

Putting the Love of Christ in the Heart of our Community



Signpost

Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill Parish Magazine



September 2025

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- St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Churchill, BS25 5QW
- Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA

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Enough is Enough



I am sure that many of you know the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, which is about a newborn caterpillar who is very hungry. Throughout the week, he munches his way through all sorts of food to satisfy his hunger, until he has eaten too much, and can finally eat no more. He ends up with a stomach ache too! The next day he realises that all he really needs to eat is one leaf. *That is enough!*

Perhaps we can identify with The Very Hungry Caterpillar, just like us, when he was enjoying delicious food in abundance, he struggled to know when he had eaten enough!

In this season of harvest, we might like to think about what it means to have '*enough*'. For some people the concept of '*enough*' represents mediocrity or '*just enough*'. However, if we all had '*just enough*', each person on our planet could thrive, living with dignity, equality and sufficient resources. We know that in our corner of planet earth, we have such a large proportion of the world's resources, whilst others lack even the most basic necessities. People suffer for the want of things which we routinely waste or throw away.

Wouldn't it be amazing if everyone across the world had '*enough*' of what they needed, no more and no less?

Ghandi said, "*Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need but not every man's greed.*"

Maybe we need to notice when we have enough and not be like The Very Hungry Caterpillar, consuming everything until we have a stomach ache or are contributing to a '*global stomach ache*'?

Harvest can be seen as a time when we glorify consumption and hoarding. However, it is not an occasion to thank God for all the things we have accumulated, but to be thankful that we have '*enough*' and to consider how we can share with others, so that they too can have '*just enough*'.

So, this Harvest time, let us resolve to learn to live with '*enough*' and think about sharing all that we have generously with those who do not even have '*just enough*'.

Harvest Festival Services take place on **Sunday 28th September** in each of our churches (see details below); all are very welcome to join us and share in the celebrations.

St James's, Winscombe at 9.30 am

All Saints, Sandford at 11.00 am

St John's, Churchill at 11.00 am

Signpost - The Parish Magazine

Welcome to September's 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 October's edition is Sunday 14th September. Please submit items, which should be no longer than 400 words, as Word documents to parishmag2@gmail.com . 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

We encourage as many people as possible to receive their full colour copy of Signpost via email. If you would like to receive future editions by email, please send your email address to parishmag2@gmail.com . If you are unable to receive your copy via email, please contact one of the Churchwardens giving your full name and address.

Our website: 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 at parishmag2@gmail.com .

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

COFFEE MORNING



Every Tuesday at 10.30 am
Church Centre, Winscombe
All Welcome



All Saints Church Community Café

The August Café raised £332.09 (including Gift Aid), towards Church funds
~ thank you to everyone who joined us

Note change of usual date, the next cafe is on:

SATURDAY 30th AUGUST

10.30 am – 12.30 pm

All Saints Church, Sandford

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

We look forward to seeing you soon!





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 and toothpaste | ❖ Men's and ladies' toiletries |
| ❖ Confectionery | ❖ Snack bars and crisps |

Safeguarding

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.



ST JAMES'S EVENTS TEAM



Harvest Lunch

Sunday 28th September

12.30 pm

at the Church Centre

Sign up and
get your free ticket
from

Beth, Jo or Sue

Donations welcome on the day

Please advise of any special dietary
requirements in advance

ALL WELCOME

For further information please contact
the Church Office

admin@winsandchurches.org.uk



Many members will be back from their summer break by mid-September, and we look forward to the start of another three months of meeting at the Woodborough Inn on the second Saturday of the month. Quite a lot of interest has been expressed for a new format for a talk by members on the lines of a 'Desert Island Discs' or a 'This is Your Life' style of interview. We may be in a position to have a first presentation in October. Questions could relate to early background, education, employment, marriage, family, a step of faith, arrival in Winscombe, or any other significant event. The answers could be peppered with reference to favourite, or contemporary music, of the period that seemed significant at the time. And finally, perhaps reference to the remaining hopes or ambitions on our bucket list, as well of course, the books, music and luxury item needed for the desert island venture.

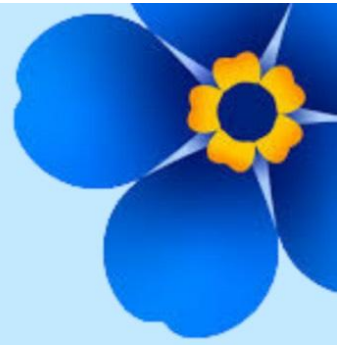
Our next breakfast together will be on **Saturday 13th September.**

There will be no speaker on this occasion and as usual I will send reminders to all on the mailing list. Do consider joining us if you have not been before, or invite friends too, as we have capacity for more at the Woodborough Inn.

The price of a small English breakfast is £10.50, and the vegetarian option is £9.50. Other breakfast options are available, but *these do need to be pre-booked.*

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

**St James's and All Saints Churches
with
The Alzheimer's Society**



Dementia Awareness Talk

**Wednesday 24th September
2.30pm
at**

The Church Centre

Woodborough Road, Winscombe BS25 1BA

All are welcome to join us

Refreshments



**Alzheimer's
Society**



BETTY'S POTS

Betty's Pots continue to do well and appear to have had an upsurge in interest and support. There are a number of locations in the local area where the pots can be collected:

1. Wrigton – Buglers (the Spar), the Pharmacy and the Eco Pantry
2. Congresbury – Morrison's, Day Lewis Pharmacy and Middlecombe Nursery
3. Churchill – the Family Shopper (at the crossroads of the A38 and A368 – Sandford Road)
4. Winscombe – Farrons Estate Agents

The Branch is grateful to anyone that collects and returns their '*filled pot*' to any of these locations. The Branch is negotiating to provide Betty's Pots in Axbridge, Blagdon and Cheddar, while the Branch is still looking for a kind person to act as the coordinator in Wedmore.

