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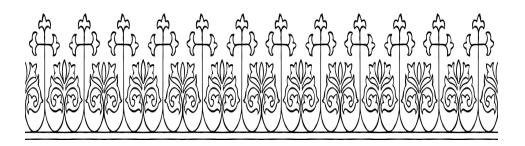
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From the parish registers:

Funerals:

Maureen Werrett

30-08-2022 St Bartholomew's, Wick

Edna Margaret Akerman 30-08-2022 St Peter, Dyrham

Baptisms:

Remi Rae Jones 21-08-2022 Holy Trinity, Doynton



Parish News September 2022

Your Village Newsletter for Wick, Doynton, Dyrham & Hinton



In this late summer edition of 2022, as we face a challenging and uncertain future, it is tempting to focus on the many negative issues that dominate the news: the virus that is still with us, the war in Ukraine that still grinds on, the ever more urgent climate emergency, the rising prices that diminish our wages, the drought, war and climate changes that may lead to food shortages around the world... I could go on.

But 2022 has also brought with it an incredible technological marvel with the successful deployment of the James Webb Space Telescope. According to the NASA website, Webb will solve mysteries in our solar system, look beyond to distant worlds around other stars, and prove the mysterious structures and origins of our universe and our place in it. 'Mind-boggling' doesn't really begin to describe it. The word 'miracle' comes from a Latin word which means 'a wonder' or 'a marvel'. The images from the James Webb telescope certainly produce a sense of wonder, although we already knew the 'marvellous' fact that, chemically speaking, we are made of stardust.

Back in 2021 we at the chapel were asked to share with other local URC churches our hopes and fears for the future. We said that our greatest fear was becoming irrelevant, whilst our hopes include being able to provide a voice in our local community that has a message fit for the 21st century. We would like our church to be a place where people can explore issues of faith with openness, imagination and creativity, a place where doubts and questions are welcomed and where faith is something that is lived and practised, where minds are open, and spirits are generous. If churches are to be relevant in the 21st century, they need to be places where we can explore our humanity and our human desire to know and touch the Divine, engaging both sides of our brains, using both reason and imagination, both mind and heart.

Einstein said that there are only two ways to live your life. One as though nothing is a miracle. The other, as though everything is a miracle. As human beings we have evolved to a point where we are able to reflect on our existence and seek meaning and purpose in our lives. What does a meaningful life look like?

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Linda Byrne

WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

Sept 3 Jean Farrell
Sept 10 & 17 Pat Russell
Sept 24 & Oct 1 Muriel Crossley
Oct 8 & 15 Jane Brookman



WICK CHURCH CLEANING

Sept 3 Mrs Bailey

Sept 10 Mrs Lawrence

Sept 17 Mrs Britton

Sept 24 Mrs Russell

Oct 1 Mrs Mumford/Mrs Higgs

Oct 8th Mrs Mumford/Mrs Britton

WICK SIDESPERSONS

Sept 4 Mr & Mrs Reynolds

Sept 18 Mr & Mrs Bailey

Oct 2 Mrs Russell Mrs Milton



Sept 11 Mr S Butt
Sept 25 Miss Brookman

Open Door

Every Friday 10.30 – 11.30am Church Room St Bartholomew's, Wick

All are welcome to meet friends and neighbours. Coffee, chat and a Thought for the Day



Please join us on **Friday Oct 7th** for our annual coffee morning to raise funds for this splendid charity.

It's popular, come early!

Wick Church Toddlers

Every Tuesday, 10 am - 11.45 am All Welcome For info, please ring 0117 9373581





Well, the time has come: Rev Tim and Mrs Mary are on their way to pastures new, and we wish them all the best in their new (easier?) life. Those of us who have already semi-retired will know all too well how work expands to fill the time available! We thank them for their 16 years of dedicated hard work during some challenging times: massive roof repairs, changing demographics and pandemics all taken cheerfully in their stride.

