

# Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



Dec 2023 & Jan 2024

## **December 2023.**

Life, it would seem, has settled down after covid and the lockdowns. Which now begin to seem such a long way in history, though the arguments continue. Wars abound and almost everyone is forced into taking sides in every argument on the planet.

The story of Christmas is that this is not the way it was intended to be. Peace and goodwill are what the season calls for as we recite the story of nativity. Leading up through Advent to the babe in the manger.

Time to be with family (if you can) and perhaps indulge in some warmth and merriment. Time to remember that God stepped down, so that he could lift us up.

This season marks the turning of the year and, even if it doesn't seem like it, the beginning of the return of the natural light and warmth to our land. A season to try and indulge in some joy and goodness to all.

We have just held our annual acts of Remembrance and this brings to mind for me that it is indeed a time to remember. Especially those whom we have lost to time this year.

Our main "good news" for Wick and the surrounding villages, is that we shall have a new resident in the vicarage come the New Year! A new Priest in charge of Pucklechurch with Abson, Wick with Doynton & Dyrham.

My only sad news is that we shall be leaving in the New Year. Family needs, I am afraid, and family must come first, especially at this time.

One great posting on social media I have read this year is "don't worry so much about what is under the tree this year - just concentrate and be thankful for who is around it!"

After a year of great loss for many families, this is a true way to look forwards to the Christmas festivities and gives thanks for what we have, instead of what we want.

At Christmas we celebrate the light of Christ which has come into our world. May this Christmas, and the year that follows, be all the brighter for all of us. Then come and join us for the exciting walk up to next Easter!

God bless you this Christmas and into the New Year

*Revd Rob Stewart*

## News from St Bartholomew's

Our search for a new vicar has been successful! We are absolutely **delighted** to tell you that the Rev Canon Elaine Jones has heard our call and answered it with enthusiasm and positivity. She will join us in the New Year. Her licensing service will be on 7th Feb, at Holy Trinity Doynton. Her first Sunday service will be 11th Feb, venue to be confirmed in next month's issue.



Sadly though, we will say Goodbye to Rev Rob, who is moving up North to take care of his family. We are VERY sad to see him go; he has been a beacon of common sense and practicality, as well as one of our favourite preachers. His services on Remembrance Sunday are always particularly moving and thoughtful. This year was no exception, it was lovely to have the Brownies and Guides with us, so solemnly parading their colours - it is very good to know that the coming generation will certainly not forget. Rob used his previous Armed Forces experience to explain the significance of the Last Post and Reveille, played so beautifully by our own Andy Raper. It really brought it home to everyone listening just how fitting those pieces are.

We are planning to continue our lay-led worship, though, as Rev Elaine is taking on 5 churches, not 3 - our Benefice is partnering with the Benefice of Pucklechurch and Abson, and will eventually become one group. This means she will be spread a little more thinly than Rev Tim was. We are looking forward to the Advent Sunday (3rd Dec) All Together service, as Jane and Sarah are leading it, and they always bring us fascinating and thought-provoking services. We are being joined by our brothers and sisters from Wick Chapel for this one, too, which will be a joy - we've invited them to lunch!

Do you remember me mentioning our Quinquennial Inspection? One of the things the architect commented on was how well our churchyard was kept. However, it costs money to keep it looking good, and previously we have asked for donations from people who have loved ones buried in the churchyard, but those people inevitably get fewer and fewer and now we find ourselves needing to ask a new generation of families. If you have a loved one resting in our churchyard, can we ask you to contact the [wickchurchwarden@gmail.com](mailto:wickchurchwarden@gmail.com) address for a form to fill in - it means we can claim GiftAid etc on anything you can give us. We would be very grateful!

# Doynton Parish Pump

**Christmas church services: Candlelight carol service** December 17th, 6.30 p.m. Please bring a candle in a suitable holder.

**Christmas Eve:** meet at the pub at 6.30 p.m. to sing carols, then move on to the church for a short family-friendly service.

