre

Musical Director: Joshua Newport

For further details please contact  
Simon Page on 07900 693783

[www.winscombecommunitysingers.co.uk](http://www.winscombecommunitysingers.co.uk)

### **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  
£17 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 9-11.30 am**  
**3, 10, 17 & 24 June**

@Churchill Methodist, BS25 5NG

**Try us for FREE!**

- Friendly group, lots of toys
- Bright hall, yummy snacks for tots
- Cuppa & cake for adults
- Craft and songtime
- Easy parking

**INFO: Jacqueline**  
**01934 844134**



Churchill **Methodist** Church   
[churchillmethodist.org.uk](http://churchillmethodist.org.uk)



**Shipham, Rowberrow & Star History Society Talks**

The final talk for the current season is on:

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Speaker: *Teresa Hall*

Presentation: *Winscombe Settlements*

Venue: **Shipham Village Hall, BS25 1SG**

**Start: 7.30 pm with refreshments**

**Cost: members £2, guests £4**

**Further details contact: Jan Taylor 01934 260784**



**Save the  
Children**

**'Save The Children' Lunch**

at

**Shipham Village Hall**



**Save the  
Children**

Our next lunch will be served on

**FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE at 12.30 pm**

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

£5.50 per person

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

# 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)

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

July 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

All at The Church Centre, Winscombe

Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information





## Cruse Bereavement Care



Cruse is a national charity that provides advice, information and support to anyone who has been bereaved (children, young people and adults), whenever or however the death occurred. The service is provided by trained, experienced volunteers, and is confidential and free.

Cruse provides face-to-face, telephone, email and website support both post- and pre- bereavement. We have a national helpline, and local services throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Our sister organisation Cruse Scotland provides services in Scotland.

We offer:

- Someone to talk to face-to-face or on the telephone
- Online support
- Groups – some bereaved people find it helpful to talk to others in similar circumstances
- Information – about many aspects of bereavement and other sources of help and support
- Face-to-face, telephone helpline and online support for children and young people

For help and support details contact your local Cruse Service

- Visit our website at [www.cruse.org.uk](http://www.cruse.org.uk)
- Telephone our national helpline freephone on 0808 808 1677
- Email us at [helpline@cruse.org.uk](mailto:helpline@cruse.org.uk)

Children and young people can

- Telephone our young people's freephone helpline on 0808 808 1677
- Visit 'Hope Again' – our website designed by and for young people- at [www.hopeagain.org.uk](http://www.hopeagain.org.uk)



# What's going on every week at St James's Church Centre?

52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe

Thinking of setting up a class or club but not sure what you need from the Church Centre? Happy to discuss ~ give Sue a call

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## BADMINTON

Monday morning  
Wednesday evening



## CHI BALANCE

Friday morning

## CHAIR YOGA EXERCISE

Thursday afternoon



## COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday morning

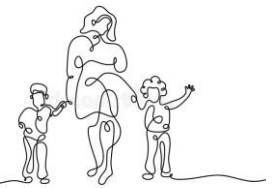


## PILATES

Wednesday morning  
Thursday evening

## SCRAMBLERS Parent & Toddler

Thursday morning



## WRIGGLERS

Baby & Toddler

Friday afternoon



## Need a venue for a class, event or party?

Private hire from £9.50 per hour / Commercial hire from £15.00 per hour  
Seating for 120 / Fully Accessible / Well equipped kitchen

### FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

Email: [admin@winsandchurches.org.uk](mailto:admin@winsandchurches.org.uk) or Call: 01934 844650

WINSCOMBE YOUTH THEATRE  
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An amateur production of Roald Dahl's



**CHARLIE  
AND THE  
CHOCOLATE  
FACTORY**

*Adapted by Richard George*

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024

1:30pm and 4:30pm

At

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Churchill Green, Churchill

BS25 5QN

Tickets available from

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**Winscombe District U3A**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June starting at 2.30 pm**

