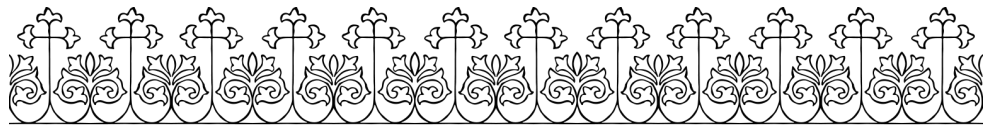


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## From the Registers

### Baptisms

|             |                        |              |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Tracey Cann | St Bartholomew's, Wick | 13 Sept 2026 |
| Zhen Hudson | St Bartholomew's, Wick | 13 Sept 2026 |
| Liz Collins | St Bartholomew's, Wick | 13 Sept 2026 |



### Weddings

Rebecca McAllister and Jack Brown, St Thomas's Pucklechurch, 6 June 2026  
 Laura Jarman and Chris Lewis, St Bartholmew's Wick 13 June 2026  
 Rebecca Gilroy and Sam Bond Holy Trinity Doynton 22 August 2026



### Funerals

James Ivory, Westerleigh Crem, 2 September 2026



# Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



## October 2026

## Dear Friends,

The long hot summer is now over and we enter into the vibrant season of autumn. A time of harvest and of thanks giving to God for the rewards the harvest season brings. For some the harvest will be less bountiful due to the lack of rain over the summer and this can raise all sorts of concerns; many of which we hear of in the news.

Yet it's so easy to take food and its production for granted in a country where supermarket shelves are stacked with a whole range of goods to choose from. How often, I wonder do we consider those involved in its production, transportation and distribution?

We have been reminded of the value and importance of giving thanks to God for our food during our Alpha courses. The course begins with a meal, which some of the course members prepare, and we all sit together to eat, share stories and enjoy each other's company before we begin exploring the different topics on the course.

There's something special in this act of giving and receiving food and of thanking God and those who provide it, it's like a special ingredient that makes it taste all the more delicious. It creates closer bonds and a feeling of belonging as we all share around the same table.

During harvest, there will be many opportunities to come to services in churches across our benefice, now officially the Boyd Valley Benefice, to celebrate with one another all that God provides. You will find the details in this magazine and please do visit our Facebook page which lists the most up to date details of all our services and events across the benefice <https://www.facebook.com/BoydValleyBenefice/>

As it says in scripture, "Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field. "Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field." Exodus 23:16

Can I also encourage you at meal times to offer up a thankful prayer to God and for all the wonderful people who contribute in the provision of the food on our plates, they are a blessing to us all. God Bless

Rev Elaine

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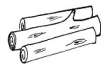
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## News from St Bartholomew's

The eternal Churchwarden worry - the church roof! We think that there has been some deterioration over the summer, which we didn't notice because the weather was so kind. But now we have to step up the thinking, planning and fund-raising. I may have to REALLY put up a big thermometer in the churchyard! Watch this space.

Talking of things needing doing, we are becoming aware of all the jobs that are normally spread amongst our congregation, in the spirit of "many hands make light work". But we are getting to the point where we will need to ask for more help, so we plan to make a list of the jobs we think we could ask volunteers to think about - nothing heavy, nothing time consuming, but every little helps, you know? If you like the idea of helping, even just an hour a month will be very gratefully received! More details next month.

The MacMillan morning raised nearly £1,000 - very impressive!

We have been invited to share Harvest Celebrations at the Chapel on Oct 4th, so there won't be a big Harvest Festival service here, but I expect Rev Elaine is planning to mark it somehow, so keep your eyes peeled for the poster on the noticeboard.

The Alpha courses are going well - each session is a "stand alone" one, so you don't need to have come to the previous ones. Holy Trinity Doynton on a Tuesday lunchtime (12 -2) and in the evening at St Thomas's Pucklechurch (7-9). Pop in and see if it's for you. 3 people from the last course were moved enough to be baptised on Sunday 13th September!

Remembrance Sunday is 8th November this year, and is always a very moving service. We have retired military personnel in the congregation, which always makes it feel more pertinent. Come along and ensure we never forget.

Christmas planning is coming along nicely: we still have to set dates and times for some things, but the bones are in place. If you fancy playing a song in the Singalong, please let me know - via a neighbour you know comes to church or Open Door, or by emailing me at [wickchurchwarden@gmail.com](mailto:wickchurchwarden@gmail.com).



