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Signpost

Winscombe, Sandford and Churchill Parish Magazine



June 2026

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

Please use your Satnav with the postcodes, or visit the website www.achurchnearyou.com

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

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



Now I know that the Lord is greater than all other gods (Jethro in Exodus 18:11).

I imagine we all have our favourite sports which we follow. Since its heyday in the 1980s, I have been an avid snooker fan and follow, as much as I can, the major tournaments when they appear on TV. We recently had the World Championship, held in Sheffield; the event was won by a young Chinese player, Wu Yize. He is only 22 but arguably this victory would not have been possible without the support of his father, who brought Wu, at the age of 16, to the UK to pursue his snooker ambitions, staying for quite some time in one windowless room in Sheffield. Wu's father must have had immense faith and belief in his son's prospects to do what he did. His support has been the solid bedrock behind what Wu Yize has been able to achieve.

In our benefice services recently, held on 1st Sunday of the month at 10 am in the Church Centre, we have been looking at people of solid faith that we find in scripture. At our May service we looked at Jethro. Who is he, you may well ask? Well he was the father-in-law of Moses, yes that same Moses rescued as a baby in the basket in the river by Pharaoh's daughter, who rose to a seat of power in Egypt, but rallied against the treatment of his fellow Israelites and fled to the wilderness, yet returned to Egypt to lead the Israelites out of oppression in what we know now as the Exodus.

The story of Moses is still well-known, but it is hard to imagine it playing out the same way without Jethro. Because it was Jethro who took Moses in when he fled into the wilderness. Moses married one of Jethro's daughters, giving him a stable base as he helped on the farm, and when Moses spoke of his desire to return to Egypt to check on his fellow Israelites, Jethro blessed him and wished him well. After Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, he soon became tired and bogged down by the demands of leading and overseeing so many people. Again, the wisdom of Jethro came to the fore, as he advised Moses to share the responsibility with others, finding capable men to delegate oversight of smaller groups of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. The solid and steadfast nature of Jethro upheld his family and gave Moses vital support in God's mission to save and lead the Israelites.

I think the story of Jethro reminds us of the debt of gratitude we owe to the solid, steadfast people who have helped and directed us in our lives, and to pray that we can be people of solid faith and direction for others. Amen.

(You can read the story for yourself in Exodus 2; 3:1; 4:18; and chapter 18).

Reverend Dr Julian Davies

Signpost - The Parish Magazine

Welcome to June'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 July's edition is Sunday 14th June. Please submit items, which should be no longer than 400 words, as Word documents to parishmag2@gmail.com . If you include 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 reserves the right to amend and/ or reformat submitted articles.

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Signpost – via email

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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 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.



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 |



**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



Mid-May seems to be a time between school holidays when many of us take their holidays, so numbers were down for our breakfast meeting last month, compared with the record turnout for our previous gathering. But, as usual, there was a very good breakfast on offer, good company and lively discussion. It was particularly good to have Richard Noy back with us (a founder member and secretary), who made good use of his very many contacts in Winscombe and surrounding villages to get Refresh-men-† going. We are indebted to him for his drive and inspiration, along with others on the committee, more than seven years ago.

At the time of writing, we have no speaker for the next meeting, but for the future, we look forward to more members of the group relating aspects of their life, their interests and their faith. A free breakfast is still on offer for any of our speakers. Our next meeting will take place on **Saturday 13th June** at 9 am at the Woodborough Inn in Winscombe.

Please do let me know at least a week in advance if you will be coming as I will need to let the Woodborough Inn have an estimate of our numbers for the Saturday. 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 now £11.50. The vegetarian option is £10.50. Other breakfast options including a bacon bap, or tea and toast, will be available. All these do *need to be pre-booked* so that the kitchen can order in the appropriate quantities.

To book your place for the June breakfast, contact Tim Harland on 01934 843248.

All Saints Church Community Café

2nd May Café raised £323.50 (including Gift Aid),
towards Church funds – thanks to everyone who came along

The next café date is:

SATURDAY 6th JUNE 2026

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 ~ **EVERYONE WELCOME**



**COFFEE
MORNING**



Every Tuesday at 10.30 am
Church Centre, Winscombe
All Welcome

Come along, have a chat over a cuppa and meet new friends

The Mendip Consort of Recorders

directed by Joyce Rudall

Ave Maria

a mixed selection



**FREE
ENTRY**

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

Sunday June 7th @ 2.30pm

St James the Great Church,

Winscombe, BS25 1BX

Free entry and light refreshments;

a donation to the church would be appreciated.

For further concert information call 01934 352696 or

email admin@winsandchurches.org.uk

Final concert of this season:

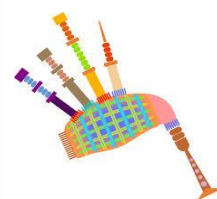
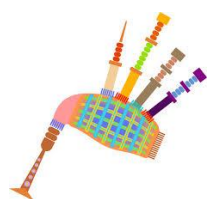
June 28th Church of St Peter Draycott BS27 3SF @ 12midday

June Word Search

On Sunday 7th June, St James's Church is hosting a FREE concert by the Mendip Consort of Recorders. Did you know that there are eight main types of recorders ranging from small to large? The soprano or descant recorder is probably the most well-known as many of us will have played it (with varying success), at school. Recorders are part of the woodwind family. This month's word search features a number of other members of the same musical family, some well-known and others less so.

The hidden words are listed beneath the word search. Circle the words in the word search as you find them. The words can be found across, down, diagonally and backwards and can overlap with each other.

Woodwind Instruments



BAGPIPES	CRUMHORN	GEMSHORN	PANFLUTE
BASSOON	DIDGERIDOO	HORNPIPE	PICCOLO
CLARINET	FIFE	OBOE	RECORDER
CONTRABASSOON	FLAGEOLET	OCARINA	SAXOPHONE
COR ANGLAIS	FLUTE	ORGAN PIPE	TIN WHISTLE

Answers can be found on page 34

Seven of the King's Men from King's College, Cambridge Choir
St John's Church, Churchill, BS25 5QW
Sunday 19th July 5 – 7 pm

A rare opportunity to hear this incredible ensemble right here on our doorstep; an extra concert in the Churchill Music calendar which we couldn't refuse.



