

Putting the Love of Christ in the Heart of our Community



Signpost

Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill Parish Magazine



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



By the time you read this article we will be well into autumn; *'the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'*, that the poet John Keats wrote about. We will have celebrated our Harvest Festivals and as the days get shorter and the temperature drops, we may feel a little dispirited or downcast, yet autumn can be the most productive season of the year.

When we look at the beauty of the many trees around us and see the glorious reds, yellows, oranges and browns of their leaves, we can wonder at God's creation and reflect on the many things that nature can teach us. Let's just think about a tree for a moment – its trunk, its roots and its leaves and what happens to it in the autumn. The trunk stands firm drawing strength from its roots, but it is time to shed those leaves that have been so important to it earlier on in the year. But not one of those leaves is wasted, because they float to the ground to renourish the roots so that the tree can survive through the difficult times, to flourish again when the time is right.

I recently read a book by the Swedish author Margareta Magnusson about the tradition of Dostadning, called, *'The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning'*. It is a beautiful book and by no means as morbid as it sounds. People are encouraged, on an annual basis, to look at the things that clutter up their lives, to think about those things that they do not need any more, to say *'thank you'* to them for what they have meant in the past, and then to part with them. Just like the tree that sheds those unneeded leaves in autumn.

Perhaps we can think about this, not only in a physical sense, but in our spiritual lives as well; what clutters up our physical and spiritual life, and hinders us from growing closer to God, and to doing His will? In autumn, we are encouraged to let go of outdated beliefs, habits, resentments or attachments that weigh us down and hinder our spiritual growth. Psalm 51:10 encourages us to pray, *'Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me'*.

May we always remember that God is good no matter what the season. He cares and provides for us, and we can trust that he will continue to do that. We may, or may not, have a new shepherd for our flock here in Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill by the time this article is published, but I encourage you to be faithful in praying that the Christian roots in our community may continue to flourish in the years to come.

Autumn is a time to draw strength from our own Christian roots, of simplifying our lives, of enjoying the moment of scrunching in the leaves as we walk forward on our Christian journeys. May we stand firm in our Christian faith whatever the future holds.

Reverend Pauline Nixon

Signpost - The Parish Magazine

Welcome to October'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 November's edition is Sunday 12th October. 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 in this way, 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.

All Saints Church Community Café

The Café on 30th August raised £320.75 (including Gift Aid), and some of the money raised has been used to purchase dinner plates and dessert bowls so we can now cater for events. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Our next cafe date is:

SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER

10.30 am – 12.30 pm

All Saints Church, Sandford



A variety of coffee, teas and soft drinks along with homemade cakes, biscuits and soup is served

We look forward to seeing you soon!



COFFEE MORNING



Every Tuesday at 10.30 am
Church Centre, Winscombe
All Welcome





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) |
| ❖ Custard – tinned or instant | ❖ Squash |
| ❖ Long life fruit juices | ❖ Paper goods – toilet roll, kitchen roll etc. |
| ❖ Desserts – tinned fruit, rice pudding, sponge | ❖ Tinned cold meats – corned beef, spam |
| ❖ Pasta, rice, instant noodles | ❖ Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate |
| ❖ Sugar | ❖ Biscuits |
| ❖ Personal items – soap, toothbrushes, 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.



It has been good for many of the group to be back for a breakfast meeting after our summer break. There was no speaker this month, but we look forward to the October meeting when we will have a speaker.

There must have been many occasions when we have attended a farewell do, or even a funeral, at which the eulogy has been a concise summary of a life well-lived. We may have come away thinking how much we wished we had known much of their story earlier. Our breakfast gatherings would seem to be a great opportunity to hear such life stories from friends that we will carry on seeing for years to come. Chris Greenwood has kindly agreed to be the first, of what we hope may be a series, when members present aspects of their lives along the lines of 'Desert Island Discs'. We can expect references to early memories, careers, moving to Winscombe, perhaps a step of faith or Christian experience. Life events may be linked to contemporary music, books or other influences along the way. Long term residents may know each other and much about folk that we have come to regard of as friends. In 20 minutes, there may be a lot to share that will encourage or inspire us all as a community.

Our next breakfast together will be on **Saturday 11th October** - this will be an **open meeting** so everyone, men and women, are invited. But please do let me know at least a week in advance as I will need to let the Woodborough Inn know expected numbers.

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. 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 EVENTS TEAM** 

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER: 7.30PM

AUTUMN SUPPER

**AT THE CHURCH CENTRE, WINSCOMBE
WITH ENTERTAINMENT FROM**

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**MUSIC FROM THE BEATLES AND OTHER HITS FROM
THE 60S AND 70S**

TICKETS £12

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October Word Search

This month's Word Search has an autumnal theme.

There are 20 seasonal words 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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APPLES
AUTUMN
BONFIRE
CHESTNUTS

CHILLY
COBWEB
DEW
LEAVES
OCTOBER

PINECONE
PLOUGH
PUMPKIN
RAKE
SCARECROW

SEEDS
TOADSTOOL
TRACTOR
WINDY
WOODLAND



Answers can be found on page 44

**Winscombe Community
Association**



**Again, by popular
request**

'A GOOD OLD FASHIONED'
JUMBLE
SALE

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER at
Winscombe Community
Centre, Sandford Rd

BS25 1JA



(In aid of our brand new Centre)

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October Quiz



On 15th October 1666, the diarist, Samuel Pepys, recorded the wearing of the first waistcoat by King Charles II. The King decreed the waistcoat to be part of an Englishman's correct dress, although the idea was not a new one! Pepys wrote, *'The King hath yesterday declared his resolution of setting a fashion for clothes which he will never alter. It will be a vest. I know not well how'*. The original term 'vest' is still favoured in America, but overtime, the garment became

known as a waistcoat for the simple reason that it reaches the waist and no further, unlike dress coats which reach the knee.