## Doynton Parish Pump

The next **memory café** will take place on **Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>**. The theme will be “harvest” – bring along your own seasonal produce to display! Two sea-shanty singers will be on hand to entertain us, with a chance to sing along. The memory café is free to attend for all people with memory problems and their carers. For more information, see our Facebook page “The Memory Cafe at Doynton”, email [mcdoynton@gmail.com](mailto:mcdoynton@gmail.com) or call/text 07817 311001.

**Doynton Village Market: October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**, 10.00 to 11.00 a.m., in the village hall (NB no market October 31<sup>st</sup>). There has been a small change in layout in that the egg supplier is now at the top of the hall, beside the cake and savoury suppliers. Advance orders welcome: check us out on Facebook (Doynton Village Market) or phone or message **07557 940643 (please note new telephone number) before midday the Wednesday before the market.** Many thanks for supporting our local market! **Apple picking: Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>**, 10.30 a.m., at Summers Field community orchard. Help with the apple harvest and bring any surplus from your own garden to add to this year’s Doynton apple juice. Free coffee and cake!

**Doynton and Wick WI:** the speaker in July, Andy Workman, gave an entertaining and informative insight into the parts of the brain and the functions they perform. On Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> (7.30 p.m. in the village hall), there will be a musical theme, with Beth Morgan, founder of the Creative Choir Leader website and former director of the Bristol Military Wives’ Choir. The competition is “a piece of military memorabilia”.

**Boyd Valley Painting Group** will hold an exhibition of members’ work at **Dyrham village hall** on **Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>**, 10.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m. (not November 24<sup>th</sup> as previously announced). Free entry. Plenty of exquisite artwork to enjoy!

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Also on Saturday November 14th from 6.30 p.m. – Autumn feast (chilli, jacket potatoes, apple crumble) and barn dance at Doynton village hall. Bar – cash or card. Tickets £15.00 adult, £7.50 child from Lisa 07974 771670 or Corinda 07587 175474. All proceeds to Summers Field community orchard.

The Warm Wednesdays community café runs every Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the village hall. Come along for tea/coffee, biscuits and a good chat with your neighbours. All welcome.

Visit the Doynton village website, [www.doyntonvillage.org](http://www.doyntonvillage.org), for news of upcoming events, Doynton history and useful local links. To publicise a Doynton event, email [doyntonvillage@live.co.uk](mailto:doyntonvillage@live.co.uk).



## The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for October

Please email

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Anthea Watts writes:

We celebrated our birthday in August with a light supper and drinks. Pauline led us through a craft session by teaching us how to make a box and decorating them. It was such good fun.

Five WI members and a friend enjoyed a visit to Sidmouth and the Donkey Sanctuary. Despite the inclement weather in the morning we all had a really good day. Photo enclosed.

On 14 September nine members had a walk around the Kelston area with a light lunch in the cafe at the Soft Cheese Farm. To celebrate the 111th birthday of the WI they all wore purple/lavender. Photo attached - although you can't see the colour.

Wendy, our President, and I went to the Federation AGM on the 15th at the Winter Gardens Weston-Super-Mare. We listened to author Lyndsey Cole, Imy Frankln, head of Smart Works Bristol and Melissa Green, CEO of the NFWI. All were excellent speakers. The afternoon speaker was Amanda Parr, Senior Presenter at BBC Points West. The first thing I thought was how much younger and prettier she was in 'real life' than on the television. Anyway Amanda charmed us all by posing for 'selfies' and telling us all about her career after studying at Bristol University. I'm sure that we all enjoyed her presentation.