Their repertoire ranges from the exquisite sacred music heard in King's College Chapel to dazzling close-harmony and barber-shop style arrangements of popular songs.

Tickets: from Ticketsource or email: holly@churchillmusic.org.uk or call: 07442 672805

Champions of Churchill Music - £15.50
Non-Champions - £19.50
U18s - £1.00



Churchill Reading Room

Saturday mornings 10 am - midday

Come and join us for a friendly chat over coffee at the Reading Room on Front Street (just behind the Clock Tower)

We have a lending library and jigsaw exchange plus tea, coffee, cake and bacon baps on offer.

A chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

Hope to see you there!





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Children**

**You can help children in distress around the
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LUNCHES**



**Save the
Children**

Date of the next lunch before the summer break:

Friday 12th June at 12.30 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for soup, locally baked bread, cheddar cheese, pickle, homemade biscuits, tea or coffee and free raffle - £5.50

Children under 5 will be given a free lunch

Lunches are held in Shipham Village Hall, BS25 1SG with all profits supporting the Save the Children Charity No. 213890

[After June's lunch there will be a summer break - returning on Friday 18th September - same place, same time, same cost!]

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



Rehearsals

Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.00pm

Winspace

Sandford Road, Winscombe BS25 1JA

Musical Director: Josh Newport



Music, friendship, fun and laughter

For more information please contact
Simon Page 07900 693783

Gardening Tips for June

Sowing Biennials

Biennials are plants that take more than 12 months to complete their life cycle. Traditionally, these would have been grown in nursery bed sand and transplanted a couple of times before being planted in their final position. If space is a problem, seeds can be sown in trays or modules using a loam-based compost. The seedlings can then be transferred into single small pots before being finally planted out in the autumn. A selection of biennials which can be sown now include canterbury bells, forget-me-nots, sweet williams, wallflowers, candelabra primulas and foxgloves. One can also collect seed from pulsatilla and hellebores for sowing now. Hellebores however may be slow to germinate as they need a period of cold stratification. Pinching out the tips of sweet williams and wallflowers will help to produce bushier plants.

Tomatoes

Depending on the variety, tomato plants either grow on a bush or a vine. Those grown as a single stemmed cordon, need support and must be tied to a cane or wrapped around a secured string tie. Shoots emerging from the axil (between the main stem and leaves), must be removed regularly. Keep plants well-watered while growing vigorously, this can be reduced later on, adding a dose of liquid tomato feed once a week. Fruit will ripen more evenly if plants are shaded from intense direct sunlight.

Roses

To keep roses healthy, they will require feeding each spring and again in mid-summer using a high potash feed. After feeding, apply a mulch of well-rotted manure or compost, leaving a 10cm gap between the stems and the mulch. Water well during dry spells, avoid making the foliage wet as this will help to reduce the chance of the plant having black spot. Keep up with dead heading, removing individual flowers initially and finally the whole flowering spike back to a leaf joint. This does not apply to roses that only flower once and then develop hips for ornamental purposes.



Hanging Baskets

Hanging baskets planted up earlier in the year, can now be hung outside. Choose a sheltered place where it is protected from the wind and within easy reach for watering. During hot weather it will be necessary to water at least once a day and possibly twice. The plants will soon use up the nutrients in the compost and will need feeding twice weekly, with a liquid fertiliser. Cut off faded flower heads and pinch out vigorous shoots to encourage bushy growth.

Vegetable Garden

Continue to make sowings of beetroot, lettuce and carrots, also sow seeds of swedes, turnips, spring cabbage, purple sprouting and French beans.

**Winscombe Community Singers & Joyful Voices
present**

A Scoop of Summer songs

**Winspace @
Winscombe Community Centre
Saturday 27th June
7.00pm**

**Free
interval
Pimms**

Buy your tickets

Online from eventbrite.co.uk

Adults £12 - Under 18s £6

Y6 & below Free

On the door (cash only)

Adults £15



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Sandford Station Railway Heritage Centre

A Gem of the Railway Era

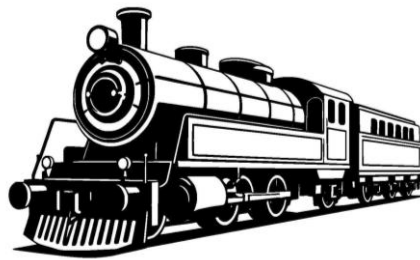
Beautifully restored Victorian station on the Strawberry Line Flowery platform
G1 Model Railway : 1940s 'Sentinel' engine : 1950s carriage trucks for tea, ices etc.
toy trains for kids-play



Admission *FREE*: Open 11 am to 4 pm
Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays
to the end of October

Not visited yet? Why not come along soon?
Location: BS25 5AA

www.sandfordstation.co.uk



Churchill and Langford Ladies Lunch Club

*We meet on the first Tuesday of each month
at The Churchill Inn, Churchill at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm*

£18 per head for a 2-course lunch

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***

The Doctrine of the Trinity

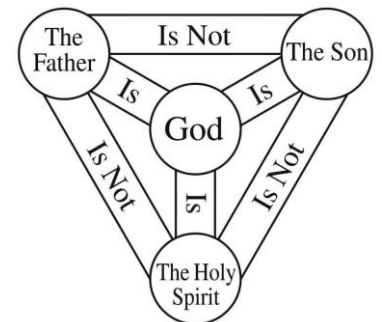
The doctrine of the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, set out in the Athanasian Creed, is often difficult to comprehend with both its positive and negative inclusions and exclusions; few Clergy relish the thought of preaching about the subject on Trinity Sunday. The Athanasian Creed (or Quicumque Vult) in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) starts thus: 'WHOSOEVER will be saved: before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholick* Faith. Which Faith except every one, do keep whole and undefiled: without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the Catholick* Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity' and so on. It soon leads to confusion!