**Christmas Day:** Morning Worship 9.30 a.m.



**Doynton Village Market:** Since our last missive, the customers have returned, plus more, so a big thank-you to all who are reading this. The Wick Brownie group always bring an extra energy to the hall: this year they are raising funds to try and help buy/save the Foxlease estate down in Hampshire, a centre for Girlguiding UK. They will be with us again on our December 23rd market, so please pop in and support them. Markets are on December 9th and 23rd (note changed dates) and January 6th and 20th 2024. Order Christmas meat (pick up on December 23rd) and other goodies from Elizabeth Crew (tel. 937 3168). Lastly, all of us at the market would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy 2024!

In November, **Doynton and Wick WI** welcomed Susan Symonds with some little-known facts about Queen Victoria. Susan's talk was followed by our AGM. Twelve of the 14 Committee members remain, (re)joined by Elizabeth Copping. Tina Holbrook remains for her ninth and final year as President. We need new faces for next year, Doynton and Wick's Centenary, if our WI, and indeed Avon Federation of WIs, are to stand the test of time. Next meetings: Wednesdays December 14th (Christmas meal at Tracy Park) and January 10th (7.30 p.m., Doynton village hall).

**Doynton apple juice for sale:** 100% pure, pressed, delicious apple juice made from Doynton apples – zero food miles! All proceeds to Summers Field

Community Orchard. £3.50/bottle, £10 three bottles, £36 12 bottles. Ideal as a gift. Pasteurized, best before October 2024. Contact: Corrina 07587 175474, Jenny 07468 413228 or Chris 07712 582974.

In order to encourage another bumper harvest in 2024, we will be holding our **annual Wassail** on Tuesday January 9th at 6.30 p.m. in the orchard. All welcome. Come along and join this ancient tradition!

On **Friday January 19th** (7.00 p.m.), there will be a professionally-run **wine tasting and cheese pairing**, with a quiz and raffle prizes donated by the Cross House Inn, St. Aldam's nursery, etc., at Doynton village hall. Profits to Dorothy House Hospice Care. Tickets £30 from Sarah Drayton.

The **quiz night** on October 28th raised £377 for Doynton playing field. Renewed thanks to Chris, Elizabeth, John and Corrinnda for organizing and asking the questions. The next quiz is on April 6th 2024.

The **scarecrow trail** on October 29th raised a magnificent £1230 for Cancer Research UK. And what works of art they were!

The Doynton "Warm Wednesdays" **community café**: 10.30 a.m.–12 noon in the village hall. All welcome!

The **Doynton Memory Café** continues on the first Thursday of each month (2.00–4.00 p.m.). Tel. 07817 311001 or see "The Memory Cafe at Doynton" on Facebook.

**Doynton fête**: 2023 As he hangs up his fête supremo boots, the volunteers on the fête committee send special thanks to Andrew Read, who has chaired the committee for nine years and is now stepping down. This year the fête raised £4,538.32 for village causes and for charity. Andrew will still be in the village to be a fount of knowledge and provide contact details for anyone taking over the reins. Planning for the next fête, to be held on Saturday June 8th 2024, should begin in January with a few light admin tasks and then ramp up from April, so look out for committee recruitment messages around Christmas and New Year.

### Dates for your diary

Thursdays 9.30–10.30 a.m.: **post office** in the village hall – use it or lose it!

Thursdays 9.30–11.00 a.m. in the village hall: **yoga classes** with Jean Foley, £9 per class. Tel 07341 347547.

Sunday February 4th 2024: Doynton Hard Half Marathon in and around the village. Email

dhhm@emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk for details.



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*See you in February!*



## The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for December and  
January

Please email

[wickparishmagazine@outlook.com](mailto:wickparishmagazine@outlook.com)

with your news items for the February  
edition

**Saturday 20th January**

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

*Anthea Watts writes:*

At our annual meeting in October, our previous officers were re-elected for another year. Wendy Haynes remained as President with Carol Slocombe and Pauline Fudge as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. After refreshments we enjoyed putting our wits against a picture quiz.