MIKE'S RNLI HONESTY TABLE



Mike's RNLI honesty table outside April Cottage, Jubilee Road, Axbridge, is still in operation selling plants and summer produce and has raised £400 in the last couple of months. Members of the public can leave labelled plants or spare garden produce on this table and help to raise cash for the RNLI Winscombe Branch.

NEXT WINSCOMBE FOLK NIGHT

The next RNLI Winscombe Folk Night is on **Saturday 11th October** and will feature Jon Wilks, an English writer, folk singer and guitarist known for his work in the traditional folk music scene. He has gained recognition for his authentic interpretations of traditional English folk songs, as well as his own original compositions. To find out more visit; <https://jonwilks.online/about>



The concert (all proceeds going to the RNLI Winscombe Branch), will be held at **St James's Church Centre**, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA starting at 8 pm (doors open 7:15 pm) and there will be the usual cash bar for beers, ciders, wines and soft drinks.

Tickets are £15 and available via winscombe.folk@gmail.com or 07703 538861.

RNLI WINSCOMBE CELEBRATES THE 220th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

RNLI Winscombe Branch will celebrate a brand new event for **Trafalgar Night** on **Tuesday 21st October** at Mendip Spring Golf and Country Club, Honeyhall Lane, Congresbury, North Somerset, BS49 5JT. The evening will start at 6:30 pm when doors open for meet and greet, drinks and sea shanties, followed by a 3-course dinner served at 7:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Mark Dowie, the former CEO of the RNLI. The evening will include a 'Heads or Tails' competition for a cash prize, and a multi-prize raffle. Tickets cost £42.50 per head and can be obtained from Tim@moransonline.com or telephone 07801 678432.

JULY SHOUTS – A CALLOUT AT BURNHAM-ON-SEA

In July there were 22 'shouts' between our four Lifeboat Stations (Burnham-on-Sea – 4, Minehead – 4, Portishead – 1, Weston-super-Mare – 13). The volunteer crew at Weston RNLI had the busiest week in years (7th – 14th July), being called out to 11 shouts in 7 days; 5 of the shouts were all in one day.

At 7:08 pm on 26th July, Burnham-on-Sea RNLI lifeboat volunteers were tasked to assist a yacht that had run aground off Stert Marshes; the crews launched the station Atlantic 85 lifeboat, Doris Day and Brian from the beach, and set off for the casualty area. Arriving on scene, the Atlantic crew realised that the depth of water made it particularly difficult for them to reach the yacht, so the station D class lifeboat (which has a shallower draught) was also tasked.



The D class was able to get closer to the casualty vessel but given the position of the yacht, the sea state, wind strength and direction, attaching a tow line proved far from straightforward. After several unsuccessful attempts to establish a tow, it was decided to take the skipper off the yacht. A tow line was finally secured and as the rising tide and strong wind were washing the yacht into deeper water where it could be a hazard to other shipping, both the vessel and skipper were taken to the safety of the sailing club pontoons. Burnham-on-Sea Duty Launch Authority, Nigel Morton said; *"This was our second shout in two days, which on paper was a fairly straightforward tasking, but was made challenging given the location of the yacht, the sea state and the wind. All involved did a fantastic job executing the rescue in a safe and professional way throughout. As always, it's good to be able to sit back and reflect on a shout which started with the yacht's skipper making the right call at the right time by asking for assistance which ended with a good outcome."*

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



**Knit, crochet, macramé,
sew or simply natter!**
**Any age and all abilities
welcome.**
**Tea and coffee
provided.**



Knit & Natter

**Second and fourth
Wednesday each
month**
2pm - 4pm
at LYNCH CHAPEL
(Just over the bridge on The Lynch)



FREE
**No need to book -
just turn up!**

SEPTEMBER 10th and 24th
OCTOBER 8th and 22nd
NOVEMBER 12th and 26th
DECEMBER 10th



CROOK PEAK

Music Festival

———— 2025 ————

Four **TUESDAYS** *this* **SEPTEMBER**

Early Evening Concerts **6.00 – 7.00pm**

Complimentary glass of wine or local beer on arrival

Tickets : £10.00 on the door

CONCERT HARP RECITAL

TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER : St. Andrew's, COMPTON BISHOP

Mary Reid first performed at the festival in 2018. Come and hear the harp's extraordinary potential and diversity in the hands of a virtuoso

WEDMORE ENSEMBLE

TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER : St. Congar's, BADGWORTH

Elizabeth Anderson (cello), Catherine Lord (violin) and Margaret Marinkovic (piano) are the Wedmore Ensemble. This top-class trio will delight with the brilliancy of their playing

JAZZ TRIO

TUESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER : St. Gregory's, WEARE

Adam Biggs (piano) leads Adam's Apple with Yuri Goloubev (double bass) and Rob Brian (drums). Their exciting jazz arrangements of hymn tunes will have you tapping your feet in the pews!