This month's quiz is all about the world of fashion.

1. Who is credited with inventing the mini skirt?
2. What type of hat is associated with Sherlock Holmes?
3. In which fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen, does a vain ruler get taught a lesson about pride?
4. What street in London is famous for men's bespoke tailoring?
5. What name is given to a type of cloak, originating in South America, which resembles a blanket with a central hole for the head?
6. Which designer is credited with popularising the little black dress?
7. Which 1965 song by The Kinks, starts with the lines, *'They seek him here, they seek him there, His clothes are loud, but never square'*?
8. Which famous fashion designer ushered in the New Look for womenswear in the late 1940s?
9. In which 2006 film does Meryl Streep play Miranda Priestly, the cynical Editor in Chief of a fashion magazine?
10. Which city is known as the capital of fashion?

Answers can be found on page 42

OUR NEW NAME – RNLI MENDIP BRANCH

The RNLI has agreed that the Branch should change its name to better reflect the wider area that the Branch covers. So, from 1st October, the Branch will become the 'RNLI Mendip Branch'. The Branch includes the area of Mendip from Nailsea in the north, south through Winscombe to Wedmore, and east from Winscombe along Mendip and Cheddar Valley through Cheddar, Priddy and Wells, to Shepton Mallet. The southern edge runs from Wedmore east to embrace Glastonbury and Street. Hence, the new name is a better definition of the area we cover.

WINSCOMBE FOLK NIGHT

WINSCOMBE FOLK presents....

JON WILKS



**SATURDAY
11th
OCTOBER
AT 8.00 PM**

**CASH BAR
& DOORS
7.15PM**

**ST JAMES' CHURCH CENTRE, WINSCOMBE,
52, WOODBOROUGH ROAD, BS25 1BA**

**TICKETS £15 incl admin fee from
winscombe.folk@gmail.com**

or telephone 07703 538861

with proceeds going to the Winscombe & District branch of the RNLI



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

The concert will be held at **St James's Church Centre**, 52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe, BS25 1BA starting at 8:00 pm (doors open 7:15 pm), and there will be the usual cash bar for beers, ciders, wines and soft drinks.

Tickets are priced at £15 via winscombe.folk@gmail.com or telephone 07703 538861.

All proceeds will go to the RNLI Mendip Branch.

RNLI MENDIP CELEBRATES 220th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

RNLI Mendip Branch will celebrate a brand-new event to celebrate **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 with a warm welcome and reception drinks followed by a 3-course dinner starting at 7.30 pm. The guest speaker will be Mark Dowie CBE, the former CEO of the RNLI. Diners will be seated at round tables of ten with each table bearing the name of one of the ships involved in the Battle. There will be a 'Trafalgar Event' between each course. The evening will include a 'Heads or Tails' competition for a cash prize, a multi-prize raffle, drinks including wines from the club's bar, the Loyal Toast and coffee. Carriages from 10:30 pm. **All proceeds will go to RNLI Mendip Branch.**

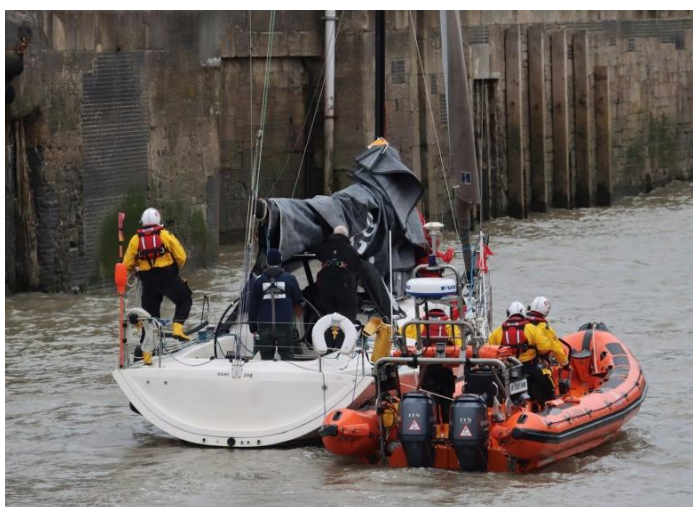
Tickets cost £42.50 per head and may be obtained from either Tim Moran Tim@moransononline.com, by calling 07801 678432, or from the Mendip Spring Golf Club clubhouse@mendipspringgolfclub.com.



RNLI MENDIP
CELEBRATES 220TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR
Tuesday 21st October
at Mendip Spring Golf Club
Congresbury BS49 5JT
3-Course Formal Dinner
Guest Speaker
Mark Dowie CBE
Former CEO of the RNLI
Multi-Prize Raffle
Tickets priced at £42-50 per head
Dress: Black Tie or Lounge Suit
All Profits to the RNLI Mendip Branch
Reception at 6:30pm
Dinner at 7:30pm
Carriages at 10:30pm
Contact Tim Moran at Tim@moransononline.com or tel 07801-678432

AUGUST SHOUTS – PORTISHEAD CREW ESCORT YACHT TO HARBOUR

In August there were 19 'shouts' between our four Somerset Lifeboat Stations (Burnham-on-Sea – 1, Minehead – 9, Portishead – 5 and Weston-super-Mare – 4).