We will wave them off in true Benefice style, with masses of food, especially cake (if there's one thing we've learned about Rev Tim, it's that he loves his cake!), music and laughter.

Those of you who remember Rev Victor Howlett with fondness may like to know that is he coming to St Bartholomew's to preside over our Holy Communion Service on Sunday 11th September. Come and say hello to an old friend!



It is difficult to realise that we are now entering into Harvest Festival season, with the memories of our scorching August so fresh in our minds, but we are!

Harvest Festivals always make me nostalgic, for some reason - if you are the same, come along to one of the services on offer: Sunday 18th (10am) at St Bartholomew's; Sunday 25th (6.30pm) at Holy Trinity, Doynton; Sunday 2nd October - 10 am at St Peter's, Dyrham, 10.30am at the Chapel, and 3pm online/You Tube.

Admit it, you are now humming "We plough the fields and **scatter** the good seed on the land.." to yourself!

Doynton Parish Pump

Welcome back after our summer break – was it hot enough for you? Plenty of events coming up in the autumn!

Saturday September 3rd, 2 p.m.: **Doynton village fete** at the village hall: the ever-popular traditional village fete with fun and games for all the family, including tombola, skittles, raffle, cakes and local produce, bric-a-brac, cream teas, Pimm's, barbecue, entertainer, Morris dancers, children's sports, bouncy castle, welly-whanging and much more, with music from Filton Concert Brass Band. Free entry and programme, parking £1.

Saturday September 24th, 7.30 p.m., in the village hall: **charity auction** in aid of Freedom from Torture and Bath Welcomes Refugees. Doors open 6.30 p.m. We already have some interesting pledges, including a ticket for a Lords test match, designer sunglasses, Christmas cakes and puddings and a taster session in Arabic dance for six people, offered by Bellymixers. There will be a bar and snacks, and it should be a fun evening to stimulate your generosity. Please come along!

Friends of Summers Field: It has been wonderful to see so many of us enjoying the Summers Field orchard and wildflower meadow during the scorching few weeks we have had! You will no doubt have spotted the smart new haircut the field is now showing – a huge thank you to Pete Grey for giving up a Saturday afternoon to do this and for his continued dedication to keeping the field in such tip-top condition. This is an important activity to maintain the long-term health of the area, but it also prepares it for the Summer Fete, where a number of family fun activities will be held in Summers Field. The Friends of Summers Field committee have delivered a short newsletter which captures some of the fun activities held during 2022 and a taster of more events to come! It also includes a donation form for you to consider; the field requires over £1,000 a year to run so any and all contributions are gratefully received to safeguard this important village asset for many years to come. We look forward to enjoying this fantastic space with you soon!



Roof Project at St Peter's Church, Dyrham



St Peter's has launched a r project to repair the tower and valley roof sections. Parts of the church date from the 13th Century .The estimated total cost is £180,000 We will be applying for various grants to fund this work but we also need to raise a proportion of the money locally to demonstrate that the local community value St Peter's.

If you would like to know more or wish to make a donation to the repair fund please contact:

Peter Highway, Church Warden – pete.highway@googlemail.com

News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson

www.wickabsonpcgov.uk

- **Rev Tim**. With the sad news that Rev. Tim, Mary and Henry the dog are leaving us, Wick and Abson PC would like to express our thanks to them for their service to our community.
- Defibrillator Awareness Training: We have been able to organise Passion
 First Aid Ltd to provide residents with awareness training on how to use the
 defibrillators around the parish. Come along to Wick Village Hall 6pm-7pm
 Thursday 13th October 2022
- Defibrillators can be found at:
 - Abson, to the right of the village green
 - Boyd Close Community Centre
 - Wick Village Hall
 - Wick Sports Ground
- Next Parish Council meeting is 7:15pm Thursday 8th September 2022 at Wick Village Hall