A simplified responsive and more understandable version, is set down in Common Worship of c2000 - for us the authorised alternative to the BCP. The original dates from around the fifth century and attempts to describe the 'equalness' of the Trinity. Some Clergy will simply ask those present on Trinity Sunday, to join in reciting the full BCP version rather than produce some original work.

Trinity Sunday (31st May in 2026), is celebrated the week after Pentecost (or Whitsun), which itself follows 10 days after the celebration of the Ascension. Although the celebration of Trinity Sunday is not considered 'major' in the same way as Easter or Pentecost, we are reminded of the Trinity for around four to five months following as the Sundays are styled as '(number) after Trinity'.

For those who like visible representations, I think this diagram succinctly sets out the Trinity.

* The spelling *Catholick* is how it is still currently printed in the BCP and reflects the worldwide Catholic Church rather than exclusively the Roman Church.



John Jenkins

From when people first knew of Robin's diagnosis of an inoperable and terminal cancer early last autumn, through the months since, to his death and funeral in April, the assurances of prayers and a whole range of expressions of love and concern from so many friends, have been wonderfully encouraging for all our family, and go on being so. **Our heartfelt thanks to all of you!**

To quote from Mike Hill's address in the funeral service, '*we believe death is not a brick wall, but a gateway to Eternal Life through the risen Christ*'. Which is how, improbable as it might seem, our sorrow has a sort of positive, not miserable and negative feel to it.

Where there's life - *eternal* variety - there's hope!

Rosemary Mann

**Churchill Recreation Field, Ladymead Lane,
Churchill, BS25 5NH
Saturday 27th June at 3 pm**

Celebrating the **‘Churchill & Langford Live’** weekend and Armed Forces Day, we’re delighted to welcome the Royal Marines Association Concert Band for a rousing afternoon of traditional military marches, overtures, music from the West End, soloists and big band; there will be something to enjoy for everyone. The concert will end on a high with a *‘Last Night of the Proms’*



finale, featuring *‘Rule Britannia’* and *‘Land of Hope and Glory’*. **Flags at the ready – don’t miss it!** Page 26 gives details of the weekend.



WINSCOMBE W.I.

Our next meeting is on:

Wednesday 10th June 2026

at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm

Community Centre (Meeting Room), 11 Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

Speaker: Susan Symons

Talk entitled: ‘German Castles and Palaces and the British Royal Family’

refreshments available - find us on Facebook

June Quiz

Wimbledon 2026 starts on 29th June. It is the only tennis major still played on grass, the traditional surface for Lawn Tennis. This quiz tests your knowledge of tennis and tennis players.



- 1 Which Grand Slam is known as Roland Garros?
- 2 What was the title of the exhibition tennis match played between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs?
- 3 Who was the first man to win 20 Grand Slam men's titles in the Open era?
- 4 What is the technical term for a 40-40 score in tennis?
- 5 In 2020, Naomi Osaka showed her support for the Black Lives Matter movement with an article of clothing. What was it?
- 6 Which 5 tournaments does a tennis player have to win to be awarded a 'Golden Slam'?
- 7 What fruit adorns the top of the Wimbledon gentlemen's singles trophy?
- 8 Prior to Andy Murray, who was the last British tennis player to win the men's Wimbledon championship?
- 9 On which Balearic Island is the Rafa Nadal Academy located?
- 10 Steffi Graf married which famous tennis player in 2001?

Answers can be found on page 40

Shipham, Rowberrow & Star History Society

Next meeting date:

TUESDAY 9th JUNE

Speaker: Lee Newton, North Somerset Archaeologist

Talk entitled: Local Aspects of Archaeology

at Shipham Village Hall, BS25 1SG

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

Contact Jan Taylor 01934 260784 for further details

Supporting and Protecting Our Natural World

A World Within Worlds

A compost heap is a complete ecosystem, part of myriads of others that make up the entire world ecosystem.

Setting up a Compost Heap



Location is important. The compost heap needs to be on soil, not cement, for the free movement of air, moisture and creatures, in and out of the heap. Two heaps are preferable, one in use, the other at work. They may be about 1 cubic metre square made of simple components such as pallets, or more sophisticated, purpose-built bins but positioned in a sheltered, sunny place.

Compost heaps accept many types of household and garden waste that can be divided into two types:

- (1) **greens** - nitrogen rich, wet materials such as fruit or vegetable peelings, grass cuttings, eggshells, dead flowers, pet hair and dead leaves (watch out for hedgehogs and other hidden creatures though).
- (2) **browns** - carbon rich, dry materials such as shredded paper and cardboard, shredded woody pruning, sawdust, egg boxes, straw and hay.

Aim for 3 parts of brown material to 1 part of green by volume, starting with the browns to help air and moisture circulation so hastening the decomposition process, as well as inserting the smallest pieces possible.

There are '*forbidden*' ingredients too that may encourage pests. Do not use meat, fish, bones, dairy products, cat or dog waste, or diseased plants.

Creatures in a Compost Bin

Decomposers work in the bin. The first initiators of the decomposition of waste and the most numerous are tiny, microscopic organisms including bacteria, mould and fungi. Bacteria work on the breakdown of green material whilst fungi, including yeasts and moulds, decompose tougher wood materials containing lignin and cellulose. Together, fungi spread out a network of threads called mycelium to encompass the contents.



Soon larger inhabitants move in such as springtails, mites, red wiggler worms, woodlice and millipedes followed by beetles, centipedes, slugs and foraging amphibians like frogs, toads and slow worms. Some may hibernate in the piles even hedgehogs.