Portishead Lifeboat and crew launched on service on Wednesday 20th August at 4:00 pm, to assist a yacht which had been at sea for many hours and was suffering engine issues. The yacht's crew realised that they would have trouble entering Portishead Marina, so asked for assistance and the RNLI Portishead crew launched to assist.

The five crew on board the vessel were well equipped, wearing lifejackets and experienced sailors, but appeared to be very tired after their long journey from Cornwall. After sailing all the way to Portishead Pier, they were taken under tow by the lifeboat crew and were pleased to be supported back to the safe haven of Portishead Marina.

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The people of Ukraine are desperately in
need of the following items:

- Warm winter clothes
- Camping equipment
- Kitchen utensils
- Blankets and bedding
- Mobility aids
- Tents
- Sleeping bags
- Crockery and cutlery
- Medical supplies
- Wheelchairs

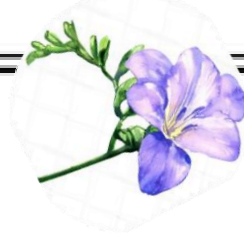
Can you help?

Need items collected? Contact Martin Spiller on 01934 852295
Drop off to Angela Morris at 81 Green Hill Road, Sandford, BS25 5PF
or call 01934 852327



Celia Hine

There are times when the words, 'Thank You' seem so inadequate, and this is one of them. Following the sad death of Celia, the family and I have been shown so much care, love and compassion by everyone, that we have been, in a way, overwhelmed. We're sure that Celia would have had no idea just how loved she was, and that has been a great source of comfort to us all. From the moment that the sad news broke, people have been so kind and supportive to the family and especially to me. The '*icing on the cake*' if I may put it that way, must surely be the fantastic Service of Celebration held at St. James's on the 15th September. So many people have been so supportive that we cannot name them all. If anyone should question the value of the Church Family, point them towards this Benefice to see '*how it's done*'. So, from an earthly family to the Church Family, I am afraid the only words we have are those inadequate ones... *Thank You*. **Ian Hine**



If you love singing we'd love you to join us
WINSCOMBE COMMUNITY SINGERS



Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm

Winscombe Community Centre

Musical Director: Josh Newport



Music, friendship, fun and laughter

For more information please contact
Simon Page 07900 693783



Local choir, Trinity Singers based in Churchill, is well-known for the wide array of music offered in their programmes. On Saturday 25th October, the choir presents a programme entitled, *'Give us this day: Songs of life and hope'*, which will once again showcase this diversity.

There are stories of life, love and faithlessness, presented in arrangements of folk songs by John Rutter and others. These include variants on the archetypal, *'young man meets maid, pursues maid, betrays maid'* tale, as well as the rather less common *'old lady drowns husband in the river'*. Stories of struggle, resistance and hope are included: *'Steal Away'*, *'Go Down, Moses'* and *'Were You There?'* There is Ethel Smyth's stirring suffragette anthem *'March of the Women'*, plus the first performance of a new work, *'Sympathy'*, specially written for the concert by local composer Nick Varley. There is also the work from which the concert takes its title: *'Give Us This Day'* and Ward Swingle's beautiful call to, *'Cherish the Earth Before it Dies'*.

Tickets are £12.50 and available now via: www.trinitysingers.org.uk, from any choir member, or on the door.

A concert poster for Trinity Singers. The background is a photograph of a sunset over a field with trees. The text is overlaid on the image.

Trinity Singers
Registered Charity No 1202501

Saturday 25th October 2025
7.30pm

Conducted by Andrew Tyrrell
Accompanied by Claire Alsop

Give us this day
Songs of life and hope

Including pieces by John Rutter, Vaughan Williams,
and arrangements of well known spirituals.

Tickets £12.50

All Saints Church
Wroughton
BS40 5LG

www.trinitysingers.org.uk

A QR code located in the bottom right corner of the poster, which likely links to the choir's website.

For further information please contact Bob Shapland on 07769 813489

Gardening Notes for October

Trees for Small Gardens

Trees are the most important plants in the world, without them we would not be here, they are the lungs of our planet, helping to turn carbon dioxide into oxygen that we can breathe. Every garden should have at least one tree, even if you have a small garden there are a variety of suitable trees. It is important to choose the right tree; one whose scale suits the garden and provides as much interest as possible throughout the year. It should have attractive structure and shape, autumn colour, perhaps blossom in the spring for pollinating insects, followed possibly by fruit.

You can buy trees as bare root plants (always supplied during the dormant season), or as a container grown plant. Bare root trees should be planted as promptly as possible providing the soil is not frozen, but if it is, wrap the roots in damp compost until weather conditions improve. Container trees can be planted at any time of the year, but ideally when they are likely to suffer the least stress, which is during late autumn or early spring.

Plant your tree when the weather is favourable. Prepare the planting area well and make sure the roots fit comfortably into the hole, as well as planting at the same depth as it was growing previously. It may be necessary to support the tree by staking using a short stake angled at 45 degrees and reaching a third of the way up the trunk.

Here are a few of the trees from the many available - all suitable if you have limited space:

Crab apples are a good choice for any small garden. The variety ***Malus 'Hupehensis'*** has dainty pink and white blossom in the spring followed by bright red fruit and is loved by birds. ***Malus 'Golden Hornet'*** or ***'Evereste'*** would also be ideal.

Sorbus 'Vilmorinii' is an unusual mountain ash with fine ferny leaves, turning to rich purple and crimson in autumn. Pretty umbels of flowers produce pink berries that eventually fade to white.