23 November - As I write this, we are all looking forward to entertaining our friends from the Group with our "Las Vegas" event in Wick Village Hall. Fun, food and drinks should be enjoyed by all.

### **Forthcoming events**

**1 December** - Visit to Whitehall Garden Centre at Lacock with Christmas Lunch at The George pub at Lacock

**5 December** - Federation Carol service at Keynsham Parish church. Wick Strummers will be accompanying the choir in one of the carols.

**14 December** - Christmas party with light buffet

**26 January** - Members' meeting

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



## **St. Bartholomew's Church Choir - fun, and good for your health!**

So you thought you could not sing? **Everyone** has a voice. Yes they do!!

We invite you to come along to learn some new carols we are going to sing at the Christmas service of 'Nine Lessons & Carols' on Sunday 17th December at 10.0am. We shall also be singing well known favourites.

We start with a warm up, (a vocal one), after a chat, and there is no fee! We guarantee you will feel better afterwards. In fact, there's solid scientific evidence to prove that singing is, in fact, good for your body and your mind. Singing appears to be a stress-reliever. A 2017 study measured the amount of cortisol, the stress hormone, in participant's saliva before and after they sang. Researchers in that study found that the amount of cortisol was lower after singing, an indication that people felt more relaxed after they'd belted out a tune. They also found singing reduces stress levels whether the participants were singing in a group or by themselves.

There's some evidence that singing may boost your immune system and help you fight off illnesses. Those who sang showed higher levels of immunoglobulin A, an antibody your body secretes to help you fend off infections. Regular singing may change the way you breathe, even when you're not singing. Researchers in a 2008 study interviewed the spouses of choir members, along with the spouses of people who don't sing.

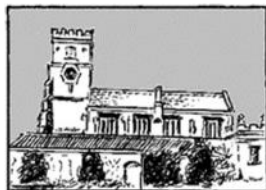
The researchers found that significantly fewer choir members snored. This led them to recommend regular singing as a potential treatment for snoring.

So why not give it a try?

**Practices 6.45 - 8.15 on Thursdays in St. Bartholomew's Church Room** which is lovely and warm. Pop in for a visit - NO obligation!

**Contact: Choir Mistress - Margaret Parfit 01225 859824**

*Benefits of Singing: 10 Ways Singing Boosts Your Health (healthline.com)*



## Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

### Women's Institute

Following on from our November AGM meeting, members and local residents (open meeting) enjoyed a thought-provoking evening with guest speaker John Franks QGM, who provided a fascinating talk about his service as a frontline Bomb Disposal Officer in the British Army.



#### **Future meetings:**

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

**December:** Christmas Party at the Cross House Doynton

**January:** Mind Body Flow—a blend of Pilates and mindfulness practice led by Pilates & Fitness Instructor Sue Webb Core Fitness.



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

Members met in November to discuss *Mad Honey* by Jennifer Finney & Jodi Picoult, a soul-stirring novel about what we choose to keep from our past and what we leave behind. Next book club meet up 18th January 2024.

We welcome new members; ladies can attend up to 2 initial meetings without any obligations. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

We also 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](mailto:dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com)

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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 18th January.



## **Boyd Valley Painting Group**



The Boyd Valley painting group meet every Thursday morning between the hours of 10.00am and 1.00pm at the 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.

The group is run on a "not for profit" principle whereby all members share the modest cost of the hall hire, between them. Fortunately, this year, due to a successful funding application, there will be no charge for those attending until further notice.

Please come along to any meeting, 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.

Call, before arriving, on the following telephone number and leave a message if no answer.