SONG RECITAL

TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER : St. Mary's, CHRISTON

Debra Anderson (soprano) and Robert Anderson (piano) perform 'Music For A While', a programme of Debra's favourite songs, from C17th Baroque to C20th American jazz

For details contact Debra Anderson : 01934 732537 / debratanderson16@gmail.com



WINSCOMBE W.I.

You are welcome to join us for our next meeting:

Wednesday 10th September 2025

at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start

Sewell House, Belmont Road, Winscombe, BS25 1LQ

Speaker: Dan Lloyd

Talk entitled: 'The Teas of China'

refreshments available - find us on Facebook



Winscombe **PROBUS** was set up in 1976 as a Men's Club, but in line with modern culture, things have changed. We now welcome ladies to join us, particularly members' partners. There is no charge if you just want to pop in and see what we do.

Next meeting: Monday 8th September

Speaker: Ian Williamson

Talk entitled: 'Patagonia'

Venue: Winscombe Community Association Hall
[coffee and biscuits from 10.15 am - talk starts at 11 am]

For more info call David Martin on 01934 844327 or just turn up!

Shipham, Rowberrow & Star History Society

Next meeting:

Tuesday 9th September

Speaker: Baz Hamblin

Talk entitled: *Time Gentlemen Please!*

at Shipham Village Hall, BS25 1SG

Refreshments: 7.15 pm **Members:** £2, guests £4

For further details contact: Jan Taylor 01934 260784

September Quiz



27th September 1888 is the date when the name '*Jack the Ripper*' was first adopted, after someone claiming to be the infamous London killer, began sending taunting letters to the police and media with the first letter addressed, '*Dear Boss*' and signed, '*Jack the Ripper*'.

This month's quiz is all about the nicknames of people, places and other things.

1. Whose nickname was Satchmo?
2. What is the nickname given to the notorious prison in Thailand's capital city?
3. What was the nickname of the diminutive General Charles Sherwood Stratten?
4. Which British newspaper is nicknamed '*The Thunderer*'?
5. In which American state is the city nicknamed '*Motown*'?
6. Which English county is known as '*The Garden of England*'?
7. What is the nickname of the building found at 30 St Mary Axe, London which refers to its distinctive pickle like shape?
8. Which popular English Premier League football club is known as '*The Red Devils*'?
9. What was the more well known nickname of Julius Henry Marx, known for his distinctive moustache, glasses and cigar?
10. What was the nickname of Edward Teach, one of the most notorious pirates in history?

Answers can be found on page 36

Pastoral Care Team



Do you know someone who is feeling lonely, isolated or in need for any reason?

Our Pastoral Care Team is on hand to offer support.

If you would like any further information, please contact
Reverend Pauline Nixon
07511 935860 revpolly@gmail.com

***You can help children in distress
all around the world***



**Save the
Children**

**SAVE the CHILDREN
LUNCH**

Shipham Village Hall

Friday 19th September - 12.30 pm

*Everyone is welcome to join us for soup, locally baked bread,
cheddar cheese, pickle, homemade biscuits, tea or coffee*

£5.50 (pay at the door) - all profits support Save the Children



**Save the
Children**

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



A massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make **Paul and Mo's Open Garden Day** such a huge success. Particular thanks go to Mo and her wonderful family who between them ensured the garden looked so stunning. Together they erected several gazebos, set up tables and chairs and welcomed everyone with open arms. Huge thanks also to the brilliant team of servers and washers-up that supported Mo in the kitchen, without whom the day would be far more challenging for the Children's Society Committee! We were blessed with overcast warm weather (more comfortable than the blistering heat earlier that week!), while so many gathered in the beautiful garden for coffee, lunch and cream teas. The buzz of chatter and laughter was uplifting as we all enjoyed good food, fellowship and spending money on home produce, bric-a-brac and the raffle. Once again, we raised an amazing amount of money - £1,580, for which The Children's Society is deeply grateful.

Our next event is the annual **Collection for Children** outside Morrisons in Worle in September. We are collecting on **Thursday 11th and Friday 12th September** and we would love it if anyone could spare some time to join us in this worthwhile venture. We are looking for help anytime from 9.30 am until 5.00 pm on either day – just an hour would be a great help. Please contact Sarah Gunn on 01934 842373 if you are able to offer us some time. *Thank you.*

Finally, the **Annual Children's Society Box Opening** will be held on **Tuesday 7th October** in the Church Centre, Winscombe as part of the Tuesday Church Coffee Morning. Bring your box for counting and have a cup of coffee whilst you wait. As always, we shall have the usual stalls, a raffle and Christmas cards for sale. We look forward to seeing you there!



Winscombe District U3A

Monday 15th September starting at 2.30 pm

Winscombe Community Centre, BS25 1HP

Speaker: Conservationist and Broadcaster, Chris Sperring MBE

Talk entitled: *'Bird Calls'*

£2.50. Visitors very welcome. Refreshments from 2 pm

Gardening Notes for September

The Lawn

Spending time on lawns now that have gone brown over the summer, will pay dividends next spring. Before carrying out any remedial work, start by mowing the lawn, then scarify the surface with a wire rake or scarifying machine, to remove all the accumulated debris. Rake one way first, then at 90 degrees - you will be surprised how much dead grass and moss comes out! Rejuvenate the lawn by scattering lawn seed where there are bare patches. Adding a top dressing to the lawn will help to feed and strengthen the grass for the winter; you can buy ready-made top dressing or mix your own using compost, loam and fine grit. Before applying, make holes at intervals of about 15cm across the lawn using a garden fork or hollow-tined aeration tool. It is best to wait until the soil becomes damp before reseeding or applying a top dressing.