Cornus Kousa is a favourite small tree, especially in late spring when its branches are covered in creamy white bracts that turn pink as they age.

Amelanchier (also known as ***Snowy Mespilus***), is a North American tree that carries white blooms on bare branches in spring and has vibrant golden foliage in autumn.

Acer Palatum 'Osakazuki' is a compact acer reaching no more than 4 metres and has the most intense and long-lasting red autumn colour of all the Japanese maples.

Magnolia Stillata produces a mass of stunning bright white star shaped flowers opening up from silky buds. Being a compact variety, this tree will reach a final height of just two metres.



ROTARY BREAKFAST

Classic Car & Bike Meet



Rotary



Club of Wrington Vale

**Presents a meet of classic cars,
supercars, motor bikes, and unusual vehicles**

BREAKFAST BBQ

Sunday 5th October 2025

9.00am - 1.00pm

Venue

Brean Down Car Park
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Somerset TA8 2RS

All profits to local charities supported by Rotary

Reservations recommended

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*You can help children in distress
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SAVE the CHILDREN LUNCHES

**Shipham Village Hall, BS25 1SG
on the following Fridays**

3rd, 17th and 31st October - 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

Shipham, Rowberrow & Star History Society

Tuesday 14th October

Speaker: Roy Acrill

Talk entitled: 'Elf & Safety – Myth or Fact'


Shipham Village Hall, BS25 1SG

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

For further details contact: Jan Taylor 01934 260784



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
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9 AM - 12.00 PM

SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER

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*Councillor Joe Tristram holds a Council Ward Surgery
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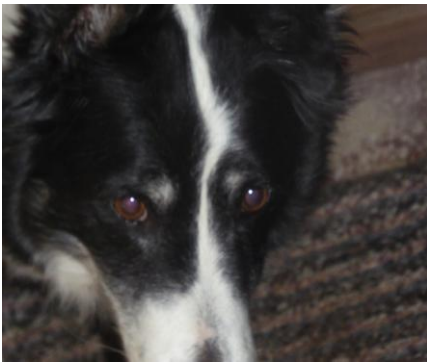
Supporting and Protecting our Natural World

How Animals Heal Us

Here is a quote from Milan Kundera: *'Dogs are our link to Paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit on a hill with a dog, on a glorious afternoon, is to be back in Eden where doing nothing was not boring. It was Peace.'*

I read this quote recently and gave it some thought. It is true, it's dogs in this case, but many other pets can also heal. On a basic level, dogs encourage physical activity and create a daily routine, especially for those of us who live alone. Caring for a pet gives a sense of purpose and responsibility. For example, they provide themselves, and us, with fun by playing games and giving a warm welcome when we return home.

There is more! Dogs can improve our mental health by providing companionship. Scientific research shows that with day-to-day interaction, a pet promotes mental health by releasing hormones from the brain that reduces anxiety, boosts our mood and reduces blood pressure. The main hormones are serotonin, oxytocin and dopamine that generally give you a good feeling, and one of safety.



Sometimes, it is impossible for people to keep dogs any longer because of age, illness or work demands. After my lovely Border Collie sisters died, I decided not to have another dog, but I was very willingly 'lent' another Border Collie, Sky. I walked with her, almost daily, for 12 years; she offered unconditional loyalty and companionship without ever being over fussy. In this photo she seems to say; *"My eyes seem to talk. They are kind and gentle eyes, and I always concentrate on the people I am with and try to understand them so that we work, play and relax together. My eyes may also persuade people to give me treats or throw a ball (my favourite)!"*



If that doesn't happen, there's a website called; 'Borrow My Doggy' (www.borrowmydoggy.com) where, for a small fee, the company will send a list of dogs that are asking for a companion in your postcode area. In my area, there are currently 34 dogs asking to be 'borrowed'. It is up to the owner and possible borrower to make their own arrangements.

I think, however, that all the writing I have done could have been summed up in just this one picture! Rosie and Bonnie had never met. Rosie had never been close to another dog but, as you can see here, there is trust, warmth and comfort for both; she seems lost in her own world.

It is so important to return the unconditional trust given to us from pets, willingly and always.





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You are welcome to join us for our next meeting:

Wednesday 8th October 2025

at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start

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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.

Next meeting: Monday 13th October

Speaker: John Smith

Talk entitled: 'The Battle of Britain over Somerset'

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!



Winscombe District U3A

Monday 20th October starting at 2.30 pm

Winscombe Community Centre, BS25 1HP

Speaker: Dr David Agassiz

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

RAFA-MSB held a Branch meeting on **Monday 1st September** in Wells Golf Club during which Dave Rogers, supported by his wife Julia, gave a presentation entitled; *'The History of the Royal Observer Corps'*. The presentation covered the role of the police in WW1 as aircraft observers, which in 1925, led to the introduction of the *'Raid Reporting System'*, and also the formation of the *'Observer Corps'*. During WW2, the *'Observer Corps'* became an integral part of the *'Dowding Air Defence System'* which in 1941, became the *'Royal Observer Corps'* (ROC). The ROC continued in its primary role of aircraft recognition and reporting until 1955 when it was allocated the additional task of detecting and reporting nuclear explosions and associated fall-out. In 1965, the ROC lost its role in air defence and assumed the role of field force for the *'United Kingdom Warning and Monitoring Organisation'* (UKWMO), which related to its nuclear reporting role, and this continued until the ROC was stood down in March 1996 at the end of the Cold War. Dave Rogers was an Observer Lieutenant based in Yeovil where he met his future wife who was also in the ROC. The meeting finished with Branch business and optional lunch and drinks from the golf club's menu and bar.