Winscombe Community Centre, BS25 1HP

Talk by Andrew Hopper

*"The Great Escape"*

£2.50. Visitors very welcome. Refreshments from 2 pm

**Knit &**

**Second and fourth  
Wednesday each month**

**12th and 26th June**

**2pm - 4pm**

**at LYNCH CHAPEL**

**Knit, crochet, sew, macramé  
or simply natter!**

**Tea and coffee  
provided.**



## June Quiz Answers

1. Take the A Train
2. U Boat
3. The T Birds
4. Air on a G String
5. The A Team; Mr T
6. X Ray
7. The Big Friendly Giant
8. Alfred Hitchcock
9. The B52
10. The X Factor

**D-DAY 80**

## Gardening Notes for June

### Roses

Dead head roses regularly to keep them blooming. Cut just where the flower head joins the stem. When the whole cluster has finished flowering cut this back to a bud. When the bush has finished flowering, apply a feed of rose food, chicken manure pellets or blood, fish and bonemeal. Sprinkle this around the base of the plant, work into the soil and water. Don't, however, dead head those roses that produce ornamental hips.



### Filling gaps in borders

Gaps in herbaceous borders can be filled with bedding plants. Before planting, pick off any fading flowers and yellowing leaves and give the plant a good soak. Prepare the planting site by loosening the soil, remove any weeds and scatter a granular fertiliser or blood, fish and bonemeal and rake it in. After planting, firm the bedding plants in and water well.

### The Greenhouse

Damp down the greenhouse floor on very warm days, this will help to reduce the temperature and increase the humidity. If you have not already done so apply a coat of shading to the glass.

### Tomato Plants

These should be growing strongly by now. There are two types of tomato plants - the bush variety and cordon type. The bush variety should be allowed to grow freely, whereas the cordon type should be restricted to a single stem which can be supported by a cane or twined around a length of string anchored in the ground at the base of the plant. For cordon varieties, any shoots emerging from the axil between the main stem and the leaves should be removed regularly.



### Pruning

Pruning early flowering shrubs now will help to keep them in shape and encourage new growth for next year's blooms. It is mostly a case of thinning by cutting out the oldest wood from the base, this lets the light in to stimulate new growth without changing the shape of the shrub. Early flowering climbers like clematis montana can also be pruned back to prevent them from overwhelming other plants. Certain perennials like alchemilla, centaurea and hardy geraniums can be cut back after flowering, this will also stimulate new growth and further flowering.

### Lawns

Give you lawn a boost with a dose of liquid fertiliser either through a hose end diluter or a watering can. Take care to follow the dilution rates on the packet and only apply feed after rain, to avoid scorching the grass. A liquid feed works faster than granular fertiliser as it can be instantly taken in by the plants.




# Jazz In The Paddock



Winscombe's very own outdoor  
live music event



Featuring 'The Big R' Big Band  
Trad Jazz and Swing of 30's and 40's



Bring a picnic, a tipples, a rug or  
a chair- sit back and enjoy the  
fantastic music and great company  
stunning views on a sunny  
summers evening

**Saturday 6th July**

**6:30-9:30 pm (gate opens 6:30 pm)**

Church Paddock,

Winscombe Hill, BS25 1DE

Parking off The Square at the bottom of Winscombe Hill

Entrance via gate in Church Lane

Hosted by 'Friends of St James Church'



Tickets Adult £12

Child £5

Family £25 - 2A2ch

Pay on the gate, or purchase from The  
Post Office /Wine Shop/Farrons

## Supporting and Protecting Our Natural World

### Encouraging Snails

This month let's befriend snails for very important reasons.

Many gardeners regard snails as a menace since they eat young plants especially lettuces and strawberries. There are 99 species of snail in the UK but only 9 are destructive.

There may be up to a thousand snails in a garden, but they go unnoticed. Snails are mostly night-time feeders and during the day live in damp, shady places amongst dead leaves, between flowerpots or at the foot of walls. The most easily recognised snail is the garden snail.