Doynton and Wick WI: July has always been our Mystery Evening. This year, members ventured out to Box, near Bath, where local historian Claire Dimond Mills provided maps and questions for a walking quiz around the village. A delicious supper followed, and a good time was had by all. At the August meeting, Dr Amy Frost of Bath Preservation Trust gave a fascinating account of the life and strange works of William Beckford (1760-1844), the traveller, writer and art collector who built the famous golden tower on Lansdown, Bath. William's father and grandfather made a fortune with their sugar plantations in Jamaica - thanks to the sweat and blood of countless slaves, as Amy reminded us - and William promptly spent it all on paintings, sculptures and a Gothic country house at Fonthill in Wiltshire. When the money finally ran out, he downsized to Lansdown Crescent in Bath, with a back garden running all the way up the hill to the site of his new tower. A true British eccentric.

Doynton litter picks require a new volunteer to organize this annual event, which is supported by S Glos Council. Please contact doyntonparishcouncil[at]hotmail.co.uk or tel. 07725 165181.

Please leave any tins or packets you can spare in the church porch for the **Doynton foodbank and North Bristol & South Glos foodbank.** With spiralling energy and food prices, the need is greater than ever.

To book **Doynton village hall**, email doyntonvillagehall@mail.com or tel. 07986 636611.

Dates for your diary

Saturdays September 3rd and 17th, 10.00–11.00 a.m.: **Doynton village market** in the village hall.

Thursdays, 7.15 p.m. in the village hall: Zumba fitness class, £5 adults, £2.50 under-16s. Contact Lucy on 07403 247764, or just come along.

The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for September Please email wickparishmagazine@outlook.com with your news items for the October edition by Tues 20th September

Please send copy containing artwork/logos etc as a .jpg file, thank you

Anthea Watts writes: On 23 June, Geoff Nodrett arrived on his motorcycle and gave an interesting talk about the service provided by Freewheelers to ensure blood is delivered to wherever it is needed. They also transport other urgent medical items such as x-rays, drugs, and breast milk. His talk was enjoyed by members and Geoff was thanked for the fantastic service he and other motorcyclists provide, which is all done on a voluntary basis.

Unfortunately our substitute speaker for 28 July had Covid and had to cancel at the last minute. However we enjoyed a picture quiz showing a small part of the logos associated with things we love to buy at the supermarket. Gave us some food for thought and much debate within the teams!

The sun shone brightly on 11 July for our visit to Windsor, when we welcomed friends from neighbouring WIs. I'm sure I speak for everybody when I say what a wonderful place it is. Some of us walked down to the river on arrival and had our packed lunches before meeting for our tour of the castle. My daughter and I found the state rooms very interesting and loved the dolls' house. However our breath was taken away by the magnificent coronation robe - how tiny the queen was at the time and how heavy it must have been to wear. The magnificent iewellery she wore on the day was on show in display cabinets. We finished our tour at the chapel picturing royal events, particularly Prince Phillips' funeral. It was a really lovely day and we enjoyed it immensely.

By the time you read this we will have celebrated our birthday in August so I'll tell you about it later.

A walk is being organised for September.

Forthcoming events

22 September - Life Below Stairs 27 October - AGM and Quiz

We have a very interesting and exciting 50th anniversary year to look forward to in 2023.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to join our happy and friendly group. If you are interested in joining us or coming to any of the above events, then feel free to contact our President, Wendy Haynes, on 07930 851582 for more information.







Dyrham & Hinton W.I.

BROCANTE

PRE-LOVED FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER



£2 ENTRY - INCLUDES RAFFLE TICKET

Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall

KEEP CALM & CLEAN

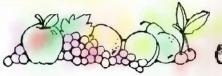
YOUR DRAWERS!

All Donations Welcome

PLEASE CONTACT FOR DROP OFF OR COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

SHARON - 07740940620 KAREN - 07766605453

LYN - 07977229975 DEBBIE - 07817750587







Wick Brownies

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We have a very busy and successful Brownies Unit in Wick which is run by volunteers. So successful, in fact, we need some more help so we can expand to welcome all the girls currently on the waiting list.