All this work produces heat up to 13°F-15°F which also helps to breakdown materials faster and kills pathogens and weeds. The end product after 1 or 2 years is a friable, nutrient rich compost, still decomposing, but ready for use.

Uses for Compost



Making compost is a most sustainable and satisfying way of using household and garden waste. It has many uses - all beneficial. Not least the amount of waste taken to landfill sites is reduced, which cuts back on expensive oil-based fuel and the amount of methane gas emitted into the atmosphere.

Compost, still decomposing, should be spread 2-3 inches deep on already moist soil to conserve moisture. Be careful not to heap it around plant stems or tree trunks. A surface layer is sufficient but can be mixed onto newly made beds. Clay and sandy soils benefit from compost by aggregating them into a crumbly structure, making them easier to work and allowing better air and water circulation, so reducing wind and water erosion of the topsoil.

Compost acts as a slow-release fertiliser used by plants specifically as and when needed. Other life is attracted to the compost especially earthworms that then burrow into the soil further aerating it. Birds love to scratch around in compost too.

No wonder homemade compost is called '*Black Gold*', since it helps us to grow healthy plants, free from toxic chemicals if we choose – especially around edible plants.



Pastoral Care Team



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

Or perhaps you have a prayer request?

If yes, please get in touch - our Pastoral Care Team is on hand to offer support.

If you do need support or would like further information, please contact Reverend Pauline Nixon
07511 935860 or email revpolly@gmail.com

Winscombe Contact Scheme

Voluntary transport to medical appointments

We urgently need volunteer drivers – could you help the Winscombe community?

- ❖ Volunteer drivers are urgently needed to take Winscombe residents to medical appointments
- ❖ Drivers use their own vehicle
- ❖ Expenses are fully reimbursed
- ❖ No regular commitment necessary
- ❖ Such a rewarding and worthwhile way of spending your free time

This valued scheme has been taking Winscombe residents to medical appointments since 1974.

Interested in finding out more?

Email Lottie Enser: enser@btinternet.com



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Winscombe District

Monday 15th June starting at 2.30 pm

Main Event Hall, Winscombe Community Centre, Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

Speaker: Local Astronomer, Jo Richardson

Talk entitled: 'In the Night Sky'

Refreshments from 2 pm

Members £2 ~ Visitors, very welcome £3

Visitors are also welcome to join us for coffee mornings which take place at the same venue on the first Monday of the month from 10 am to 12 midday

Lazing on a

Sunday afternoon

An afternoon of madrigals, motets and more.

Including works by Tallis, Morley, Rutter and Duruflé

Guest conductor Alison Blundell

Accompanist Anne Kershaw

Sunday 7th June

3.30pm

St Mary's Church,

Church Road,

Yatton BS49 4HH



Tickets £8

Accompanied under 18 free

Tea and cakes afterwards



Wrighton Vale Rotary Club

Bob's Seventh Ukraine Journey

Our fellow Rotarian, Bob Preedy has just completed his most recent 1,400-mile trip to Lviv where the minibus and essential, much appreciated goods, were delivered. He was bravely supported by co-drivers, Rotarian Richard Bigwood and his son Peter. The Peugeot minibus was kindly donated by Churchill and Langford Minibus Society's Chairman, Trevor Smallwood. The bus was packed to the roof with essential kit; medical equipment, wheelchairs, walkers, generators and much more.

On arrival the bus and its contents were handed over to the Hospitallers Charity made up of volunteer paramedics and doctors providing medical treatment to soldiers on the front line.

A poignant story: The next stage of this journey was to take the equipment to Odessa and other front-line cities. On their journey, they came across an elderly lady struggling to cross the road using a chair as a crutch. They stopped and presented her with a rollator from the van (see photo below), which had been donated by someone reading this from around North Somerset!



Much needed equipment



Minibus with co-driver Richard Bigwood (l), Bob Preedy, Trevor Smallwood and Tony Strutt who drove the other vehicle deeper into Ukraine as part of V-Aid



Lady with rollator

Their next trip is in July - further information from Peter Preedy's Just Giving Page.

Rotary information from Angie Biggs on 07790 400718.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The small team that raises money in our villages for The Children's Society, are very happy to say that we shall, once again, be outside Morrisons supermarket in Worle doing our **Collection for Children**. We will be there on **Thursday 18th** and **Friday 19th June** so do look out for us if you shop at Morrisons. If anyone feels they could spare us an hour on either day, we would be delighted to welcome you to the team! Contact Sarah Gunn on 01934 842373 if you would like to offer some help.

Two other dates for later in the year to put into your diaries are: **Wednesday 12th August** when Mo Matthews and her family will once again hold their **Open Garden Day** for coffee, lunch and afternoon tea - all money raised goes to The Children's Society. This is *ALWAYS* a very special day.

Tuesday 6th October we shall be holding our **annual box opening** during the weekly Coffee Morning at the Church Centre in Winscombe. Do join us for coffee and a chat as the contents of your box is counted.

To find out about the work of The Children's Society visit www.childrenssociety.org.uk .



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admin@winsandchurches.org.uk



COLLECTION AT WELLS TESCO – SATURDAY 25th APRIL



As reported in the May edition, nine of our helpers, including ‘Stormy Stan’ and ‘Stormy Sonny’, collected at TESCO in Wells on Saturday 25th April. Between them they raised the magnificent sum of £619 (£494 cash, card £125).



RNLI RESCUE RESULTS FOR 2025

RNLI HQ has released the rescue figures for 2025, revealing that our lifeboat crews saved a total of 272 lives during the year. This was the sixth busiest year on record for the charity with more than 9,000 launches, this equates to 25 lifeboats launching to the rescue, every day of the year.

Types of rescues included 713 launches to sailing vessels, 951 to motorboats, 946 to people in the water and 319 to walkers and runners. Figures for lives saved by lifeguards are not yet available.