**Andrew Hedges (Dyrham) 01179372928.**

**The group will be meeting until 7th December and will then break for Christmas.**

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## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**



**CAROLS AROUND THE TREE**

**FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 6:00PM**

**DYRHAM & HINTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Join your neighbours for singing,  
mulled wine, mince pies and chat.**

**Don't forget a lantern or torch.**

## News from the Chapel



Linda led our Remembrance Service this year. Margaret Jones read the list of names from the War Memorial, and we remembered the men from the village who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Anne laid the wreath on the War Memorial. The knitted poppies were displayed once again.

However, our prayers and thoughts were also with the human suffering in the Middle East

At the beginning of November, the Listed Buildings Committee visited the Chapel and the following Monday we heard that the easily accessible toilet has been approved. Now the work starts to find builders and obtain quotes. If anyone has a recommendation, please let us know.

(suehickmore@gmail.com)




At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our Annual Christmas Sale and the visit from Father Christmas.

On 3rd December we will join our friends at St Bartholomew's for a joint Advent Service.

On Christmas Eve we have our traditional candlelit Carol Service starting at 6.30 p.m. Do join us for this beautiful service.

**Thank you for supporting us during 2023.**

**We send our love to you all and wish you a happy Christmas  
and peace in the New Year.**



Marshfield

Wick

Pucklechurch

Bristol



# Memory Café

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 monthly from 2-4 on the first Thursday in Doynton Village Hall- BS30 5SY

Various activities are offered together with refreshments, friendly faces, singing and a monthly theme that often reflects the time of year but equally be quite diverse- pantomimes, achievements, circus skills, international and more!

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

For more info : call/text 07817311001  
Find us on Facebook -The Memory Cafe  
at Doynton





# Sunday Service

## 3rd December - Advent Sunday

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **All Together**

Sarah & Jane

Followed by family lunch with Wick Chapel

### **WICK CHAPEL**

Joining our friends at  
St Bartholomew's for a joint  
Advent Sunday service



## 10th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Rev Peter Hallett

### **HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am **Café Church**

Rev Rob Stewart

### **ST PETER'S DYRHAM**

6.00pm **Carol Service**

Rev Peter Hallett

### **WICK CHAPEL**

9.45am **Breakfast Club**

Rev Steve Britton



## 17th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **9 Lessons & Carols**

The Choir

### **HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

6.30pm **Carols by Candlelight**

Rev Rob Stewart

### **WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am **Family Sharing for Christmas**

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## 24th December - Christmas Eve

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

3.00pm **Crib Service**

Jane Gillis & Crew

11.00pm **Midnight Communion**

Rev Rob Stewart

### **HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

6.30pm **Village Carol service**

Rev Rob Stewart

Start at Cross House, bring a lan-

tern.

### **WICK CHAPEL**

6.30pm **Candlelight Service**



## 25th December - Christmas Day

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **Christmas Service**

Steve Burgess

### **HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am **Christmas Service**

Rev Peter Hallett

### **ST PETER'S DYRHAM**

10.00am **Christmas Service**

Rev Rob Stewart

**and Holy Communion**

## 31st December - 1st Sunday of Christmas

### **ST THOMAS A BECKETT, PUCKLECHURCH**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

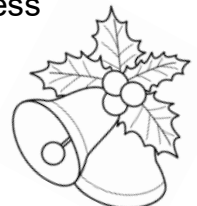
Rev Rob Stewart

**Joint Benefice Service**

Steve Burgess

### **WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am **The Holy Shed**



# Sunday Service

## 7th January - Epiphany

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **All Together**

**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am Holy Communion

**WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am **Family Communion**



Suzy Britton

Rev Rob Stewart

Rev Meryl White

## 14th January - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Rev Rob Stewart

**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am Café Church

Steve Burgess

**WICK CHAPEL**

9.45am **Breakfast Club**

Anthony Jefferies



## 21st January - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **Morning Worship**

Rev Peter Hallett

**WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am **Family Sharing**



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## 28th January - 4th Sunday of Epiphany

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **Morning Worship**

**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

**WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am **The Holy Shed**

Steve Burgess

Rev Peter Hallett



**YouTube**

## 4th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **All Together** Lay Team - Steve & Cathy

**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON/ST PETER'S DYRHAM**

10.00am **To be Confirmed**

**WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am **Family Communion** Rev Steve Britton



If you have things on your mind that you would like our Prayer Group to include in their prayers, please drop a line to [wickchurchwarden@gmail.com](mailto:wickchurchwarden@gmail.com). Rest assured your request will ONLY go to the Prayer Group, and your privacy will be respected at all times.