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10th - 17th

24th-31st

Nov 1st, 7th-14th

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Suzy B



### WICK CHURCH CLEANING

**3rd**

Sarah Hewett

**10th**

Sue Butt

**17th**

Margaret Curtis

**24th**

Cathy Burgess

**31st**

Anne Reynolds

**Nov 7th**

Margaret Curtis



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### WICK SIDESPERSONS

**4th**

We're all at the Chapel

**11th**

Jenny Lawrence

**18th**

Colin & Jeannette Bailey

**25th**

Jane Brookman

**Nov 1st**

Mark Hudson

**8th**

Anne & Nick Reynolds

**15th**

Steve Butt

### REFRESHMENTS

**Oct 4th**

We're all at the Chapel

**11th**

Tina Holbrook

**18th**

Anne & Nick Reynolds

**25th**

Cathy Burgess

**Nov 1st**

Sarah & Andy Hewett





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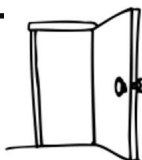
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St Bartholomew's, Wick. **All are welcome** to meet friends and neighbours. Coffee, chat and a short Thought for the Day. The MacMillan Coffee Morning raised **nearly £1,000**. Grateful thanks to all involved: organisers, raffle prize giving, cake making, tea serving, everyone! Great to see so many faces.



## Future meetings

24 September - Land Girls with Fiona Warin

22 October - AGM/Quiz

The History of Christmas - Wassailing

## Forthcoming events

Country and Western Group meeting on Friday 18 September.

On 1 October we will be joining our friends from Rodway Rubies on a visit to Buckingham Palace.

A walk will be arranged sometime in October.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to join our happy and friendly group who enjoy talks, walks, crafts, tea/coffee/cakes and much more. If you and/or a friend are interested in joining us then please come to a meeting, free of charge, where you would be most warmly welcomed. Please feel free to contact our President, Wendy Haynes, on 07930 851582 for more information.





## Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

### Women's Institute

Due to last minute changes with our September meeting Karen Highway NHS Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Burns stepped in and presented a fascinating talk and overview of the Cyrenaesus charity missions to St Mary's Hospital, Lacor in North Uganda. With over 65 complex burns and plastic surgeries achieved during her two trips Karen explained how each visit combines direct patient care with practical teaching, so the impact continues after the travelling team returns home. She is returning to Uganda in November, and more information can be found at: [Cyrenaesus.com](http://Cyrenaesus.com)

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**Future meetings:** (Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month 7pm Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall)

- **8<sup>th</sup> October** – American Quilting -guest speaker Anji Harper
- **12<sup>th</sup> November** – WI AGM – Cheese & Wine Evening
- **10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Meal Out – Rose & Crown Pucklechurch

### Dyrham & Hinton WI Book Club (Read Between the Wines):



Book Club members met up on 16<sup>th</sup> September to discuss their latest read "Land" by Maggie O'Farrell. A historical novel, which follows an Irish mapmaker and his family in the aftermath of the Great Famine. Our next read is "The Eight" by Katherine Neville.

We welcome new members; ladies can attend one meeting without any obligations. For further information please contact us at:

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Please send any contributions for the next Dyrham & Hinton Diversions to Angela Griffiths ([angela.dahparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:angela.dahparishnews@gmail.com)) by 18<sup>th</sup> October.



## Got questions?

|                                                  |   |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|
| Who is Alpha for?                                | + |
| What happens at Alpha?                           | + |
| What topics does Alpha cover?                    | + |
| How much does Alpha cost?                        | + |
| How do I try an Alpha?                           | + |
| How can I get in touch with someone about Alpha? | + |



Two New Alpha courses starting Tuesday 8th September 12 – 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Doynton and 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. at St Thomas a Becket, Pucklechurch. You are invited to attend either course.

### Who is Alpha for

Alpha is for everyone, no matter your background or beliefs. Whether you're new to exploring faith or simply open-minded about it all, Alpha is for you. We all bring different thoughts to the table, and at Alpha we want to create a space that's open for everyone to find what faith means for them.

### What Happens at Alpha

Every Alpha is different, but generally they have three things in common: food, a talk and conversation.

Food – Most sessions start with food, because it's a great way to connect and get to know everyone there.

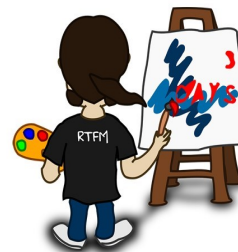
Talk – The talks explore the basics of the Christian faith and are designed to inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long, they can be given as a live talk or played as an episode.

Conversation – There is a discussion after the talk where you can share your thoughts and ideas on the session's topic. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all. It's your Alpha, on your terms.

### What topics does Alpha cover

Alpha is a space to explore different parts of the Christian faith in a relaxed and friendly environment. Each session covers a different topic, like prayer, the bible, who Jesus is and loads more.