MAYDAY! MAYDAY! MAYDAY! – RNLI MENDIP BRANCH PLANT & GARDEN SALE

As part of the RNLI Nationwide ‘Mayday Events’, RNLI Mendip Branch held its Annual Plant & Garden Sale on Saturday 9th May outside Winscombe Community Centre. The weather was fine and sunny which guaranteed a good turnout and a strong steady footfall, so by midday, most of the plant stock had been sold. Financial results will be published in July’s edition of Signpost.



NEXT RNLI SUPERMARKET COLLECTION

Mendip Branch has been allocated a second collection on Saturday 27th June at TESCO in Wells. Once again, the team will be anchored at the store entrance, wearing yellow tabards and deploying their 'rescue buckets' among the Saturday shoppers. The team will smile sweetly and engage in conversation with anybody and everybody, talking about the RNLI in general, local lifeboat stations and our Branch role in supporting 'Saving Lives at Sea'. Look out for the team that may also include 'Stormy Stan'.

RNLI LIFEGUARDS ON BEACHES – SILVER ANNIVERSARY

As reported in May, this year is the RNLI Lifeguards' Silver Anniversary; a special campaign was launched on Saturday 4th April. More information about special events will be provided in future editions. Lifeguards will return to Brean and Burnham beaches from 4th July to 7th September so you will have the chance to see them in action, examine their equipment, and talk to them about what they do.

TRAFALGAR NIGHT DINNER 2026



Preparations are well under way for the second RNLI Mendip Branch Trafalgar Night Celebration on Saturday 24th October at the Batch Country House, Lympsham, BS24 0EX. Doors will open at 6:00 pm, with dinner served at 7:15 pm, followed by dancing and concluding with carriages at midnight. The guest speaker will be Vice Admiral Sir Adrian Johns, former Second Sea Lord and Governor of Gibraltar. More details will be reported in future magazines.

RNLI LIFEBOAT DAY – SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

This year the RNLI is planning to hold a nationwide Lifeboat Day on Saturday 10th October and Mendip Branch will be organising a collection at one of our usual venues.

APRIL SHOUTS

In April, there were 10 'shouts' between 3 of our 4 Somerset Lifeboat Stations (Minehead – 6, Portishead – 2, Weston-super-Mare – 2).

RNLI Portishead received 3 calls in three days! The first call came in on 5th April, with the pager sounding mid-morning. The crew launched at 11:14 am to support an incident across the river near to the Welsh side of the Severn Estuary. Nothing was found and the crew were stood down after an hour and a half.

On the 8th April, the volunteers were tasked initially to a paddle boarder, once again on the opposite side of the Severn Estuary, as concerns from a member of the public came in. They made best speed in very calm, smooth conditions, to the location but soon after launch, the crew were stood down. Before they could turn around, they were immediately tasked once again after concerns from a member of public was called in. The person believed that a small boat may have run aground near to Clevedon Pier. Once on scene, the crew quickly located the vessel and it was clear that the couple on board their boat were fit, well and just relaxing. Both calls were with good intent.



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26TH & 27TH JUNE 2026

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



In April, I held my 200th surgery since July 2024, when I became your MP. I'm always happy to listen, wherever you catch me and look forward to the next 200! Locally, I've met residents and officials about informal 'festivals' on private land, Ofsted's South Western Regional Director to discuss education and care, an officer from the Woodland Trust, and the Rivers Trust about sewage spills and water quality in my patch.

In Westminster, I met a Treasury Minister to discuss providing basic financial advice for consumers, health officials about the offer for those with ME, attended an Inter-Governmental Round Table on frozen pensions, and accompanied constituents to a meeting with a Justice Minister to discuss victims' rights when prisoners are deported.

I led a short debate on regulating the ingredients of marmalade. Recent headlines about 'rebranding marmalade', post-Brexit, highlighted confusion about what is, and what is not marmalade. Bristol University analysed marmalade in the 1920s and traditionally, it comprises only citrus fruits. I'm pushing government to recognise the ingredients used and standards set for one of our most successful exports.

Many of you raised concerns about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which stalled on its passage through the House of Lords. A new Bill will have to be re-introduced to the House of Commons for this to progress further; if you'd like to be kept updated, please let me know.

I'm holding two events for constituents in June:

Monday 22nd June from 19:00 to 20:00: I'll be joined by members of IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice) for an online discussion about the future of SEND provision.

Monday 29th June – daytime: I'll be holding a 'Parliamentary Insight Day' in Westminster for young adults aged 18-23 who are interested in a career in politics. You'll have a tour of Parliament, spend time with my team, watch proceedings in the Chamber and learn how Parliament works. If you are interested in either event, please contact me and I will send you further information.

My next local surgeries are listed below; visit my website or contact my office for the full list.

Friday 5th June from 10:00 to 11:00 at **Market Kitchen, Churchill**

Saturday 13th June from 14:00 to 15:00 at **Coffee Bank, Winscombe**

Monday 15th June from 09:30 to 10:30 at **Congresbury Community Café**

Friday 19th June 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. As we enjoy the move from spring to summer, I look forward to joining you at forthcoming fêtes, fairs and festivities. If you see me, please come and say hello!

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!)

To keep updated on my work as your MP, find me on Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky and LinkedIn.