Staking Brassicas

Before brussels sprouts and purple sprouting plants become top heavy, stake them to prevent damage from wind.

The Ornamental Garden

To prolong flowering, continue deadheading penstemons, dahlias and any other late flowering perennials. Keep feeding patio plants and hanging baskets with a high potassium feed such as tomato feed.

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

Keep camelias and rhododendrons well-watered to ensure good flower bud formation for next year.

Planting bulbs now will get them off to a good start before winter sets in. These can be planted in the borders, under trees, in grass and in containers where you can layer the bulbs



to give a succession of colour. Firstly, plant daffodils then tulips then crocuses and finally hyacinths. If you are putting in tulips on their own, delay planting until November. Fill the container with a mix of two parts John Innes No2 and one part horticultural grit. Here are a few dos and don'ts when planting bulbs; plant bulbs at least two to

three times their own depth and two widths apart and try to plant the right way up. If unsure, plant on their side, firm the soil around the bulbs and water. Don't neglect potted bulbs as they need more care than those planted in the soil; remember to water, deadhead after flowering, and don't cut back foliage until at least six weeks after flowering.

Dividing up Plants

Autumn is a good time for dividing spring flowering plants that have become congested and need rejuvenating. Late flowering perennials such as asters and rudbeckias, should be tackled in the spring.



WELCOME

Thursday Lunches

4, 11, 18, & 25 September

12.30pm Churchill Methodist

BS25 5NG

Menu

Ploughmans with Ham,
Cheese, Quiche or Gala Pie
Cold Dessert
Tea or Coffee

Only
£5

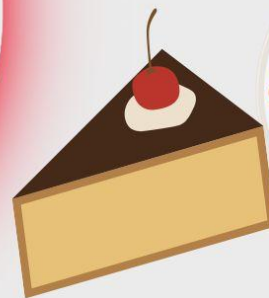


Churchill Methodist Church

Contact us:

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Games

Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am
(term time only)

September 11th & 25th at the Church Centre

September 18th at Lynch Chapel

October 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd all at the Church Centre

The Church Centre, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe. BS25 1BA

Contact Enid on 01934 842534 for more information



September Word Search

This month's Word Search has a harvest theme.

There are 16 names of vegetables hidden in the grid. The words may be found across, down, diagonally and backwards, and can overlap with each other. The hidden words are listed beneath the word search. Circle the words in the word search as you find them and cross them out from the list.



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Answers can be found on page 40

AUBERGINE

BEETROOT

BUTTERNUT SQUASH

CABBAGE

CARROT

CAULIFLOWER

COURGETTE

CUCUMBER

KALE

LEEK

ONION

POTATO

RADISH

RUNNER BEAN

SWEDE

TURNIP



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

Upstairs Bar, Winscombe Club, 7 Sandford Road - a quiet and respectful acoustic space for performers and audience.

Further information from Nigel Carson: 07551 197685 or winscombefolkclub@gmail.com - also on Facebook.

Lavender Cream Tea

Everyone had a very pleasant afternoon that began with a fascinating talk by Baz Hamblin entitled, *'Lavender, the Forgotten Herb'*. Baz, accompanied by his wife Carole, previous owners of a lavender farm in Axbridge, were happy to share the history, their experiences of growing and selling lavender products, as well as information on its healing properties. Carole, who brought along some of their produce, was happy to answer questions on anything lavender related.

A delicious strawberry cream tea was served and very much enjoyed by 50 people. All the raffle prizes were lavender coloured, and everyone who dressed in this colour, was entered into the free prize draw – and yes, you've guessed it, the winner took home a beautiful lavender and white dahlia!

Another great event hosted by St James's Events Team which raised £318 towards Church funds.



Here's what St James's Events Team has coming up at the Church Centre in Winscombe this autumn:

Saturday 20th September	Winscombe Community Market - FREE - see page 41 for details - come along and take a look
Sunday 28th September	Harvest Lunch - see page 7 for details on how to get your FREE ticket
Friday 17th October	Fab Twins Autumn Supper - very popular evening - tickets available now - see page 34 for details
Saturday 18th October	Winscombe Community Market - FREE - many stalls, tea, coffee and breakfast baps

Everyone welcome – we hope to see you there!





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Christian Aid Week 11th – 17th May

The Winscombe and Sandford Christian Aid Committee would like to thank all who helped us to raise and donate £2,561 to Christian Aid. Of this, £1,952 (including Gift Aid) was raised from donations and street collections, and £609 was raised from the Barn Dance held in the Church Centre on 20th June. Special thanks are extended to the Barnstormers Band from Nailsea who played for free. We are glad that our donation will help many people affected by famine and the war in Sudan (as well as others in developing countries), and enable them to earn enough to feed, clothe and pay for schooling and health care for their children.

Look out for details of our annual Quiz Night in October.

New members joining our committee would be very welcome - please contact us on winscombechristianaid@gmail.com.