Then there's plenty of time to chat about what you think. Each group has a leader to help guide the conversation. There's never pressure to share your thoughts, but the floor is yours if you do want to say something.



## Boyd Valley Painting Group

The Boyd Valley painting group consists of a small band of like minded amateur artists who meet once a week at the Dyrham and Hinton village hall on a Thursday morning from 10.00am until 1.00pm.

The group consists of mixed artistic abilities using whichever medium they choose. It is a self help group with advice and encouragement freely given with the collective aim to improve individual standards, therefore creating a sense of achievement for those participants just starting out. The group is run on a "not for profit" principle whereby all members share the modest cost of the hall hire between them.

If you would like to have a go and be part of a friendly group please call Andrew Hedges 0117 9372928 to learn more and register your interest. You will be made to feel most welcome.

## Art Exhibition

The group will be hosting an exhibition of their work at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 4pm.

There will be a selection of original pieces for sale along with cards/ prints of other works. Refreshments will be available.

## Dyrham & Hinton WI Coffee Morning

The WI are hosting a coffee morning at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall from 10-12 noon on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November in aid of Macmillan and the local charity Turnaround. See poster for further details.



## NEWS FROM WICK AND ABSON PARISH COUNCIL

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- **Brockwell Park:** By the time you read this, further works to the pirate ship play area, to cover the bare soil area with sand, and install a small dinghy for the toddlers to play in, will have started. The mining bee situation is being monitored so that the play area may reopen as soon as possible.
- **Flags on street lamps:** A few residents have contacted the PC regarding the Union and St. George's flags that have appeared on street lamps along Church Road and the High Street over the summer. Some of you may have seen the heated debate about this on local social media. This matter was discussed at length by the PC at both the July and September meetings. Section 132 of the Highways Act 1980 prohibits affixing unauthorized marks, pictures, letters, signs, or objects, including flags, on street lamps, trees, or other structures on a public highway without the consent of the highway authority. The PC supports the rule of law but is not responsible for the removal of such items which falls to South Gloucestershire Council. Avon & Somerset Police has confirmed it is a matter for SGC.
- **A420 speed checks:** A&S Police has confirmed that it will not conduct speed checks through the village as the 30mph sign on the south side of Riding Barn Hill at the western gateway is obscured by vegetation, and the 30mph sign on the south side of London Road at the eastern gateway is faded and must be replaced. These matters have been passed to SGC.
- **Planning:**  
P26/01590/HH 13 Parkers Avenue, Wick – single storey rear extension for living accommodation – *no objection*.  
P26/01869/PIP 46 Riding Barn Hill, Wick – erection of 1 no. detached dwelling – *objection: green belt, outside settlement boundary, not limited infill, not previously developed land, unsustainable location*.  
P26/01982/HH 30 Naishcombe Hill, Wick – new detached garage – *no objection*.
- **Next Parish Council meeting:**  
7:15pm, Thursday 8th October 2026, Wick Village Hall. All welcome.

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| 6th Oct:  | Manos Kanellos – “ <i>How to make a terrarium</i> ” |
| 3rd Nov:  | Gill Hazel – “ <i>Flower Quiz</i> ”                 |

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## News from the Chapel



The Target Ovarian Cream Tea afternoon raised £630.

Thank you to those who donated, supported and helped on the day. We wouldn't be able to do this without the help of our loyal friends. Thank you all. It was just a shame it coincided with the abnormal load passing through just as the sale was about to start.

We extend a warm welcome to our friends from St Bartholomew's Church to our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 4th October at 10.30 am. After the service we invite you to share a buffet lunch.

Sunday 8th November: **Remembrance Service** starting at 10.30 am.

### A future date for your diary:

The **Annual Christmas Sale** this year will be on:

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November – always the last Saturday of November.



## Wick Sports Ground

Having installed a brand-new kitchen, the clubhouse is a credit to WSG and the village. Please keep an eye out for openings and events at the club and visit us to see the improvements we have made. This summers drought has caused havoc with our pitch care. Having re-seeded both pitches in early May, we are hoping that the new grass was established and became dormant and hasn't died. Recent rains have helped return the pitches to a rich green colour, but it is still patchy in places. A big thank you must go to our ground care team, who continue to make WSG one of the best sporting grounds in Bristol & Gloucestershire. Want to join us? If interested, please contact Matt on 07977 510352.