On **Sunday 14th September** at 11:00 am in St Michael's Roman Catholic Church, RAFA-MSB commemorated the 85th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain with a multi-denomination Battle of Britain service that remembered the activity, personnel and service of the RAF during WW2 and subsequent conflicts. The service was led by the Branch Chaplain, Reverend Colin Moore, and was attended by the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, the High Sherrieff of Somerset, the Air Officer South West, the Mayor and Mayoress of Wells, Councillors from Shepton Mallet and Street, representatives from RAFA Yeovil Branch and Air Cadets from Shepton Mallet and Wells Squadrons. The Standards of RAFA Mid-Somerset and Yeovil branches and the two Air Cadet Squadrons were paraded. Due to the severe weather forecast, remembrance wreaths were laid at the church altar instead of at the Shepton Mallet Cenotaph.



OCTOBER AND FUTURE PROGRAMME

RAFA-MSB will meet on **Monday 6th October** at 11:00 am at the Bell Inn, Bruton Road, Evercreech, BA4 6HY for an informal **Fun Games Day** with skittles, darts and pool, plus cards and board games; there will be no formal branch business at this event. Coffee, drinks and lunch may be ordered on arrival from the pub menu.

The RAFA-MSB November event will be a **Branch General Meeting** on **Monday 3rd November** at 11:00 am in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS with a presentation by Brian Smith, ex-Royal Australian Air Force, sharing details of his varied career. The presentation will be followed by a general meeting to discuss continuity planning for the Branch and an outline programme for 2026. The meeting will end with optional lunch and drinks from the club's menu and bar.

On **Thursday 8th November** Paul and Suzanne Rolfe are hosting a **Quiz Night** at Ad Astra Cider Barn, Stone Allerton, BS26 2NG; all profits will go to this year's RAFA Wings Appeal. This event is open to the general public to enter teams of up to 6 people at £5 per head. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the quiz starts at 7:00 pm. The Cider Barn has a fully licensed bar including the specialist Ad Astra Ciders and apple juice plus the usual beers, spirits, wines, beverages and bar snacks. This is a new event not to be missed!

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 RAFA aims and purpose, to join us for any of these events. For further information, please contact the branch via email rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com or telephone the Secretary on 01458 224057.

BOX OPENING AND COFFEE MORNING TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2025

**The
Children's
Society**

We can't wait to see you at the Annual Box Opening and Coffee Morning on Tuesday 7th October! Bring along your box for counting, have a cup of coffee and a chat, browse the bric-a-brac, home produce and Christmas card stalls, and then take your empty box home!

Every penny raised is vital for the work of The Children's Society so don't worry, even if your box only has a few coppers in the bottom, please bring it to us. If you need someone to collect it call Sarah Gunn on 01934 842373.



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Artist	Venue	Date & Time	Price: Champions	Price: Non-Champions
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Celestia Choir with Director David Ogden	St Mary's Church, Yatton, BS49 4HH	Sunday 7 th December at 3pm	£15.50 Under 18 £1.00	£19.50 Under 18 £1.00
Churchill Young Musician of the Year 2026	St John's Church, Churchill, BS25 5QW	Wednesday 28 th January at 6pm	£9 Under 18 free	£9 Under 18 free
Aquinas Piano Trio: Martin Cousin, Ruth Rogers & Katherine Jenkinson	St John's Church, Churchill, BS25 5QW	Sunday 22 nd March at 3pm	£15.50 Under 18 £1.00	£19.50 Under 18 £1.00
London Mozart Players	All Saints Church, Wroughton, BS40 5LF	Sunday 26 th April at 3pm	£15.50 Under 18 £1.00	£19.50 Under 18 £1.00
Royal Marines Association Concert Band	Churchill Recreation Field, Ladymead Lane, Churchill	Saturday 27 th June at 3pm	FREE	FREE

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Local History Corner

Number 24: Barton

Barton is on the outskirts of the Parish and has contributed to the local history of the area in a number of ways. The name itself is of obscure origin, although it almost certainly relates to an Old English word meaning 'barley', and thus refers to the once principal occupation in the area. There are still indications of mediaeval buildings in the locality; it is likely that a hamlet existed at Barton in Roman times. The trackway, along the crest of Wavering Down, was undoubtedly in use in pre-historic times and in the Roman period. A path certainly led from this trackway, through what is now Barton, to a harbour close to Yarberry. Earthworks and field boundaries recorded here in 2010/11*, indicate extensive activity which included a fort, two small fortlets and a mooring basin (measuring about 60m by 80m), adjacent to the river. This harbour was almost certainly connected to the Roman settlement below Wint Hill, by a waterway. Yarberry standing stone may well have been a marker for ships sailing between the harbour and the estuary.

Unfortunately, little documentary evidence seems to exist, but records show that John de Barton obtained a licence to build an oratory at Woodborough in 1353 and he also paid for a chaplain. This was after St James's Church had been built in 1236, and the first vicar appointed, nearly 800 years ago now in 1226. It is not known exactly where this would have been situated, but there is a possibility that it was in fields on Woodborough Farm, once owned by the Dean and Chapter of Wells Cathedral, and known as Gilley Witches. 'Gilley' could be a corruption of 'St Giles', the patron saint of the disabled and beggars. This field is now beneath new housing.