They are locally known as wall fish. Until the 1990s they were served at the Miners Arms near Priddy. There is now a company called Somerset Escargots that keeps a snail farm between Wellington and Taunton. There are up to 800,000 snails mostly living outdoors on a vegetable plot, so the snails are fresh and succulent. They are sold commercially and privately.



Snails exude slime from their bodies to make moving on rough terrain easier. They can retract into their shell by hardening the slime across the opening when necessary. The snail has two pairs of antennae. The longer ones are used for sight whilst the lower pair are sensory, used for feeling their way. Their jaw holds thousands of microscopic flexible teeth called the radula which can rasp and chew a variety of food.

### Are slugs and snails beneficial to gardeners and ecosystems?

Most definitely yes!

Recently the RHS has dropped the term '*pest*' from its writing since all living creatures assume a vital role in the ecosystem. Slugs and snails eat *anything* that is decaying so help to recycle and circulate nutrients into the soil by burrowing their faeces, dead bodies and shells; they are part of the composting team and provide food for various mammals, birds, slow worms, earthworms, insects and even frogs.

The snail's shell is made of calcium vital for health of the above. Thrushes love snails, beating the shells on an '*anvil*' to extract the meat. Broken shells are used by other birds to make their own eggshells strong and to feed their young when first hatched.

Slug pellets containing metaldehyde can no longer be sold or used in the UK because of unacceptable risks to birds, dogs and wildlife such as hedgehogs. Other less toxic pellets are widely available.

However, as we understand more and more about the inclusivity of ecosystems it is a choice to use more friendly methods of snail control.

Here are some ideas:

- Allow some sacrificial plants.
- Grow young plants in pots first before planting out.
- Grow strong smelling, tough herbs such as rosemary, thyme, sage and oregano amongst vulnerable crops too confuse predators.
- Surround crops with recycled wool pellets.
- Water plants in the morning, not the evening.
- Remove snails by hand (if you have the time!)
- Water the ground with nematodes.
- Encourage birds and other creatures into your garden so that everybody is happy!

### End Piece

The slime has uses for us humans too!

Since Greek times, it was believed that a plant or animal had some kind of mark that suggested how it could be used to relieve ailments. This theory is called The Doctrine of Signatures. For example, Pulmonaria (lungwort) has leaf spots which suggested that the plant could be used to relieve lung disorders.

Snail slime suggested that it could also treat diseases of the lungs and throat. Removing the mucus was a barbaric practice. In 2007 a well-known health store produced an effective skin lotion and healer from snail slime that does not involve killing the snails.



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# FRESH FOUNDATIONS

*'Church Centre Development Project'*

## UPDATE WITH PROGRESS

The Fresh Foundations Project Team has set out below the latest updates:

- The Structural Engineer's Report presented to PCC and noted
- Sketch drawings and establishment of 5 'Broad' Development Options – signed off by PCC
- Specification and remit created to enable the selection of a Quantity Surveyor
- Quantity Surveyor (QS) instructed. Wakemans Ltd, Bristol
- QS survey carried out and Report with projections, specifications, and costs for all 5 options produced.
- Correspondence with the team at WinSpace continues.

## COMMUNITY HUB

A good response has been received from 'post outs' to a variety of community groups / charities who run support groups, drop-in services etc. This enables us to assess the need for providing free space within the Church Centre, or possibly Birch Cottage, and will be built into the 'Options Appraisal formulae'.



## QUESTIONNAIRES AND BENEFICE PCC WORKSHOPS

Workshops with St John's and St James and All Saint's PCCs are being held to establish 'Priorities' for the next few years and beyond. The outcome of the workshops and action plans will be created and consulted with the congregation.

Prior to the workshops, questionnaires were sent to members of our congregations and the community. Thank you to all who completed one, over 50 were returned and their contents used to inform the workshops. A short report of the replies will be created and shared with the congregation.