You can also contact your North Somerset Councillor for Churchill, Patrick Keating:

Call: 07584 674740

Email: patrick.keating@n-somerset.gov.uk

DIARY – JUNE 2026

TUES 2	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 3	10.30am	Mid-week Service - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's Church
	7.30pm	Sandford & District Gardening Club - Sandford Village Hall
THURS 4	9.30am	Scramblers - Lynch Chapel
	10.00am	Communion in the Community - Dunster Court
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's Church
SAT 6	10.30am	Community Café - All Saints Church

SUN 7

TRINITY 1

See opposite page for details of Services

	2.30pm	Mendip Consort of Recorders Concert - St James's Church
	3.30pm	Trinity Singers Concert - St Mary's Church, Yatton
TUES 9	10.00am	Midweek Communion - All Saints Church Room
	10.30am	Coffee Morning - Church Centre
WED 10	2.00pm	Knit & Natter - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's Church
	7.30pm	Winscombe WI - Community Centre
THURS 11	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing – St James's Church
SAT 13	9.30am	Refresh-men+t Men's Breakfast - Woodborough Inn

SUN 14

TRINITY 2

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	2.45pm	Communion in the Community - Sewell House
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's Church
THUR 18	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's Church

SUN 21

TRINITY 3

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	2.00pm	Knit & Natter - Lynch Chapel
	7.15pm	Choir Practice - St James's Church
THURS 25	9.30am	Scramblers - Church Centre
	11.00am	Communion in the Community - Winscombe Hall
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing - St James's Church
SAT 27	2.30-4.00pm	Come for a Cuppa - Lynch Chapel

SUN 28

TRINITY 4

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 June

Sunday 7th June	8.00 am 10.00 am	St John's Church Centre	Holy Communion Benefice Praise
Sunday 14th June	10.30 am 10.30 am	St John's St James's	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 21st June	10.00 am	St John's	Benefice Holy Communion for St John's Patronal Festival
Sunday 28th June	10.30 am 10.30 am	All Saints St James's	Morning Worship Holy Communion

Midweek Services

Every Tuesday 10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints

Special Services in June

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

We welcome Henry Smith to our Church family. Henry was baptised at St John's Church, Churchill on Saturday 18th April.

Our love and sympathy go to the families and friends of those we remember:

Robin Dales whose funeral service took place at Weston Crematorium on Thursday 14th May.

Timothy Painter whose interment of ashes took place in St John's Churchyard, Churchill on Thursday 14th May.

Richard Evans whose funeral service took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Wednesday 20th May and his ashes were interred in Ilex Lane Cemetery on 26th May.

BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE

<p>Sunday 7th June Genesis 12: 1-9 Psalm 33: 1-2 Romans 4: 13-end Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26</p>	<p>Sunday 14th June Genesis 18: 1-5 (21: 1-7) Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35-10: 8 (9-23)</p>
<p>Sunday 21st June Genesis 21: 8-21 Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-end Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39</p>	<p>Sunday 28th June Genesis 22: 1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6: 12-end Matthew 10: 40-end</p>





Dementia Support Group in Winscombe

Join our FREE, friendly group for people living with dementia. Sessions include activities that support memory and wellbeing, plus information and guidance.

All are welcome, whether you have a dementia diagnosis, or are worried about your memory. Refreshments provided - we'd love to see you there!

Where: Old School, Winscombe Community Centre
Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

When: Mondays from 10am to 12 noon
(excluding bank holidays)

Contact us if you have any questions:
info@aliveactivities.org or 07861 385 543



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Carer's Wellbeing Group in Winscombe

Join our FREE, welcoming group for carers. Our monthly sessions will include activities to boost wellbeing, plus info & guidance to support you in your role of being a carer.

A carer is someone who provides unpaid, regular help and support to a family member, friend, or neighbour who can't manage on their own.

Where: Old School, Winscombe Community Centre
Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

When: 2nd Monday of each month
10am to 12 noon

Contact us if you have any questions:
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Sandford Helpline

This is a car scheme offering transport to all Sandford residents who do not have family or friends to take them to health-related appointments including hospitals, dentists or opticians.



**We have a small pool of volunteer drivers
BUT URGENTLY NEED MORE!!**

Regular commitment is not necessary, and mileage allowance is paid - please contact: Chris Noble on 01934 903145 or email: mrs.noble@gmail.com

Local History Corner Number 28

The Vale of Winscombe (part 2): A Roman harbour?

Between Barton and Yarborough, at the very northern end of the Parish and buried beneath a deep deposit of alluvium laid down by the tsunami or Great Flood of 1607, lie traces of a harbour, probably constructed by the Roman invaders almost 2,000 years ago. Indications of this feature were exposed where the Lox Yeo River had eroded a bank, and Mr H.J. Hawkins, a member of the Banwell Archaeological Society, reported finding pottery fragments here in 1965. Suggestions of an outline of a camp (measuring approximately 300 by 250 metres), can still be seen in field boundaries today. This feature, on the north side of the Lox Yeo River has within it a much smaller rectilinear enclosure, and on the opposite side of the river, two more rectilinear features. Between them is the entrance to a rectangular area of lower ground. This has been interpreted as a harbour where vessels could be loaded and unloaded. It was obviously impossible for large vessels to travel beyond this point, and it can be assumed that smaller boats carried cargo from the settlement on Max Lane (below Wint Hill), to the deepwater harbour. From here ships could make their way to the River Axe and the Severn Estuary beyond.

The recently excavated settlement below Wint Hill, was the terminus for a number of Roman roads, so a waterway link between the harbour and settlement would have been essential. There is little evidence to support this, but it should be remembered that the course of the Lox Yeo was altered by the Great Flood of 1607 which buried the entire bottom of the valley by at least 1 metre of sediment (an attempt to find the depth was abandoned by a team of archaeologists at 1.2 metres). After the flood, the river would have cut itself a new and tortuous course: an archaeological survey has identified a feature that has been interpreted as the ballast of an abandoned vessel, about 14 metres in length, on the side of the valley.

The harbour was almost certainly abandoned after changes in tidal levels* made it impossible for large vessels to use the Lox Yeo, and access to the estuary was made from settlements further to the north, such as Kingston Seymour.

The importance of the harbour on the Lox Yeo can be evaluated by the large number of defensive Roman fortlets constructed around the perimeter of the valley.

* Gordon A. K. McDonald (Chairman of the Severn Tidal Research Group). *Tidal Aggression*, Independent Archaeology, Newsletter 37, Sept.2000, pp.1-4. This article outlines how the melting of the colossal weight of the ice sheets in South Wales at the end of the last Ice Age, has caused (and is still causing), movements in the earth's crust and thus complex changes to the apparent sea level.