Another connection between Barton and St. James's Church is the architect Sir George Oatley (1863 - 1950). For many years, he was a consultant architect to St. James's and lived at Barton Rocks (a house he designed), on the north side of Wavering Down, overlooking the Vale of Winscombe. He was responsible for many well-known local buildings, including Coombe Lodge (built on 18th century foundations for the Wills family), Wills Tower at Bristol University (for which he received his knighthood), and Bristol Royal Infirmary. He was the consultant architect to St James's Church until his death in 1950 and advised on a number of features in the church including the central heating system and the wooden floor.

John Matthews

**This has been reported by the North Somerset Senior Archaeologist; further information may be obtained from the author.*

OCTOBER 2025 – DIARY

WED 1	10.30am	Midweek Informal Service - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
	7.30pm	Sandford Gardening Club - Sandford Village Hall
THUR 2	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	10.00am	Holy Communion - Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 4	9.30am	Jumble Sale - Winscombe Community Centre
	10.30am	All Saints Community Café - All Saints Church
SUN 5	TRINITY 16	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 7	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning & Children's Society Box Opening - Church Centre
WED 8	10.30am	Midweek Informal Service - Lynch Chapel
	2.00pm	Knit & Natter - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Winscombe W.I. - Sewell House
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THUR 9	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 11	9.00am	Refresh-Men-+ Mens Breakfast - Woodborough Inn
SUN 12	TRINITY 17	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 14	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 15	10.30am	Midweek Informal Service - Lynch Chapel
	2.45pm	Holy Communion - Sewell House
THURS 16	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
FRI 17	7.30pm	Autumn Supper with The Fab Twins - Church Centre
SAT 18	9.00am	Winscombe Community Market - Church Centre
SUN 19	TRINITY 18	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 21	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 22	10.30am	Midweek Informal Service - Lynch Chapel
	2.00pm	Knit & Natter - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's
THUR 23	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's
SAT 25	2.30pm	Come for a Cuppa - Lynch Chapel
SUN 26	LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – BIBLE SUNDAY	
	See opposite page for details of Services	
TUES 28	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 29	10.30am	Midweek Informal Service - Lynch Chapel
THURS 30	11.00am	Holy Communion - Winscombe Hall
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's

Church Service Times

Opportunities to Worship in October

Sunday 5th October	8.00 am 10.00 am	St John's Church Centre	BCP Holy Communion Benefice Sunday Celebration
Sunday 12th October	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	St James's All Saints St John's	Morning Worship Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 19th October	10.00 am	Church Centre	Family Holy Communion
Sunday 26th October	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	St James's All Saints St John's	Holy Communion Morning Worship Sunday Celebration

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints

Special Services in October

Thursday 2nd October 10.00 am Holy Communion at Dunster Court
 Sunday 5th October 11.00 am Holy Communion at Sandford Station
 Wednesday 15th October 2.45 pm Holy Communion at Sewell House
 Thursday 30th October 10.30 am Holy Communion at Winscombe Hall

We Welcome:


Ferne Harris to our Church family in Winscombe. She was Baptised at St James's Church on Sunday 7th September 2025.

We Remember the families and friends of:

Joan White whose cremation took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St James's Church, Winscombe on Thursday 4th September.

Celia Hine whose Service of Celebration took place at St James's Church, Winscombe followed by her cremation at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Monday 15th September.

BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER Continuous: Lamentations 1: 1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10	SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER Continuous: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 Psalm 66: 1-11 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19	
SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER Continuous: Jeremiah 31: 27-34 Psalm 119: 97-104 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 Luke 18: 1-8	SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER Continuous: Joel 2: 23-end Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14	



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

I hope you've had a wonderful summer. My summer diary included visits to several excellent local charities and organisations, including Somerset's Armed Forces Cadets on camp in Hampshire, Prickles Hedgehog Rescue and the Wildlife Trust to learn about their restoration projects. There is so much going on and it's a real privilege to recognise publicly the efforts of those who volunteer, support and take responsibility, for so much activity locally.

I hosted my first 'youth' surgeries this summer and it was good to hear from young people about their hopes and concerns. It's likely that today's 12-year-olds and upwards, will be able to vote at the next General Election and it's interesting to know what the next generation really cares about.

Last month, I wrote about the Environment Agency's planned withdrawal of main river maintenance, and I've voiced my concerns about this, and the potential for flooding, very clear. I attended the South West Association of Drainage Authorities (SWADA) emergency meeting about the situation, and when Parliament returned at the beginning of September, I requested Ministerial intervention.

Locally, I enjoyed my visit to Mendip Vale Medical Group, visiting both their Langford Surgery and the building in Congresbury, and heard about their future plans. Further afield, I met specialists at the Royal Marsden Hospital working with the latest radiotherapy machines – amazing! I've pressed the government for years on updating NHS machines. I was also interviewed by Channel 4 News on research into the condition ME, on which I continue to campaign.

I run 'surgeries' across the area, and a full list is available if you call or email me. The most local to you are:

Friday 3rd October from 10:00 to 11:00 at the **Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

Saturday 4th October from 12:00 to 13:00 at the **Lamb Inn, Axbridge**

Saturday 11th October from 15.00 to 16.00 at the **Coffee Bank, Winscombe**

Saturday 18th October from 16:00 to 17:00 at the **Shipham Inn, Shipham**

Friday 24th October from 18:00 to 19:00 at the **Bell Inn, Banwell**

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

Tessa

You can contact me:

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk

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

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What is a Home Group?



A Home Group is a small group of people who meet for fellowship, study and prayer. The members may be church members who regularly attend services in one of our churches, or others who are interested in the Christian Faith but prefer to meet in small group.