## NEXT STEPS

- FF team to produce a detailed specification with design and costs for each of the 5 options for PCC sign off.
- FF team to produce an Appraisal Formulae report for sign-off by PCC.
- Consultation with the congregation and wider community of the 5 options, will take place and inform the final decisions.
- PCC to decide one of the 5 options of development.
- Grant applications and fundraising events to take place.

We are always looking for people to *'lend a hand'* with this amazing project, if this is you just drop us an email [alisonparmi@aol.com](mailto:alisonparmi@aol.com) or ask a member of the project team: Alison Haynes, Derrick Claridge, Dorothy Baldwin, Andrew Hiscox, Tony Callow or Jo Claridge.

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## The Gift of Prayer



It is a great joy and privilege to come and join you here in Bath and Wells as the new Dean of Wells, to serve the Cathedral, the diocese, and the county. This is an area with strong links on my maternal side, with my grandparents being married in Bath, and many relatives from around this patch.

One of the many things which drew me to this role is the privilege of prayer in your beautiful Cathedral Church. Each morning, we gather and pray for the life of the diocese and give thanks for that same life in the evening. Please be assured of my prayers for you in your mission and ministry and I warmly look forward to getting out to explore the diocese.

As I reflect on this time of change, I am mindful of the importance of finding patterns of prayer to sustain our lives and nourish our spiritual growth. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu said many years ago, we must 'think of prayer as a relationship.' We are to invest in it, and to find space so that it can develop, and this takes time. Or as the mystic, Evelyn Underhill, put it, 'On every level of life, from housework to heights of prayer, in all judgement and efforts to get things done, hurry and impatience are sure marks of the amateur.'

We all know the importance of taking time to invest in relationships, and I love the challenge that 'hurry and impatience are sure marks of the amateur.' As we reflect on our own prayer lives, I wonder if there are ways that we can deepen our relationship in prayer? The Christian tradition is packed with ways to help people learn to pray. Maybe we can find ways to slow ourselves down and be more present to the gift of prayer, so that we may join in the Apostle Paul's prayer, '*we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding*'. (Colossians 1.9)

### Toby Wright

*Toby will be installed as the Dean of Wells on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June.*

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## Other News from the Diocese

### Young People's Week of Prayer

This takes place in the first week of July. The week's prayer guide with themes, prayer points and bible passages for each day is available to download from the diocesan website.

### Diocesan Day of Prayer

Find out more about the Diocesan Day of Prayer and sign up to receive resources when they are available at [bathandwells.org.uk/day-of-prayer](http://bathandwells.org.uk/day-of-prayer)

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Our churches are committed to promoting a safe environment and culture. The safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a priority. Further information about our Safeguarding Policies and Procedures can be found on our website <https://winsandchurches.org.uk/safeguarding/>

Details of how to contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers can be found on page 2 of this magazine.

## Community Transport in Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill

We are fortunate to have a number of community transport schemes operating in our villages.



### 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:

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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 01934 853081 or Trevor on 01934 852589

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## Do I really need to write a Will?

It's all too easy to put off making a Will, however, the difficulty is that we never know when it might be needed.

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Making a Will can offer you peace of mind that your loved ones are taken care of and protected:

1. You decide who inherits - not the Government!
2. Choose those you trust to act as your Executors / trustees
3. If you have young children, appoint Guardians to look after them
4. Take steps to avoid unnecessary inheritance Tax
5. Have peace of mind and reduce the potential for family disputes

### What information do I need to make a Will?

1. Gather names and addresses of those you may want to include in your Will as beneficiaries, executors/trustees and guardians.
2. Review your assets such as savings, property & investments as well as any liabilities such as loans.
3. Consider who should benefit from your estate and whether there are any specific gifts of personal belongings you would like to make.

There are times where you might want to set some safeguards - for example, if you're leaving something to a child or someone with disabilities. Here, you may wish to consider setting up a trust, offering an element of control over when the money is received and what the money is used for.

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