John Matthews

**Ever wondered how a Book Club works?
Want to talk books?
Interested in who might win the
Women's prize for fiction this year?**

OPEN BOOKCLUB AT WINSPACE

Winscombe Community Association
Wednesday 3 June 2026 7.30-9pm
Free attendance and refreshments

Come and join Church Rd Book club to discuss the Women's Prize for Fiction Shortlist.

You don't have to prepare at all, but to get more out of the evening, choose one book to read from below and come along to hear what others might think of it!



The Women's Prize Short list 2026

Flashlight by Susan Choi
Dominion by Addie E. Citchens
The Correspondent by Virginia Evans
The Mercy Step by Marcia Hutchinson
Kingfisher by Rozie Kelly
Heart the Lover by Lily King

Need more information?

Contact
Alison 07793
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Sandford & District Gardening Club

At the last meeting, there was a really good talk by Colin Higgins entitled; ‘*My North Somerset Levels Story*’, which covers the area from Portishead to Banwell. Colin’s area is Clevedon (Kenn Moor, Goblin Coombe, Kingswood, Cadbury Hill, River Yeo, Stewey Moor (named by Colin and is outside his back door), and Wemberham.

Colin has been hooked on nature since he was a young lad and saw a kingfisher on the River Yeo! Goblin Coombe is the highest part and has lots of habitats for wildlife and also beautiful bluebell woods. If you go to Kenn Moor, you can see the murmuration of starlings, spring flowers and deer.

Colin explained that the levels had changed over the years from salt to freshwater marshes.

Today you can see barn owls, short eared owls, buzzards, sparrow hawks, kestrels, peregrine falcons, mute swans, mallard ducks, grey herons, little egrets and skylarks (which are less common elsewhere). There are also deer, otters and other small mammals, grass snakes and a good diversity of butterflies and moths alongside dragonflies and damsel flies that have been more prolific over recent years.

Colin shared his fears and concerns about the new housing being built as this causes a heavy decline in habitats for wildlife. He told us we can all help by adding ponds, plants and flowers to encourage insects, bird boxes, hedgehog boxes and bug hotels, into our gardens. John Dunster thanked Colin for his talk.

As usual, the **May Plant Sale** was a great success with the perennials selling out very quickly; they really were beautiful plants! Many thanks to all our members who came and manned the stalls and to everyone who supported us. The sale made £600.00 and the money goes towards planting up the village tubs and club funds.

Dates for your diary:

There are seats on the coach trip to **East Lambrook Manor** and **Forde Abbey** on **Friday 26th June**. The cost is £39.00 per person and includes a seat on the coach, entry to both gardens, and a tip for the driver. If anyone is interested, please call John Dunster on 01934 84777.

The next meetings will take place on:

Wednesday 3rd June

Floristry Demonstration by Angie Blackwell

Wednesday 1st July

Talk by Dave Usher entitled; ‘The Restoration of Hestercombe’

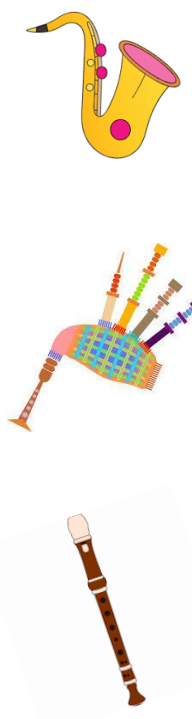
Meetings start at 7.30 pm and take place in Sandford Village Hall



June Word Search Answers

Have you found all the answers? Why not come along to St James's Church, Winscombe at 2.30 pm on Sunday 7th June to hear how wonderful recorders can sound when they are played properly!

Woodwind Instruments



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NEXT: Saturday 30th May
Saturday 27th June
Saturday 25th July



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BRANCH GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY 11th MAY

RAFA-MSB held a Branch Meeting on Monday 11th May in Wells Golf Club; the highlight was a presentation; *'The SS Great Britain'* by Brian Aston who is a member of the SS Great Britain Trust. Brian gave a fascinating overview of the ship starting with its build and launch in Bristol in 1843, its use on Transatlantic Crossings and passages to Australia, its use as a Troopship in the Crimean War and how it ended up stranded in the Falkland Islands. He then gave details of its recovery from Port Stanley and how it returned to Bristol followed by the role of the SS Great Britain Trust Charity, in renovating the ship and putting it on public display as a museum for the enhancement of the public understanding and appreciation of her social, commercial and technological context and significance. This was followed by a review and feedback on the April Branch Meeting and detailed planning for activities in June and July. The meeting ended with the optional lunch and drinks from the club's menu and bar.



Brian Aston with branch member Mike Green



*SS Great Britain in Sparrow Bay
in the Falkland Islands*



*The recovered ship being towed up
the River Avon to Bristol*



SS Great Britain on display today

FUTURE PROGRAMME

RAFA-MSB will meet on Monday 1st June in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS for a presentation entitled; '*RAF National Service*' by Branch member Steve Barton followed by planning for the 80th Anniversary Summer Lunch and the programme to the end of July. The meeting will conclude with an optional lunch and drinks from the club's menu and bar.

Once again, Mendip Golf Club will stage their **Battle of Britain Trophy Golf Competition** over the weekend of Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June for the RAFA Cup that was originally presented in 1959 by Sqn Ldr Ron Fell DFC, Chairman of RAFA Shepton Mallet Branch. Members of RAFA-MSB will attend throughout both days with Branch display boards and collecting tins in the pro-shop and the club bar as this is a good fundraiser for the 2026 RAFA Wings Appeal.

RAFA-MSB will hold an **80th Anniversary lunch** on Saturday 27th June at 12:15 pm in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS. There will be drinks on arrival, a formal two or three course lunch of your choice, coffee and port for the Loyal Toast and some frivolity to end.