Home Groups usually meet in someone's home and include six to ten people. The group is usually led by one or two of the members and are open to anyone to join.

A smaller setting provides a space for a sense of community and mutual support to form, and for the exploration of faith in a more personal and participatory way than is perhaps possible at a Sunday Service in church. The aim of our Home Groups is to enable people to grow in faith and fellowship.

There is no typical set of activities in a Home Group. Each of our groups is unique, designed to meet the needs of its members, but the following activities are commonplace:

- Exploring aspects of the Christian faith
- Developing our faith and relating it to the world in which we live
- Studying the bible
- Catching up on one another's news
- Praying together
- Worship
- Sharing a meal or going on a visit together

If you would like to know more, or are interested in joining a Home Group, please contact one or more of those below who will be happy to chat to you about what is available.

John Hayter - johnchrishayter@btinternet.com or call 01934 844656

Hilary Hagen - hilaryhagen54@gmail.com or call 01934 842511

Pauline Nixon - revpolly@gmail.com or call 07511 935860

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Wrington Vale Rotary Club

The **Mendip Family Festival** returned for its third edition at Mendip Basecamp in Churchill recently and was a complete sell-out. Despite spells of rain, nothing dampened the atmosphere, with families, friends and festival goers embracing a weekend full of music, adventure and film. Organised in partnership with the Wrington Vale Rotary Club and hosted by Mendip Activity Centre, the festival is set to raise thousands of pounds for local causes supported by Rotary.

On Friday, Harry Potter was the theme as children enjoyed magical entertainment before settling in with glow sticks as magic wands, to watch Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone on a giant outdoor screen, complete with a fire show finale. Throughout the weekend, many enjoyed activities including Quidditch, Archery Active, Frisbee Golf, Axe Throwing, and Nerf Battles, proving the adventure carried on, whatever the weather.

Live music created the soundtrack to the festival. Saturday's line-up opened with the spellbinding voice of Daisy Chapman, followed by raucous, foot-stomping energy from The Jamestown Brothers. Festival favourites and local legends Doreen Doreen, lit up the stage with glitter, glamour and fun, in a show that closed out their summer season. Supervision kept the party going late into the night, once the little ones had headed to bed.

Rich Eddins, Co-Owner of Mendip Activity Centre, said; *"It's been a real pleasure to host the festival again alongside the dedicated volunteers from the Rotary Club. We're proud to support live music and live entertainment and it's fantastic to give back to the community in such a fun way."*

Writing on Facebook, festival goer Carrie Langley said: *"It was the best weekend, a film on the big screen got the kids excited, the fire show, all the activities and then all the music on Saturday was amazing but especially Doreen Doreen - loved that it all carried on until late. Campfires and fun company and a special mention to the cider tent for the comfy bean bag chairs and lovely mulled cider out of the rain! Cannot wait to come back next year."*

Nigel Oakley, President of Wrington Vale Rotary Club said; *"For another year we have had a great festival which has raised a significant sum to fund our activities for disadvantaged children in Somerset. We also use this money to support school competitions such as Young Musician and Young Chef which help promote the incredible talent that we have in our local area."*

The festival's success is thanks not only to the performers and volunteers but also to the generous support of sponsors including Britannia Windows, Ad Astra Cider, Tensile Fabric, The Storage Station, Farrons Sales & Lettings, Humphry Motor Company and Somerset Leisure. With many families returning year after year, the Mendip Family Festival has firmly established itself as a highlight of the local summer calendar; a true celebration of community, adventure and Mendip magic.





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Taradiddle: *noun: a petty lie or fib, pretentious nonsense!*

Well, no pretentious nonsense here! On the 27th August, the Taradiddle concert, hosted by Winscombe Folk Club, was a great success with the Winscombe Club (7 Sandford Road), being the perfect venue. The concert was part of a UK tour the Swiss three-piece band is doing, taking them to all parts of the UK.

Taradiddle is known for their well-executed harmony singing with subtle guitar or mandolin accompaniment. Songs ranged from European sung in German, to English and Celtic traditional songs, all beautifully performed with humour and great sensitivity. They were supported by Marnie Goodman, ably accompanied by her father Jim on guitar, and stalwart club members Silverline (who performed to their usual impeccable standard), a mixture of original and classical folk songs. Marnie is new on the circuit, and a regular at her father's folk club, The Windsor Castle in Weston-super-Mare. She has a fabulous voice and a great future in performance (if she wants it), so remember her name, you heard it here first!



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EYE-WITNESS

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SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER at 1:30 pm

Sidcot Quaker Meeting House

PEACE VIGIL

MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER – 5 to 6 pm

Sidcot Quaker Meeting House

QUIZ NIGHT

Christian Aid

Friday 14th November at 7 pm

Church Centre, Winscombe, BS25 1BA

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October Quiz Answers

So how was your 'fashion sense'?