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SANDFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Summer Show was amazing with so many exhibits! The Vegetable Section was very good with a wide range of vegetables and fruit; it was definitely a good year for apples! The Flower Section was glorious with such a wonderful array of blooms; obviously people had really nurtured their flowers. The Floral Art Section was beautiful, and a lot of work went into the exhibits. We have some brilliant cooks in our club; everything looked delicious. There were some fantastic exhibits in the Handicrafts Section, even a little butterfly that was made by a 6-year-old who received a 'Highly Commended' award for their effort.

The committee would like to thank all the exhibitors who entered, all the members who donated cakes and everyone who came and supported us, it really was a lovely afternoon with homemade cakes, tea and coffee.

The Trophy Winners were as follows:

Vegetable Cup, Committee Ladies Vase, and Dickens Cup: John Dunster

Fuchsia Trophy, Members Trophy, Higgins 40th Anniversary Trophy, Ebsworth Cup and Presidents Cup: Gill Cleverly

Stan Thatcher Cup: Beryl Jenkins and Gill Cleverly

W.I. Rose Bowl and Single Rose Trophy: Tony Callow

The Greg Smith Memorial Trophy: Yvonne Greenwood

Vic Bridges Dahlia Trophy: Eira Roswell

Committee Cup: Beryl Jenkins

Novices Trophy: Joy Dodd

Whitewell Challenge Cup: Pat Jones

Sandford Harvest Home Cup: Jane Kelly



The 'Best Exhibit in the Show' was won by Yvonne Greenwood for her framed picture that was exquisite!

Next meeting dates:



Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 7.30 pm

Sandford Village Hall

Speaker: Colin Higgins

Talk entitled: 'Gardening for Pollinators'

Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 7.30 pm

Sandford Village Hall

Speaker: Nick King

Talk entitled: 'Goats of the Gorge'

[followed by a short A.G.M and refreshments]



The Empire United © Nigel Carson 2/8/2014

The day the British Empire went to war,
The sun rose as for every day before.
It never sets around our precious globe
From Greenwich line o'er countless distant shores.

The news was quickly sent, far and near
Rally to the flag and for the King.
Men of the Empire, your duty now is clear
Our destinies forged into a solid ring.

Whole streets, whole towns, whole countries rose as one
A band of brothers in the common cause.
To stand against a foe whom few did know
From every corner of the realm, and globe.

From mountains so high there scarce is air to breathe.
From plains so dry the dust-clouds ride the breeze
From gentle pastures rich with grass and maze
From rugged coasts and tranquil warmer seas.

They came with flags and song and bands and hope
Marching proudly towards the common need.
All colours and so many different tongues
United to the cause of freedom for thought and deed.

If they had known what horrors lay before
Would they have been so quick their names to sign?
Yet once committed they stood firm and strong,
So you and I might live life in our time.

And what have we done with their precious gift?
We quarrel with our neighbours near and far.
For land so poor few crops can there exist
Religions preaching peace misused for war.

Our basic needs of health and food and water.
Small space to live and raise our families.
This world has room and food for all.
So, we defile their gift and memory.

Written in 2014 as a reflection of the centennial anniversary of the start of the First World War. Empire is not used in the imperial triumphal sense but rather as the view of a body of nations united by history and a common urge for peace.

So, at a time when the Holy Land continues to be ravaged by war and cruelty, this poem is a reflection of the optimism and hope invested in the "War to end all wars".

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Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill

I've had a busy August here as Parliament takes a break. I'd like to thank all of you who've written, called and met me in my 'surgeries' to tell me what you care about, be that of local, national or international interest.

I thoroughly enjoyed an amazing visit to Mendip Adventure whose sites in Churchill, Sandford, Winscombe, Hewish, Burrington Combe, Cheddar and Bristol, offered a very welcome update for me, as I hadn't visited for several years. It's no wonder Mendip Adventure were the winners of a Silver 'Visit England' Award as they offer an incredible range of 25 different outdoor activities and instructor training; my congratulations to everyone involved!

Over the next few months, the Government has indicated that MPs are likely to be considering the following Bills:

- Mental Health Bill
- Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill
- Pension Schemes Bill
- English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill
- Diego Garcia Military Base and British Indian Ocean Territory Bill
- Bus Services Bill
- Victims and Courts Bill
- Elections Bill

It is also possible, but not certain, that the Government will introduce Bills covering the following areas:

- A Rail Bill
- A Hillsborough Bill
- A Sentencing Bill
- A Cyber Security and Resilience Bill

If you have any thoughts or ideas on the above areas of legislation that are likely to be debated in Parliament during the next four months, please don't hesitate to let me know. I'm running 'surgeries' across the area, so come along. A full list of dates, times and venues is available if you call or email me, but the most local are listed below:

Friday 5th September from 10:00 to 11:00 at The Market Kitchen Café, **Churchill**

Saturday 6th September from 11:00 to 12:00 at The Lamb Inn, **Axbridge**

Friday 26th September from 08:00 to 09:00 at Edelweiss Café, **Cheddar**

Friday 26th September from 10:00 to 11:00 at **Congresbury** Community Café

Friday 26th September from 18:00 to 19:00 at The Brewers' Arms, **Banwell**

Saturday 27th September from 12:30 to 13:30 at The Coffee Bank, **Winscombe**

Monday 29th September from 18:00 to 19:00 at The Railway Inn, **Sandford**

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you – contact details below. *Thank you.*

Tessa

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk

Post: Tessa Munt Freepost (you won't need a stamp!)