**Friday Night Opening** – See below the dates throughout the summer/ autumn, with doors opening from 5pm. Come and join us.

|                              |                                                |                            |                             |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Friday 02 <sup>nd</sup> Oct                    | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct (Halloween themed) |                            |                             |

### Clubhouse & 3G Multi-Games Area For Hire

If you are interested in hiring the clubhouse or/and the outdoor court for birthday parties, pool/darts competitions, quiz nights or any other events please contact Matt on 07977 510352 for availability and costs. We have a sound system and disco lights that can be used free of charge.

### Assistant Linesman Needed

Next season, the club will be looking for an assistant linesman for all first team games. There are generally around thirty games a season, this is a paid role and if you are interested, please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352.





FRIENDS OF  
WICK VILLAGE PRESENT

COMMUNITY  
GET TOGETHER

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER  
2PM - 4PM

TEA AND CAKE

WITH A FREE SCREENING OF

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

FREE ENTRY WICK VILLAGE HALL

## Wick Football Club



After last season's solid performance, several of our first team squad were persuaded to play at a higher level for a local rival, so a partial squad rebuild has taken place, which includes a new management team. Having won the Frys cup as part of our pre-season build up, hopes were high that we would hit the ground running, however we have had a stuttering start, finding it difficult to score in our opening games. Now with two wins on the bounce, we have hopefully found the right team balance to fulfil the potential that our squad undoubtedly have. Starting a month later, our reserves and vets begin their campaigns, and we again have great hopes that they will each be fighting for honours this season.

All games are free to watch, and we would love to have more local support, so why not stop by and support the lads (and oldies)

**Training** – Training has now begun, and the club welcomes existing players and new trialists to our training sessions, to help our reserves progress through the B&D leagues, and our first team push for Step 6 football. If interested please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352

### UP THE OWLS!

#### 1st Team (Kick-Off 3pm) MGCL

|        |   |                       |
|--------|---|-----------------------|
| 3-Oct  | H | Filton Athletic       |
| 10-Oct | H | Stoke Gifford SGS Utd |
| 17-Oct | H | Hanham Ath (GFA - R2  |
| 24-Oct | H | Longlevens Reserves   |
| 31-Oct | A | Ruardean Hill Rangers |

#### Vets (Kick-Off 10:30am)

|        |   |                      |
|--------|---|----------------------|
| 11-Oct | H | 45's Division 1      |
|        |   | Red Star Bristol 45s |
| 18-Oct | H | 45's Cup R2          |
|        |   | Yatton Super Vets    |
| 11-Oct | A | 50's Div 1           |
|        |   | Easton Monday 95     |
| 18-Oct | A | 50's Cup QF          |
|        |   | Nailsea Vets         |

#### Reserves (Kick-Off 2pm)

|        |   |           |                              |
|--------|---|-----------|------------------------------|
| 10-Oct | A | B&D Div 2 | Nicholas Wanderers A         |
| 24-Oct | H | GFA - R2  | Socius United First          |
| 31-Oct | A | B&D Div 2 | Greyfriars Athletic Reserves |

## Friends of Wick Village

We are a friendly group who meet approximately six times a year to plan activities and events for our Community including Party in the Park, Christmas Market and Light Illumination, Open Garden Gate, Film screenings, Quiz nights as well as Litter Picks and supporting Friends of Wick School and Wick Chapel.



Our next Community Get Together and film screening will be on **Thursday 8th October** in Wick Village Hall, 2pm start. Along with our usual tea and cakes we will be screening The Greatest Showman; the story of Mr P.T. Barnum's determination to present the greatest Circus Show on earth in 19th century America. With stunning visual effects, amazing costumes, exciting circus acts and vibrant songs, you could even be encouraged to sing along with the soundtrack.

Talking of dates, please make sure you have our other upcoming events in your diary:

**'Spooky Night'** children's party at Wick Village Hall - 23rd October  
**Christmas Market & Light illumination** at Wick Village Hall - 20th November

We will also be supporting the **Chapel Christmas Sale** on 28th November at Wick Tabernacle. Lots to look forward to in the coming months....we hope to see you there!