If you would like to help out and can commit to Monday evenings 5.30-7pm term time only please get in touch via 2ndwbrownies@gmail.com

Thank you!

Christopher Cadle Charity

Unfortunately we are unable to make Christmas payments to Wick and Abson pensioners as the Charity income this year has been less than £10.00

Release Pilates

Tues Evening 19:00 - 20:00 at Marshfield Community Centre Weds Morning 09:30 - 10:30 at Marshfield Community Centre Thurs Morning 09:00 - 10:00 at Wick Village Hall Single class £10 6 week block £54 10 week block £85

Contact Elise at hello@releasepilates.co.uk to book Tel: 07828 554 874 Website: www.releasepilates.co.uk

Please check website for all class details and terms and conditions

Staff Wanted

Wick Pre-School are looking for a member of staff to support a child on a 1:1 basis. This is a 3 days a week, all year round position, starting ASAP. SEN experience preferred but not essential.

Please email in to wickpreschool@btinternet.com to apply.



Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute



For our July meeting members met at a member's beautiful garden in Wick and enjoyed an alfresco feast of homemade canapes and desserts to toast their summer party event.

Unfortunately our August annual walk was postponed due to the intense heat.

Future meetings: (Members meet 7pm at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall)

September: Julian House charity supporting vulnerable and at-risk

individuals.

October: Wine Tasting

November: AGM with something Crafty

December: Christmas Party – The Cross House Doynton

Keep Calm and Clean out your Drawers- Dyrham & Hinton WI are organising a Brocante – Pre-loved Flea Market – 24th September 2022 from 2-5 pm at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall. £2 Entry – Includes Raffle Ticket. Afternoon Tea & Cake will be available. All Donations Welcome. Please contact dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com for collection of items (Glassware, plants, vintage clothing/jewellery, handbags, books, fruit & vegetables tec)

Book Club (Read Between The Wines): Members met at the Bull Inn Hinton and discussed this month's book "A Net for Small Fishes" by Lucy Jago. September's reading list is The Dark by Sharon Bolton.

We welcome new members; ladies can attend up to 2 initial meetings without any obligations. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Additionally, we run several open meetings for the community to attend. If you are interested in attending any of the above meetings then please contact us at dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com or visit our website: https://www.dyrhamandhintonwi.co.uk

Donation time: 8:30am - 9:30am

Shopping time: 10am - 12pm



Entrance fee:
Adults - £3.50
Under 18s - Free
(when accompanied by an adult)

Do you have unwanted items that you no longer need but don't want to add to landfill?

Come along to Wick Community Free-cycle!

Location: Wick Village Hall
First Saturday of every month, starting the 5th of March





How it works:

Donations are accepted between 8:30am and 9:30am

Doors open for shopping at 10am until 12pm

Your entry fee entitles you to take up to 5 items of your choice!

If you're still shopping at 12pm, you're welcome to take as many items as you'd like

Contact: wickcommunityfreecycle@gmail.com

Climate emergency and Global Heating

September Challenge

In July the challenge was to cut down on food waste.

Thanks to those who joined the community litter pick on 23rd July. Many sacks full of rubbish were collected and the village looked smarter

RECYCLE

RECYCLE-We know about recycling plastics etc. Remember Freecycle at the Village Hall on Sat 3rd.

REUSE- rather than throw away, which includes REPAIR- a bit of glue, a screw or two. Get a trades person in to repair rather than buy new.

This month let's focus on REDUCE

Reduce our electricity bills by turning off things on Standby- it could save an average household

nearly £150 per year. https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-61235367

Less time having a shower reduces electricity use. And using less electricity reduces CO2 emissions.

Reduce the amount of red meat we eat. Beef production in particular results in more CO2 and Methane, contributing to global warming, than other meats and vegetables. We can have a lovely, heathy diet with less red meat.