SEPTEMBER 2025 – DIARY

TUES 2	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 3	10.30am	Midweek Informal Service - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THUR 4	10.00am	Holy Communion - Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SUN 7	TRINITY 12 See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 9	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 10	10.30am	Midweek Informal Service - Lynch Chapel
	2.00pm	Knit & Natter - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Winscombe WI - Sewell House
THUR 11	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 13	9.00am	Refresh-Men+- Mens Breakfast - Woodborough Inn
SUN 14	TRINITY 13 See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 16	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 17	10.30am	Midweek Informal Service - Lynch Chapel
	2.45pm	Holy Communion - Sewell House
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THURS 18	9.30am	Scramblers - Lynch Chapel
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 20	9.00am	Winscombe Village Market - Church Centre
SUN 21	TRINITY 14 See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 23	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 24	10.30am	Midweek Informal Service - Lynch Chapel
	2.00pm	Knit & Natter - Lynch Chapel
THUR 25	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	11.00am	Holy Communion - Winscombe Hall
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 27	2.30pm	Come for a Cuppa - Lynch Chapel
SUN 28	TRINITY 15 HARVEST FESTIVAL See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 30	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre

Church Service Times

Opportunities to Worship in September

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

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints

Special Services in September

Thursday 4th September 10.00 am Holy Communion at Dunster Court
 Sunday 7th September 11.00 am Holy Communion at Sandford Station
 Wednesday 17th September 2.45 pm Holy Communion at Sewell House
 Thursday 25th September 10.30 am Holy Communion at Winscombe Hall

We Congratulate:

Our love and congratulations go to **Jack Saunders** and **Hannah Melia** who were married at St James's Church, Winscombe on Saturday 30th August 2025.

We Remember:

Anna Bradfield whose ashes were interred at St John's Church, Churchill on Thursday 21st August 2025.

David Parker whose funeral service took place at St James's Church, Winscombe on Monday 18th August followed by his cremation at Weston Crematorium.

BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7th September Continuous: Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18 Philmon 1-12 Luke 14: 25-33	Sunday 14th September Continuous: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10	
Sunday 21st September Continuous: Jeremiah 8: 18- 9: 1 Psalm 79: 1-9 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13	Sunday 28th September HARVEST FESTIVAL Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Psalm 100 Philippians 4: 4-9 or Revelation 14: 14-18 John 6: 25-35	



Wroughton Vale Rotary Club

Jazz in the Orchard raises £1,100 for Air Ambulance

A lazy summer afternoon unfolded beneath the apple trees in Thatchers Orchard as 150 guests gathered to support Air Ambulance. 'The Black Velvet Jazz Band' wove a tapestry of jazz, blues and soul. Glasses of chilled cider from the pop-up bar, mingled with the mouthwatering aroma of Angus Murray's signature pork baps. *Long to be remembered!*

If you would like to chat about Rotary in this area, please contact Angie Biggs on 07790 400718.

Pictured: 'The Black Velvet Jazz Band'
with friends in the orchard



Incoming President Nigel Oakley receives the Chain of Office from John Alvis



John has had a most successful Presidential year with an extensive programme of activities!

We thank those who joined us having fun and fellowship with fundraising. We remember the Vintage Car Rally, the huge weekend festival at the Mendip Outdoor Centre, the Clay Pigeon Shoot, and of course the Frog Racing where usually placid souls got very excited!

We particularly thank Thatchers for their ongoing support and Jazz in the Orchard.

All this created about £7,000 for 'Somewhere to Go', Air Ambulance and our very extensive schools programme, as well as the weekend away for young carers, taking youngsters to Longleat and much more.

We supported the intrepid Bob Preedy who, with various friends, has now driven five vans packed with essential kit to Ukraine. The vans are greatly valued and used for humanitarian support.

So, we all look forward to supporting Nigel with new endeavours and hope to see you soon at the Classic Car and Bike Meet – *see opposite for full details.*

Don't forget, everyone is welcome to come along to the **Breakfast Meeting** at The Mendip Outdoor Centre starting at 8 am on the first Wednesday of every month. Call Angie Biggs on 07790 400718 for further information.



ROTARY BREAKFAST

Classic Car & Bike Meet



Rotary



Club of Wrington Vale

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Sunday 5th October 2025

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 **ST JAMES'S EVENTS TEAM** 

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Always Green

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Small birds can lose body weight (from 10 to 20%), during a single cold night. This weight loss is due to the energy expended to maintain their body temperature in freezing temperatures, especially when they are unable to find enough food to replenish their energy stores.



These advantages are exactly what coniferous trees such as spruce, firs, pines and cedars provide as they are mostly cone bearing.

Cones hold and protect conifer seeds until they are ready to be dispersed. The scales of the cone are tightly closed, as shown in this picture.

Male and female cones are on the same tree. Male cones are much smaller and do not last long; they release pollen. Female cones contain ovules that develop into seeds once they have been fertilised. Male cones cluster together lower on the tree to avoid self-pollination, while female cones grow higher up.

Eventually, when the time is right for germination, cone scales open to release seeds which are 'naked.' This means that they are not protected by an ovary - the protective fruit in deciduous plants. Cones usually open in early autumn, until then the seeds have been kept safe from weather extremes and hungry wildlife such as siskins, pine martens and red squirrels.

Pollination is done by the wind, so conifers need no bright flowers to attract pollinators.