If you would like practical help; for things like getting a lift to church etc, use the churchwarden email address to let us know

## Wick Football Club



Hopefully the first team has turned a corner with recent results showing what the squad is capable of. Sadly, however, a long injury list is not helping the cause. They head into December in a mid-table league position and play a number of local derbys over the next few weeks.

Our Reserves and A Team have only played one game between them due to horrendous weather conditions throughout late Oct and Nov. The vets currently lie second in the top over 45's league and our Sunday are in third position and have scored 26 goals in the last four games. Local support is always welcome so why not come along and enjoy matchdays.

Everyone loves a **Quiz Night** – Wick FC are holding a quiz night on Sat 09 Dec, start 7:30pm. If you interested in entering a team, contact Ian Bright on wickfc@hotmail.co.uk.

If you would like to start playing football for Wick FC, please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352. Training is underway and open to anyone.



Merry Christmas to one and all.

**Up the OWLS.**

## Wick Sports Ground

Despite the atrocious weather, the pitches at Wick are in amazing condition thanks to the fantastic work by the ground care team. Help is always needed so volunteers are most welcome. The picnic area is now finished, and the native trees planted as a screen to the rear will make this a special place to relax. We do however need to report some vandalism to both the mud kitchen and climbing frame. We respectfully ask parishioners to help us keep a look out for any unwanted activities at the sports ground.

**Clubhouse & 3G Multi-Games Area For Hire** – If you are interested in hiring the outdoor court, please contact Matt on 07977 510352 for availability and costs.



## December and January Fixtures

### 1st Team (Kick-Off 2.00 pm) MGCL

02/12	H	Cheltenham Civil Service
09/12	A	Quedgeley Wands
16/12	H	Little Stoke
23/12	A	Frampton United
30/12	A	Gala Wilton
06/01	A	Bromley Heath Utd
13/01	TBC	
20/01	H	Broadwell Amateurs
27/01	H	Avonmouth

### Wick Vets (Kick-Off 10:30am) 45's Division 1

10/12	H	Red Stars
14/01	A	Chew Magna

### Reserves (Kick-off 2:00pm) Bristol Prem Comb

01/12	A	Bristol Prem Comb	St Nicholas
09/12	H	Patchway Town	
23/12	H	DRG Frenchay Saturday	
06/01	A	Stapleton	
13/01	A	Winterbourne United	
20/01	H	Bradley Stoke Town	
27/01	A	Nicholas Wanderers	

### A Team (Kick-Off 2:00 pm) B&D Div 4

02/12	A	Highridge United 'A'
09/12	H	Hanham Athletic Saturday A
16/12	H	Greyfriars Athletic A
23/12	A	Lion Reserves
06/01	A	Brislington 2nd
13/01	A	Real St George Reserves
20/01	H	Bristol United FC 1st
27/01	A	AFC Mangotsfield District Reserves

### Sunday Team (Kick-Off 10:30 am) Bristol Premier Sunday

03/12	A	Rockleaze Rangers
17/12	H	Bristol All Stars
07/01	A	Heritage United
14/01	H	Borussia Bristol
21/01	H	Southmead CS Athletic

### **Grants for local shops to cut carbon:**

Grants of up to £15,000 for local businesses to cut their energy bills and carbon emissions are now on offer.

The green grants are there for premises such as pubs, restaurants and shops to purchase and install energy efficient equipment - reducing their emissions by seven tonnes on average.