Notice the graph in this Oxford University article, giving more information: https://ourworldindata.org/environmental-impacts-of-food

Enjoy your September, harvesting the blackberries and other fruit.

Boyd Valley Painting Group



The Boyd Valley painting group meet every Thursday morning between the hours of 10.00am and 1.00pm at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall. We are a self-help group of local residents within Boyd valley who have a mutual interest in learning and improving basic artistic skills in a very friendly and helpful atmosphere.

Have you thought that you would like to paint or draw but did not know how to start or were too afraid or embarrassed to share your initial efforts with strangers? Well, you are not unique in harbouring your self -doubt, we all had those feelings to start with but we were very soon freed from those restrictions by the support, encouragement and guidance of fellow group members.

The group is run on a "not for profit" principle whereby all members share the modest cost of the hall hire between them. However, the group has been successful in securing a grant sufficient to cover the cost of the hall rental, therefore art class attendances will be free for the rest of this year.

We have been on our summer break but are restarting on 1st Sept and we will be pleased to welcome new members. No need to bring any equipment if you do not already have any, we will show you how to get started and very soon you will achieve a basic ability which you can build upon.

If you would like to add or improve your skill or just be part of a friendly group, please call Andrew Hedges 0117 9372928 to learn more and register your interest.

Dyrham & Hinton Harvest Supper

Can you please do a "save the date" for our Community Harvest Supper being held at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall on Saturday 8th October. Starting at 7pm to eat at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £10 per head. Look out for details on how to get tickets on DaHComm. To sign up to DaHComm please send your email address or mobile phone number to dahcomm@outlook.com.

Please send any contributions for the next Dyrham &Hinton Diversions to Angela Griffiths (angela.dahparishnews@gmail.com) by **18th September**

We celebrated 185 years since the opening of the Chapel with a Flower Festival depicting musicals. The original idea came from Ben Stock who has a career in musical theatre and first "trod the boards" at Harvest Suppers, Christmas Plays and performances at the Chapel together with other children from the



village. Kay and Sue enjoyed spending time gathering props together and designing the displays. However, the weekend couldn't have gone ahead without the help of many other people – too many to mention by name. Each display was sponsored, and we had several generous donations. Our band of church members provided refreshments, helped with displays, gave constructive criticism, acted as stewards, manned the sales table, and organised the raffle.

Thank you to all those who supported us and helped raise £1400 towards an accessible toilet. Obviously, there is a long way to go but it is a start.

The Chapel no longer has a minister, but we are lucky to have the support of two Companion Elders. A while ago we were wondering if the Chapel would be able to survive but now, we look forward in faith to a brighter future. As you know, we have Wi-fi so it will be possible with the help of a screen to access many programmes to aid with our Sunday services as well as weekly meetings. Who knows — in the future we may have film nights!

We do try to have a varied type of service – formal, Holy Communion, informal and as you know, each month we take a trip to Dave Tomlinson's Holy Shed. If you want to get an idea of what this is, without having to set foot in church, check out the Holy Shed Facebook page where you can see all the videos this former vicar has posted since starting these informal online meetings during that first lockdown of 2020: https://www.facebook.com/theholyshed/videos. Do join us – our services are listed in the centre pages in the magazine.

Lastly, the members of the Chapel would like to wish Reverend Tim and Mary well in their new venture and send our love and friendship with them to Basingstoke

Wick Sports Ground

WSG Committee are pleased to announce that it has been granted planning permission to make alterations and safety improvements to the Sports Ground to allow the Football club to progress further up the FA pyramid should they again finish in a promotion position. Some additional trees and hedgerow will be planted in line with SGC policy, and a bike shed will be installed to encourage bike usage also in line with SGC policy. Work will begin in stages as funds become available. Both WSG and the Football club continues to seek additional help from volunteers, so if you have time to spare then please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352 for further info.