Conifer seeds, such as pine, can be home grown. Pine seeds have a wing to help dispersal. Collect the cones and dry them. This will make them open and release many, many seeds which should be kept in an airtight container until the beginning of a year.

Sow the seeds in a prepared seed bed or in pots, filled with well drained seed compost. Push each seed in, just below the soil surface, making sure it is in a vertical position with the pointed end facing downwards. Place the pots on a sunny window sill and keep them moist. Germination may take some time but is most likely to happen in March or April, so much patience is needed. Once the seedlings have reached 6 to 12 inches high, they can be transplanted outdoors in a sunny position. All a bit of a challenge!



Back to evergreens in general ...

September is the ideal month to plant an evergreen hedge (not just for wildlife though it's a strong incentive to do so), and not just leylandii! Evergreen hedges have other advantages too especially when comparing them to a fence. They provide constant privacy and visual appeal due to continuous foliage. They also block out some noise from traffic and protect from wind. Air pollution is reduced since leaves can absorb pollution. The root system helps to protect the soil from erosion and reduce the risk of flooding.

There are many examples of evergreens. Here are just a few, all of which have an extra attraction such as fragrance and beautiful flowers followed by berries. Privet is a bit of an 'old fashioned' plant, but I love it. It has sweetly scented flowers followed by a profusion of berries. *Elaeagnus Ebbingei* is quite slow growing but produces fragrant flowers in autumn. *Pyrocantha* and *Berberis Thunbergia* are prickly (good deterrent), and produce many berries loved by wildlife. Members of the cotoneaster family are similar. Holly, yew and pittosporum are well known, but no less important.



How about a mixed conifer hedge?

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September Quiz Answers

How many nicknames could you identify?

1. Louis Armstrong
2. The Bangkok Hilton
3. Tom Thumb
4. The Times
5. Michigan
6. Kent
7. The Gherkin
8. Manchester United
9. Groucho
10. Blackbeard





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BRANCH SUMMER EVENTS

As reported briefly in August, RAFA-MSB held a Branch barbecue on Saturday 26th July at Ad Astra Cider Farm, Stone Allerton. Twenty four members attended and enjoyed a splendid barbecue of sausages and cheese burgers with salads prepared by Suzanne and Paul Rolfe. Together with Ad Astra ciders, Typhoon, Lancaster, Vulcan and Buccaneer, plus apple juice and other beverages from the bar in the Cider Barn, it was a relaxing environment with plenty of chat and music.



On Sunday 17th August three Members of the RAFA-MSB Committee, together with Air Cadets from 1182 Squadron (Shepton Mallet), manned a stall at the Mid-Somerset Show on the Shepton Mallet Showground to promote both organisations to the general public and to raise money for the RAFA Wings Appeal 2025. The Air Cadets and their officers also set up and organised the jumps and equipment changes in the main arena while controlling the entrance and exit gates for the various arena displays.



SEPTEMBER & FUTURE PROGRAMME

RAFA-MSB will meet on **Monday 1st September** at 11:00 am in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS for a presentation by Dave Rogers entitled, *'The History of the Royal Observer Corps'* and to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day plus an optional lunch and drinks from the club's menu and bar.

RAFA-MSB will commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Britain with a **Multi-Denomination Battle of Britain Service** on **Sunday 14th September** at 11:00 am in St Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 6 Park Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BP. The service will commemorate the 85th anniversary of the battle and the activity, personnel and service of the RAF during WW2 and subsequent conflicts. The service will be followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the Shepton Mallet War Memorial. This is a public event, so the Committee welcomes RAFA members, current and ex-RAF personnel and reserves, current and ex-Commonwealth Air Forces personnel and reserves, members of the RAF family and members of the public, who wish to attend this important commemoration.

The RAFA-MSB October event will be a **Games Day** on **Monday 6th October** starting at 11:00 am at the Bell Inn, Bruton Road, Evercreech, BA4 6HY. This will be an informal fun day with skittles, darts and pool, plus card and board games. Coffee, drinks and lunch may be ordered on arrival from the menu. RAFA-MSB covers BS25, BS26, BS27, BS28, BA4, BA5, BA6, BA16, TA10 and TA11 postal areas so the Committee welcomes RAFA members, current and ex-RAF personnel and reserves, current and ex-Commonwealth Air Forces personnel and reserves, members of the RAF family and members of the public that support the RAFA's aims and purpose, to join us for this 'Fun Day' and all branch events.

For further information about any of these events, please contact the branch via email rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com or telephone the Secretary on 01458 224057.