Grants are available on a first come, first served basis. For more information please contact: [lowcarbonbusiness@westofengland-ca.gov.uk](mailto:lowcarbonbusiness@westofengland-ca.gov.uk) or [0117 332 1520](tel:01173321520).

### **Keep Warm this Winter:**

It's important to stay above 17°C, especially if you're ill, an older person, or have young children. As Mayor of the West of England, once again I'm running a *Keep Warm this Winter* drive. For top tips please visit: [www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/keepwarm](http://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/keepwarm).

### **Birthday Buses - enjoy Christmas in style:**

Don't forget if your Birthday is coming up in December to apply for your FREE bus pass to enjoy the winter season in style.

You can use it to make as many journeys as you like without restrictions throughout the whole of your birthday month.

Head to [www.birthdaybus.co.uk](http://www.birthdaybus.co.uk) for more information and send off your application today.

### **Let's get jolly with your trolley!**

Finally as thoughts turn to Christmas shopping, don't forget to shop

# News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson

[www.wickabsonpcgov.uk](http://www.wickabsonpcgov.uk)

- **Contact email:** [wickabson\\_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wickabson_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)
- **Wick Village Hall:** since the 1950s, the hall has been run as a charitable trust with trustees carrying personal liability for anything going awry. The trust has now been converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation no.1202440, under the Charity Commission, with the Parish Council as the sole trustee and owner. The current hall management committee will remain in post.

- **Planning:**

P23/02973/HH – 78 Milford Avenue. Erection of single storey side extension to form additional living accommodation. *No objection.*

P23/02885/HH – The Stables, Chesley Hill. Erection of single storey side extension and installation of 2 no. dormer windows to front roof slope to form additional living accommodation, and one large dormer at the rear. Alterations to windows and doors changing materials. *No objection.*

- P23/03066/F – Bramley Barn and Olive Tree, Homeapple Hill. Change of use of use to holiday accommodation. *Objection on grounds of noise nuisance, parking on main road, sewage outfall.*
- **South Gloucestershire Council - draft new Local Plan**  
**Look out for a public consultation about building 80+ new homes in Wick and many more in Siston, Warmley and Pucklechurch. SGC claim building over the greenbelt is the only option. Landowners have also offered large plots for thousands of homes in South Gloucestershire. *Much more on this plan as we find out – Ed.***
- **Next Parish Council meeting is:**  
**7:15pm Thursday 14th December 2023, Wick Village Hall.**



# Wick CE Primary School Tour!

Will your child be starting primary school  
in September 2024?

If so, please take the opportunity to attend  
a tour of the school:

Friday 1st December - 9.00, 10.00 or 11.00

During the tours, there will be an opportunity to hear about what  
Wick CE Primary has to offer and to ask any questions.

We look forward to seeing you!

To book a place please email [parents@wickprimary.org.uk](mailto:parents@wickprimary.org.uk)  
giving your preferred choice of date and time.

Visit our website at: [www.wickprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.wickprimaryschool.co.uk)

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FRIENDS OF



WICK GOLDEN VALLEY  
LOCAL NATURE RESERVE



CHRISTMAS PARTY AND  
AGM



THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7PM

AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH HALL

QUIZ, SNACKS, DRINKS

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME- WHETHER YOU ARE A  
MEMBER OR JUST INTERESTED IN LOOKING  
AFTER OUR BEAUTIFUL NATURE RESERVE

Learn about events held and planned: Bat  
Walks, Bird identification and ringing,  
Charcoal making, Street Goats, Tree  
conservation, Little Dippers.