Sept Fixtures

1st Team (KO 3pm)

03-Sept TBC GFA - PreL TBC 10-Sept H LCJ - R1 Ruardean Hill Rangers
 17-Sept A MGCL Cheltenham Civil Service 24-Sept TBC GFA - R1 TBC
 01-Oct A MGCL Stoke Gifford Utd

Reserves (KO 2:30pm)

03-Sept A Bristol Prem 1 Mendip Broadwalk Res
10-Sept H Bristol Prem 1 Iron Acton
17-Sept H Bristol Prem 1 AEK Boco A
24-Sept A Bristol Prem 1 Real Thornbury

Sunday Team (KO 10:30am)

11-Sept H 3 Lions **18-Sept** A AFC Sodbury

We run three senior and one veterans team, playing on Saturdays and Sundays, any player is welcome of any ability to come along and get involved. If you need further details contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352.

Wick Foootball Club

Vice-Chairman Pre Season Update

Where do I start? It was an incredible year for the club last season. Not only did we turn around the fortunes of the reserves, enjoy continuing success with the veterans, we took the County League crown after a titanic season long battle with Shirehampton. Despite this epic achievement, unfortunately the club was not in a position with its planning application to enjoy promotion to step 6. This has led to last season's squad dispersing to other clubs playing at a higher level, requiring us to completely renew the first team management and squad.

We are a small club but with big ambitions, and it owes an incredibly debt to its committee, sponsors and volunteers who keep our dream alive. Whether it is our award-winning programme, or amazing pitch/facilities, we continually strive to put Wick firmly on the local football map. We again won the Gloucestershire Football Association Grounds Team of the Year award, and with planning permission in place, we are now making preparations to be step 6 ready.

The process of rebuilding the squad has begun, and we look forward to providing young players an opportunity to develop their footballing career at Oldbury Lane. Local lad Kevin Pollard and Jamie Johnson have jointly taken over the 1st team duties assisted by Alastair Foale. Kevin Ashwood is at the helm of the Reserves, assisted by Ian Bright and Lee Randall. The committee wishes all its member teams, management and players every success for the season ahead, and we would like to thank our sponsors for their continuing sponsorship, and extend a warm welcome to both supporters and visitors to Oldbury Lane.

Dave Beer

Dear Friends

Saying "Goodbye" is very hard. Mary and I want to

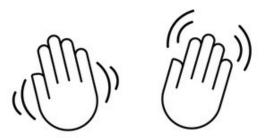


thank you for the many kind messages of thanks and good wishes we have received since we announced that we are leaving. It has been very moving to have these messages from all sorts of people; from those we meet when walking our dog, to those in the local shop, and those in the different church congregations. We also thank you for your generous gifts.

When we came 16 years ago, we came with a passion to share with you a simple message that God loves you. He is there for you, to guide you and give your life purpose and meaning. As we leave, we hope that you will find the guidance and purpose God longs to give you.

We pray; the Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his to face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.

Tim and Mary



Sunday Services September 2022

4th September - 12th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEWS WICK

10.00am Tim's Farewell Service Rev Tim/Rev Rob Stewart

Followed by a Bring-n-Share Lunch, all welcome

3.00pm **Online Service** Rev Tim Bell

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Joining our friends at St Bartholomew's

11th September - 13th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Victor Howlett

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Café Church Café Church team

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Breakfast Club** Linda Byrne

18th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Harvest Festival Rev Peter Hallett

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Rob Stewart

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Informal Service The Worship Group



25th September - 15th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Worship Mike Swain

3.00pm Online Service Rev Rob Stewart

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

6.30pm Harvest Festival Rev Peter Hallett

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am A visit to the Holy Shed

2nd October - 16th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together Rev Rob Stewart

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am Harvest Festival Rev Peter Hallett

WICK CHAPEL

10.30pm **Harvest Thanksgiving** Rev Stephen Newell

our Companion Elder

Prayer



If you have things on your mind and would like our Prayer Group to pray for you or issues that worry you, please contact us on wickchurchwarden@gmail.com.

You can rest assured that your privacy will be respected at all times.

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