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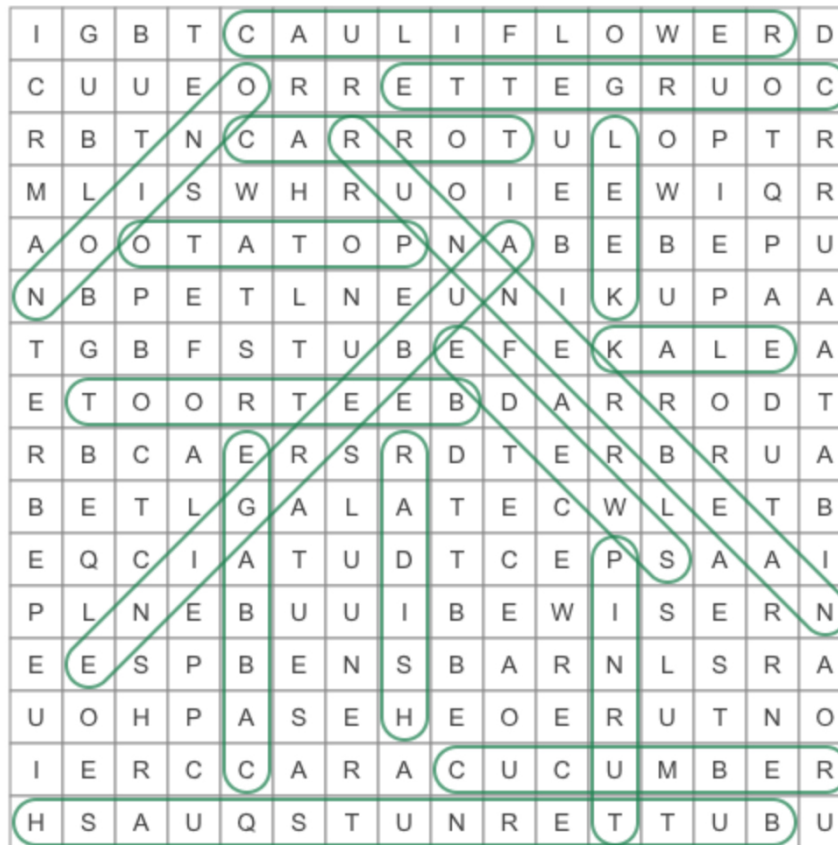
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**NEXT DATES: 3RD SEPTEMBER
1ST OCTOBER**

September Word Search Answers

This is where the vegetables were hidden.



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Why not come along, meet new people and have a chat over a cuppa ~ hope to see you soon



Winscombe Village Market



Every month there is a good and varied selection of stalls – hope to see you there!

- * bread * cakes
 - * vegetables
 - * wood crafts * cards
 - * jams, chutneys & preserves * jewellery
 - * handmade crafts
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9 AM - 12.00 PM

NEXT MARKET

SATURDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

**St James Church Centre
52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe,
BS25 1BA**

***Councillor Joe Tristram holds a Council Ward Surgery
on market days between 10 and 11.30 am in the Church Centre***

Living Generously



For Christians, generosity isn't optional or extra to our faith, it is part of who we are. Jesus showed us how to live generously by giving himself completely, in love, in service and in sacrifice. He calls us to do the same, trusting that in giving, we find life.

Natalie Wainwright, Bath and Wells Lead Giving and Funding Adviser, says, *"Generosity is central to who we are as Christians, but it is easy to lose sight of it in the busyness of church life. Generosity Week, which is planned for Sunday 28th September to Sunday 5th*

October (but can be held at any time throughout the year), allows us to reflect on what giving really means and to explore what it looks like in practice. There are simple resources available as part of that help support us to do this."

Generosity is a response to God's love, lived out in our everyday choices. Generosity can be expressed through time, encouragement, hospitality, prayer and finance. It starts with intention and grows through practice.

Natalie feels we are often inspired when we think about giving in different ways, and holding a Generosity Week helps us to do that. She says, *"Giving isn't something we do once, it is something we do for life."*

This may include discussions about legacies and what we pass on to future generations. Natalie says, *"Many of our churches have monuments, plaques and windows dedicated to those who left generous gifts in their Wills. These are stories of faith in action and may encourage us to reflect on the kind of legacy we may want to leave."*

This may also inspire younger generations to contemplate what a generous life looks like. Children and young people often notice what is celebrated and are shaped by an invitation to take part. This could be encouraging them to see generosity not as something for later in life, but part of following Jesus now.

Generosity Week can become part of the rhythm of your year, taking a moment to pause, and reflect on what it means to live generously in response to God's love.

To find out more about Generosity Week visit: churchofengland.org/generosity-week.

Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

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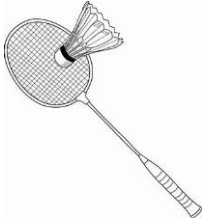




What's going on every week at St James's Church Centre?

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



BADMINTON

Monday morning
Wednesday evening

CHAIR YOGA EXERCISE

Thursday afternoon



CHI BALANCE

Friday morning

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday morning



MOVEMENT AND DANCE EXERCISE

Thursday evening

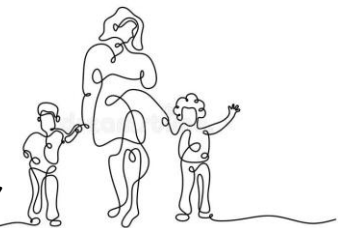


SCRAMBLERS

Parents & Toddlers

Thursday morning

Term-time only



PILATES

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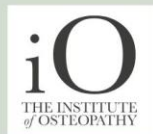


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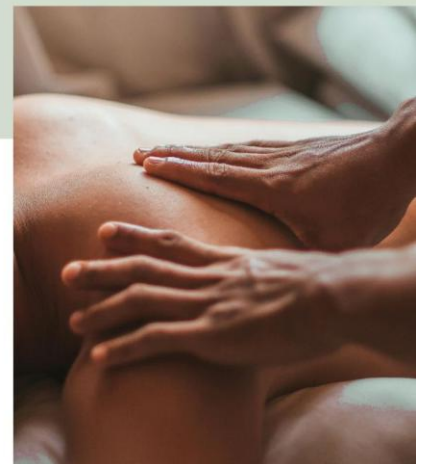


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