## *Pilates Classes at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall*

- **Tuesday 9:30am - 10:30am**
- **Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:30pm**
- **Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm**

**£30.00 for 4 week block**

**Tired of your aches and pains?  
Want to move easier and be stronger?  
or  
Looking for an exercise class to  
compliment your current exercise  
program?**

**Why not join me at one of my classes  
Call on 07773 492686**

**Numbers are limited so booking essential**

[www.coreandmore.co.uk](http://www.coreandmore.co.uk)



## **New yoga classes in Wick** [www.lushtums.co.uk/bath](http://www.lushtums.co.uk/bath)



### **Pregnancy Yoga & Birth Preparation Classes**

Mondays at 7pm in my Garden Studio: Nourishing movement to gently strengthen, ease away aches and ailments, and help you relax deeply during your pregnancy. Get ready for birth with powerful breathing techniques, visualisations, positions and movements.

### **Postnatal Mums & Babies Yoga Classes**

Beginning in January, these classes will help you recover your core strength after pregnancy, ease achy backs and shoulders and give you time to enjoy precious moments of rest and deep relaxation. Babies are included with their own lovely practices, so there's plenty of magical connection. Look out for the new timetable of classes on my website.

### **Women's Yoga**

Women of all ages are welcome to these classes, also starting in January. You won't find any handstands here, but you will find a beautiful balance of gentle strengthening, juicy stretching, playful flowing and restorative stillness. We end with a long guided relaxation/yoga nidra so you can really soak up the benefits of your practice.

Please visit my website for all the details. I look forward to welcoming you!

Mary



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

**Doors open for shopping from  
9:30am until 11am**

**The first Saturday of each  
month @ Wick Village Hall**

**As of October's Free-Cycle, entry is  
now £4 per adult - under 18s are  
still free with a paying adult!**

**Please note, we are unable to host a  
Free-Cycle in December** 



**Refreshments available**

**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**

## Christmas Eco Challenge

### Have a climate friendly Christmas

**Christmas presents don't need to cost the earth.** From buying second-hand to choosing sustainable products (and avoiding companies that aren't eco-friendly), there are plenty of ways to show your loved ones, and the planet, a little love.



**Be kind to the planet this Christmas** by making a donation to a charity working for the environment, either for yourself or as a gift to a loved one. You'll be helping make sure real action is taken to **protect our planet next year.**

If you want to be reassured that your real Christmas tree has been grown sustainably, not in a way that's environmentally damaging, look for the **FSC-certification**. And when you have taken off the decorations, you can **recycle your tree**.

When you are food shopping, try and choose things that are light on packaging, or buy loose items.

If you end up over-catering, **don't just bin what's left**. Transforming leftovers can be a great way to create new meals, save money and cut waste. For ideas, see the "[Love Food Hate Waste](#)" website.

It is estimated that around 50,000 trees are cut down each year to make enough wrapping paper for the UK. So why not **recycle or make your own** Christmas wrapping and decorations? Why not just wrap in blank paper or old magazines (choose the best pictures). And lots of wrapping paper contains plastic, so choose non-shiny paper.

Foraging for pine cones and holly is the perfect excuse to enjoy the great outdoors. *Thanks to Friends of the Earth for the above ideas.*

**Come January 2023:** Look back at the environment challenges for last year and think how you may **RECYCLE, REUSE and REDUCE** in the coming year.