1. Mary Quant
2. Deerstalker
3. Emperor's New Clothes
4. Saville Row
5. Poncho
6. Coco Chanel
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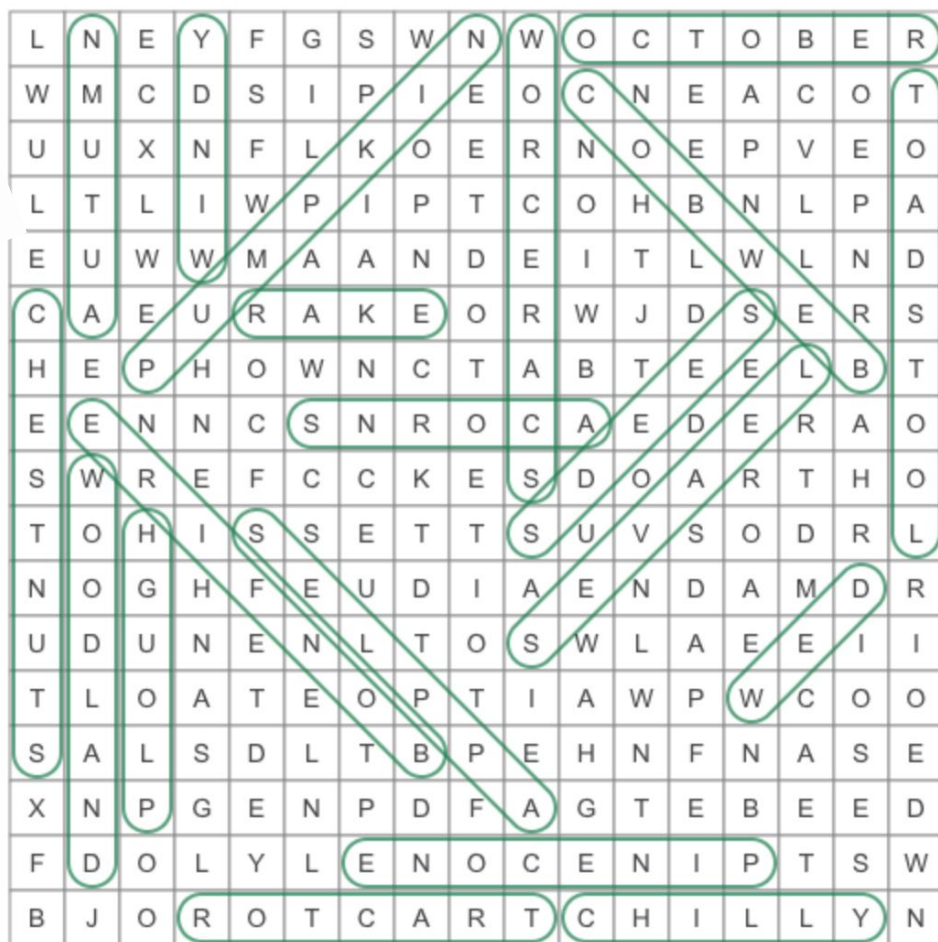
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October Word Search Answers

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For or Against: Slavery and Salvation



Much of our world operates around the challenge to be '*for*' or '*against*'. And generally, it is easier to be '*against*' things than '*for*' them! Look at the tendencies of the media, politics and religious disputes.

On Anti-Slavery Day on the 18th October, people across the UK will recommit themselves to the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking; one of the great evils of our time. Like William Wilberforce and what we now call historic slavery, we need to fight against the oppression and exploitation of our sisters and brothers today. Abolition is the proper aim of being anti or against.

And the challenge is growing with:

- More vulnerable people, susceptible to false promises
- Increasingly flexible working arrangements which give space for criminal agencies to provide goods and services based on exploitation and slave labour
- Police and prevention sources being forever overstretched
- Our own insatiable appetite for cheap products.

There is much we need to learn to oppose and abolish. But, in facing these almost overwhelming challenges, we must not neglect what is primary for our Christian witness, the call to notice, reach out, rescue and restore. The call to love, to be for those who are hidden, neglected, hurting and ignored.

During Anti-Slavery Week, give time to think how you, or your church or home group could better learn how to contribute to the fight against modern slavery. The Clewer Initiative has some amazing resources to help us open our eyes, assist the authorities, and reach out towards victims.

But, alongside these prayers and practices, consider how you could go the extra mile in the way of the Good Samaritan. Going beyond the indifference of the Priest and the Levite, too busy to stop, notice, reach out, rescue; rather how can we better contribute to establishing systems like the partnership between the Good Samaritan and the innkeeper? Systems to provide care and the basis of restoring proper health and opportunities to those whose cries represent the voice of Jesus, for those willing to listen.

Be against modern slavery this October, but more, be for those who need our friendship and our partnership.

Bishop Alastair Redfern
Honorary Assistant Bishop

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Steps to Minimise Will Disputes

Understand Your Family dynamics - it is helpful to have a clear picture of the relationships involved. This helps to identify possible areas of contention such as if someone is being excluded.

Choose the Right Executor(s) - many court disputes stem from Executors failing to act responsibly. Select the right person for this role to ensure your estate is managed fairly & efficiently. Key considerations include their trustworthiness, capability as well as their location and age.

Write a Clear, Detailed Will - Wills that are not specific can cause of disputes. A well-drafted Will leaves no room for misinterpretation. Include specific instructions regarding: distribution of assets, the roles & responsibilities of Executors & provisions for any excluded family members. Clarity is key. By explicitly stating your intentions, you reduce the chances of mistakes that could lead to legal challenges.

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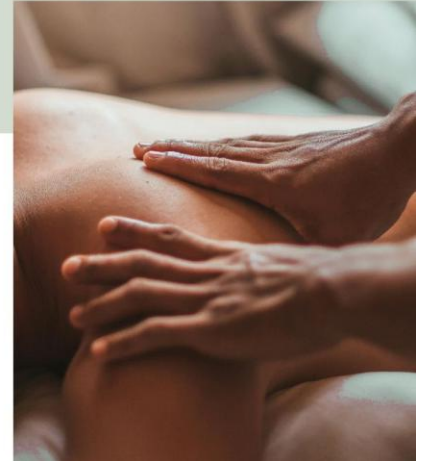
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