We are always on the lookout for new members: could you help adding up quiz scores, decorating the park with bunting, take minutes or bake a cake? We're a friendly group who have a lot of fun and "many hands make light work". This Autumn is busy for us with the Spooky Night, Christmas Market, Films and a Quiz so we'd love extra helpers. Please get in touch by email to [fowv2024@gmail.com](mailto:fowv2024@gmail.com) if you could lend a hand.

# HARVEST SUPPER

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 7:00pm - 11:00pm**  
**at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall**

**Come together with your friends and neighbours for an evening not to be missed!**  
**Enjoy a delicious supper of locally sourced food and homemade desserts.**  
**B.Y.O. Drinks & Glasses**

**Competitions, Harvest quiz, Raffle prizes and to top off the evening a local Ukelele band.**

**LIMITED TICKETS SO BOOK TODAY USING THE QR CODE**  
or email [bookings@dyrhamandhinton.com](mailto:bookings@dyrhamandhinton.com)

| TICKETS                         |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Adult / over 12 yrs             | £10.00 |
| Children<br>5yrs - 12 yrs       | £7.50  |
| Under 5's Free - Register place |        |



### The care of garden birds this Autumn, Winter and Spring.

- The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the British Trust for Ornithology suggest providing seeds and peanuts after 1 November onwards, until then birds will search for natural food while it is still around and avoid spreading diseases troubling Finches.
- Mealworms and fat balls [made without added chalk (calcium carbonate)] may still be provided to help birds get extra energy.
- Leave dead flowers like sunflowers, teasels, and thistles standing. Birds like Finches love picking the natural seeds right off the stems.
- Leave Ivy, Holly, and Hawthorn bushes unpruned. Berries provide vital energy for Blackbirds and Thrushes in late autumn.
- Worms, spiders, and beetles hide under damp leaves. Blackbirds and Robins flip the leaves over to hunt for tasty snacks.
- A corner stacked with old logs or sticks gives insects a cozy winter home. This creates opportunities for insect-eating garden birds.
- Delay cutting back tall hollow stems until spring. Tiny insects sleep inside them, providing birds with extra food during cold spells.
- Provide a shallow dish of clean water every day so birds can drink and wash their feathers.

Enjoy our feathered friends.  
Walter Wildflower



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# Sunday Service

## 4th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Harvest at the Chapel

### HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Morning Worship

### WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving

*Followed by Harvest Lunch*

### ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Thanksgiving Service

### ST JAMES ABSON

6.00PM Harvest Service

Steve Burgess

Linda Byrne

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones



## 11th October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Holy Communion

### HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

11.00am \*\*\*Café Church Harvest Service

*followed by shared lunch*

### WICK CHAPEL

9.45am Breakfast Club

### ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Harvest Celebration

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Sue Cossey

Omar Beg



## 18th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Worship

### ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am Holy Communion

### WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Family Sharing

### ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Café Church

### ST JAMES'S ABSON

8.45am Holy Communion

Steve Burgess

Rev Huw Davies

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones



# The Memory Cafe at Doynton

Our cafe for those living with dementia or memory loss together with their family member or carer continues to meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month from 2-4pm at Doynton Village Hall.



Enquiries from new visitors and those interested in volunteering with us or anyone wanting to know more are always welcome - please ring Clare on 07817 311001, email us at [mcdoynton@gmail.com](mailto:mcdoynton@gmail.com) or message us via our Facebook page. We will be pleased to hear from you.

In September, volunteer Martin gave an illustrated and very entertaining talk on the history of Bristol Zoo and his experiences working there.

On 1st October we have a Sea Shanty duo performing for us and we look forward to singing along. We will also be celebrating Harvest and the coming of Autumn.

On 5th November we will welcome Marshfield Male Voice Choir to entertain us.

At every cafe we have word games and puzzles, arts and crafts, singing and the big red balloon as well as tea/coffee accompanied by cakes provided by local WI and other groups. We also have a fiction lending library and cards for sale - including Christmas cards sold in aid of the Memory Cafe.

We are most grateful for all support given to the Cafe from so many different organisations and individuals.





A relaxed, informal and **free** drop in café, providing support for people with dementia along with a family member, carer, or friend.

The café meets from 2-4 on the first Thursday in every month in Doynton Village Hall- BS30 5SY

***Tel 07817311001 for more info or find us on FaceBook***

Sea Shanty singers will provide the entertainment in our October café, when our visitors can hoist up the John B's sails after deciding what they should do with a drunken sailor!