*Make a NEW YEAR resolution to plant a tree or two this year.*

**Friends of  
Wick Village**



**Lighting of the  
Christmas Tree**

**Wick Village Hall**

**Monday 4th December**

**approx. 6.00pm**



**Mulled wine**

**Carols round  
the campfire**

**Burgers &  
hotdogs**





## Christmas services

17th December

**10.00am** A festival of 9 Lessons & Carols St Bartholomew's Wick

**10.30am** Family Sharing at Christmas Wick URC Chapel

**3.00pm** Carol Service St Thomas a Becket, Pucklechurch

**6.00pm** Carol Service at St Peter's Dyrham

**6.30pm** Carols by Candlelight, Holy Trinity Doynton



Christmas Eve

**10.00am** Holy Communion St Thomas a Becket, Pucklechurch

**3.00pm** Crib Service/ Dress up Nativity St Bartholomew's Wick

**6.30pm** Village Carols, starting at the Cross House, with  
lantern procession to Holy Trinity Doynton

**6.30pm** Candlelight Carols at Wick URC Chapel

**11.00pm** Midnight Communion, St Bartholomew's Wick

**11.00pm** Midnight Communion (with the Archdeacon)  
St Thomas a Becket, Pucklechurch



Christmas Day

**10.00am** Christmas Service St Bartholomew's Wick

**10.00am** Christmas Service with Holy Communion,  
Holy Trinity Doynton

**10.00am** Christmas Service with Holy Communion,  
St Peter's Dyrham

**10.00am** Christmas Service St Thomas a Becket, Pucklechurch





# WINE TASTING & CHEESE PAIRING WITH QUIZ AND RAFFLE

FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 7PM

DOYNTON VILLAGE HALL

£30 per person

Tickets via contacting  
Sarah Drayton



Raffle prizes kindly provided by The Cross House,  
Roka bag company, Mr B's book emporium, House  
of Frankenstein,  
St Aldam's nursery and more..

## **VERY ADVANCE NOTICE:**

**Friends of Wick Village invite you  
to join in with the preparations for,  
and enjoyment of, the annual  
Party in the Park.**

**Saturday, 13th July 2024.**

# ROTAS FOR DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024

## WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

**Dec 2nd/9th** Anne Reynolds  
**16th/23rd** Tina Holbrook  
**Jan 6th/13th** Suzy Britton  
**20th/27th** Yvonne Sykes



## WICK CHURCH CLEANING

**Dec 2nd** Sarah Hewett  
**16th** Monica Mumford  
**30th** Monica Mumford  
**13th** Jeannette Bailey  
**27th** Sue Butt

**9th** Cathy Burgess  
**23rd** Cathy Burgess  
**Jan 6th** Pat Russell  
**20th** Monica M & Barbara Higgs  
**Feb 3rd** Mr & Mrs Fry



## WICK SIDESPERSONS



**Dec 3rd** Jenny Lawrence  
**17th** Jane Brookman  
**24th 11.00pm** Colin & Jeannette Bailey  
**Jan 7th** Jenny Lawrence  
**21st** Anne & Nick  
**Feb 4th** Jane Brookman

**10th** Pat Russell & Pam Milton  
**24th 3.00pm** Anne & Nick  
**14th** Pat R & Pam M  
**28th** Steve Butt  
**11th** Jenny Lawrence

## 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

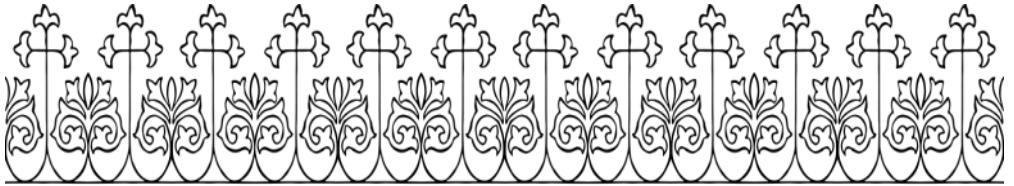
**No meeting on Dec 8th**, we're off on a jolly for a Christmas meal.  
**15th Dec** - a short Carol Service - everyone welcome!

No meeting on **22nd or 29th**, we'll be on the sofa at home with the sherry. **Back again on Jan 5th**. Come and join us!



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### From the parish registers:



**Baptisms** Arthur Dennehy 04<sup>th</sup> November Doynton

### Funerals:

John Churchman 03<sup>rd</sup> November Dyrham  
Margaret Perry 06<sup>th</sup> November Wick  
Paul Walker 08<sup>th</sup> November Wick (burial of ashes)  
Maureen Brown 16<sup>th</sup> November Wick  
Lilian (Ann) Nurse 20<sup>th</sup> November Wick  
Ian Bennett 29<sup>th</sup> November Wick  
Derek Farrall 04<sup>th</sup> December Westerleigh Crematorium.