July's RAFA-MSB event will be a Branch meeting on Monday 6th July at 11:00 am in Wells Golf Club, Blackheath Lane, Wells, BA5 3DS. There will be a presentation entitled; '*Last Flight as an Airline Captain*', by our member Dave Willmott followed by a business discussion and ending with the normal optional lunch and drinks.

The last RAFA-MSB event of the spring programme will be a barbecue starting at noon on Sunday 26th July in the Cider Barn at Ad Astra Cider Farm, Stone Allerton, BS26 2NG. The afternoon will include games and fun activities.

BRANCH COVERAGE AND CONTACT DETAILS

RAFA-MSB covers BS25, BS26, BS27, BS28, BS29, BS40, BA4, BA5, BA6, BA11, BA16, TA1, TA10, TA11 and TA21 postal areas. 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's aims and purposes, living in these areas, to join us for all our 2026 events.

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

West Mendip Orchestra
John Johnson Director of Music
Helen Grey Leader

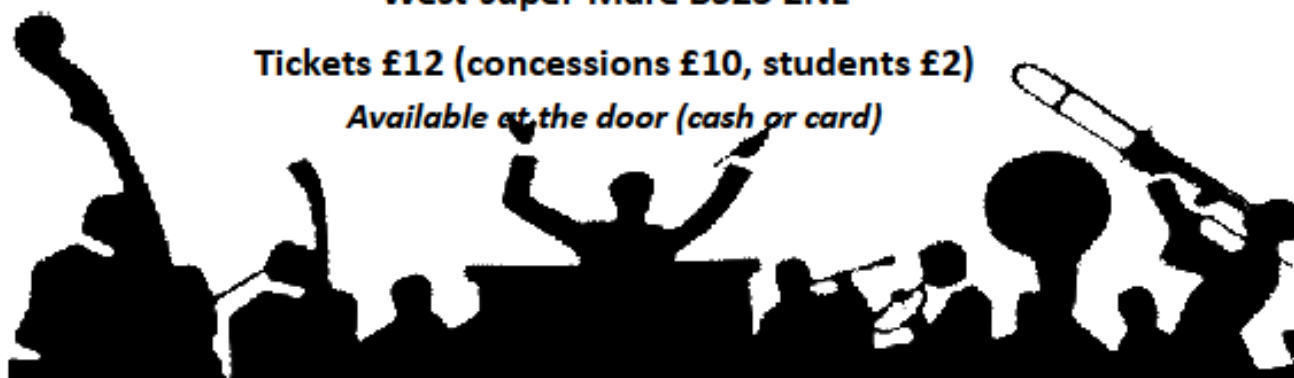


Summer Concert



Friday 10th July 2026 7:45 pm
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West-super-Mare BS23 2NL

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is back this year
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Saturday 12 September**



**Enter our Show categories
There will be entertainment for all the
family plus fun dog show
Stalls and Refreshments
Show opens 1.30 – 4.00 p.m.**

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.

June Quiz Answers

Did you achieve 'game, set and match' in this month's quiz?


- 1 The French Open
- 2 The Battle of the Sexes
- 3 Roger Federer
- 4 Deuce
- 5 A face mask
- 6 The Australian Open, the French Open, Wimbledon, the US Open, and the Olympics/ Paralympics
- 7 A pineapple
- 8 Fred Perry
- 9 Majorca, Spain
- 10 Andre Agasi



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**Any age and all abilities
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Knit & Natter

**Second and fourth
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2pm - 4pm

at LYNCH CHAPEL
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MAY 27th
JUNE 10th & 24
JULY 8th & 22nd

Called to Care



I heard about one of the earliest scientists to get involved in climate change research. When he began, the researcher said, he'd believed that if we could just get the science right, all the challenges could be resolved. The best information would enable humankind to find the right technologies and take the right actions to bring climate change under control.

Twenty-five years on, the scientist said, he'd realised he'd got it all wrong. What we need to sort out, he said, is the human heart. We know what to do to address the climate emergency. Our challenge is that we're all too liable to place the actions we need to take into the 'too difficult' box or just deny there's a problem altogether.

Yet whether we like it or not, the climate emergency is a reality that is advancing upon us. It's seen in rising sea levels and increased freak weather. Talk to our brothers and sisters in Zambia and they'll tell you that the climate emergency is upon them now in increased droughts and floods. Last year the National Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis saw leading experts brief an audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media. The Briefing outlined the implications of climate breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy. If you've not seen it, please can I encourage you to find out where you can watch it.

I invite us all to think too about the next steps we can take to address an issue we'd probably rather ignore. The Church of England has set the bold target of becoming Carbon Net Zero by 2030. Our churches can make a difference in local communities towards achieving this ambitious goal. I urge you to fill out your church's Carbon Footprint return, sign up to achieve an A Rocha Eco Church Award and make whatever difference you can where you are. Such actions are a sign of us turning around – metanoia as the New Testament puts it – away from denial of what's wrong towards putting things right. Our actions can be signs of the change in heart that all of us need to make.

Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

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

52 Woodborough Road, Winscombe



BADMINTON

Monday morning
Wednesday evening



CHI BALANCE

Friday morning



MOVEMENT AND DANCE EXERCISE

Thursday evening

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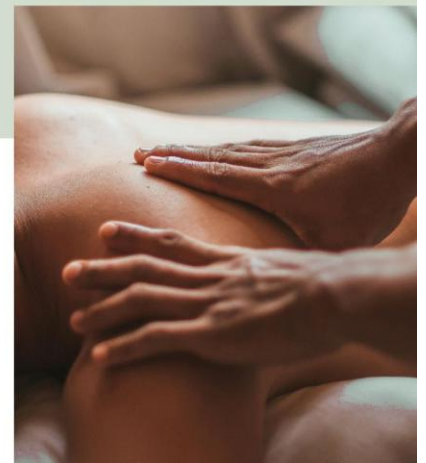
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