In November, we welcome members of the Marshfield Male voice choir. Having asked what songs they should sing, we gave them ideas that our visitors have requested in the past so there should be something for all to enjoy!

Along with our main entertainment at each session, there are always quizzes, colouring zig-saws and art activities that visitors can do as well as enjoy the refreshments which always include an array of lovely cakes! A free book and jigsaw stall and an information table is always available for our visitors.

Each session always end with singing from popular songs from the 60's and the appearance of the

**BIG RED BALLOON!**

***Come along and enjoy the fun!***

## October 2026

**25th October - 21st Sunday after Trinity**

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am Community Church

TBC

**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am Holy Communion

TBC

**WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am A visit to the Holy Shed

**ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**

10.00am Morning Worship

Steve Burgess



**1st November - All Saints and All Souls**

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am All Together

Suzy Britton

**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am Morning Worship

Steve Burgess

**WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am Morning Worship

David Miles

**ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**

10.00am Holy Communion

Rev Elaine Jones

**ST JAMES ABSON**

3.30pm Evensong

Rev Elaine Jones

**WORSHIP**

*Together*

\*\*\*Note the later time for this service.

## OCTOBER ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGE

### Enhancing Biodiversity in your garden in Autumn

**Autumn** is a wonderful time to give local wildlife a helping hand in the UK.

As the weather cools down, garden creatures search for food and safe places to sleep through the winter. Here are simple steps you can take to boost biodiversity in your outdoor space during autumn:

#### 1. Leave Seed heads Standing

- Do not cut back all your dead flowers and perennials right away.
- Leave seed heads on plants like sunflowers, thistles, and rudbeckias.
- Finches and sparrows love to eat these seeds as natural food becomes scarce.
- The dead stems are a good haven for some bees and other insects

#### 2. Plant Autumn-Blooming Flowers and Berrying Trees

Autumn is the best time to plant a tree or two – ([www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk))

- Plant native berry-producing trees like rowan, hawthorn, or crab apple.
- These trees provide crucial autumn meals and winter stores for blackbirds, thrushes, and small mammals.
- Add late-flowering plants like ivy, sedums, and Michaelmas daisies to feed late bees and butterflies.

#### 3. Build Cosy Shelters and Hold Off on Tidy-ups

- Create a wild corner by leaving piles of logs, fallen leaves, and twigs.
- These piles give hedgehogs, frogs, and slow worms a safe place to hibernate.
- If you have hedges that need trimming, try to wait until late November so you do not destroy the remaining autumn berries that birds rely on.

#### 4. Set Up a Wildlife-Friendly Feed Station

- Clean your bird feeders and start putting out high-energy foods like fat balls and sunflower seeds.
- Leave out windfallen fruit, such as bruised apples or pears, on the lawn for visiting winter thrushes like fieldfares.
- Keep a shallow dish of fresh water out, and float a small ball on top during frosty days to stop it from freezing solid.

#### 5. Start a Compost Heap

- Piling up garden cuttings and vegetable peelings creates a warm, damp micro-habitat for insects and slow worms.
- It enriches the soil biology, which supports a healthy ecosystem all year round.

#### 6. Offer clean nest boxes for birds

- Nesting season may be over but birds can benefit from nest boxes all year round. Autumn is the ideal time to put up a new one or clean out any you already have – chicks have safely fledged and boxes will instead offer valuable shelter for our feathered friends as temperatures drop



## The first Saturday of each month at Wick Village Hall

Please note, there isn't an event in April or August 2026

Donations are accepted between 8:30am and 9:15am on the day of the event, or between 1:30pm and 2:30pm the day before the event (Friday) in Wick Village Hall  
Doors open for shopping from 9:15am until 11am

The only cost is your entrance fee!

Adults: £5 each / under 18s are free when accompanied by a paying adult!



Whether you're looking for something specific or just fancy coming along to see what you can find, we believe there's something for everyone at Wick Community Free-Cycle!  
Thanks to the large generosity of our local community, every month is different!



We're looking for volunteers to between 10:45am and 11:45am, to help us pack up the event

Bringing the community back together and reducing landfill ♥

Contact: @wickcommunityfreecycle on Instagram / Wick Community Free-Cycle on Facebook  
wickcommunityfreecycle@gmail.com / Proceeds go to Wick Pre-School