



# Parish News

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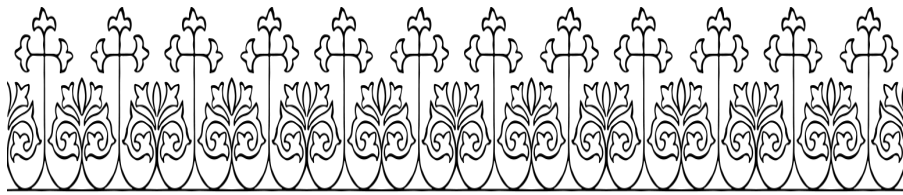
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May 2025



## Matters of Life and Death

This year's Lent gatherings, hosted at the chapel in collaboration with St Bartholomew's, focussed on four topics chosen by individual speakers under the umbrella of "Encountering God in our everyday lives". One of the topics, led by Rev. Elaine, was "death and resurrection" and it gave participants a chance to talk about what we believe or wonder or hope or doubt about what happens when we die.

I have just finished reading "A Beginner's Guide to Dying" by Simon Boas, an aid worker diagnosed with terminal cancer at 46. He wrote movingly and inspirationally about coming to terms with an untimely death. He described being brought up as a Christian, spending many years as an atheist – for him, it was "the problem of evil" that led him to a certainty that God could not exist – to later becoming "alive to the possibilities of many other explanations for [his] existence". He considered the "weirdness of quantum physics" and concluded that "it takes no greater leap ... to think that a loving creator made the universe, and that we are all manifestations of that creative force". The Lent gatherings gave people a chance to explore what they believe without judgment or prejudice.

Boas said that talking about death had helped him to enjoy life all the more, to prioritise the important things over the trivial, and to feel a little more compassion for others, all of whom are also trying to find sense and meaning in this brief, wonderful journey. May we be awake to the extraordinary miracle of our existence and may we remember that our lives are precious in all their details, even the painful and difficult bits.

Linda Byrne – with all good wishes from the Chapel

## News from St Bartholomew's

We had our AGM on Palm Sunday, and it was very cheering to see people from the school staying to find out how we work. Rev Elaine said that with her first year completed and her plan to increase the Prayerfulness of our community going well, she will be turning her attention to our Presence in the community this coming year. What would YOU like to see the church involved in, or offering? How would you like to see us more visible? More social events in the church room? More family events? More involvement/publicity for our environmental work in the churchyard? More info about the events of the church year? At the end of this month, for instance, we celebrate the Ascension . You might have vague memories of stories about Jesus going to heaven after he died, but so few of us have memories of Sunday school now that it all gets a bit muddled. Next month is Pentecost - who knows what THAT is?

Talking of environmental efforts - come and have a look at our lovely fruit trees! S Glos council are very keen to encourage trees to be planted, and offer serious support for anyone wanting to improve the situation. They arranged for "Common Connections" to employ Lawrence Trees to plant some in the churchyard AND apparently on the main road up from the church. They are not just for prettiness, it has been proven that cities and towns with a higher proportion of trees have cleaner air and lower temperatures in the hot summer months, so all-round wins!

And talking of the church room, we have been thinking about (a) redecorating, and (b) making it more energy efficient. We have had insulation put in the walls, and now, with the help of a very generous grant from the Parish Council, (*see page 11*) we are cracking on with improving the heating system. Our grateful thanks to the Parish Council for their help.

I need to look over my glasses in a solemn tone at several people, because of the way the compost bins in the churchyard are being treated as rubbish bins, but space forbids the full scale expression of my ire. I might rant a bit in the Owl's Nest...

# *Doynton Parish Pump*

Don't forget to vote in the **Combined Authority Mayor election** on May 1st. Our local polling station is the village hall.

Advance notice of the **annual residents' meeting and annual meeting of the Parish Council**, which will take place on **Tuesday May 6th** (7.00 p.m.) at the village hall. This will be followed by a regular Doynton Parish Council meeting. Residents welcome at all meetings.

**The Memory Café** at Doynton will meet on **Thursday May 8th**, 2.00–4.00 p.m. at the village hall (**not May 1st** as voting in the mayoral election is taking place in the hall on that day). Anyone with dementia or memory loss, with their family member or carer, is very welcome. For more information, see Facebook "The Memory Cafe at Doynton", email mcdoynton [at] gmail.com or tel. 07817 311001. We would love to hear from potential volunteers, especially those living in Doynton.

Doynton Parish Council event to commemorate the **80th anniversary of VE Day: Thursday May 8th** from 6.30 p.m. at Doynton Mill field, off Rookery Lane. Fish and chips £15, sausage and chips £12, halloumi and chips £13 (ticket includes one free drink). Lighting of the beacon at 9.30 p.m. Tickets from Elaine Roch (07799 280743), Lisa Williams (07974 771670), Sue Merrell or Warm Wednesday coffee mornings.

**The life of trees:** come to the village hall on **Friday May 30th** (6.00 p.m.) to learn all about trees with Nigel de Berker, an arboricultural consultant. There will be a 30-minute talk, accompanied by a slide show and followed by a short walk around Doynton identifying and discussing local trees. Free entry, though donations for research into sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP) would be appreciated.

At the April meeting of **Doynton and Wick WI**, Claire Bounds of Avon and Somerset Police shared some valuable tips on avoiding the scams that are so frequent nowadays, both online and face-to-face. The golden rule is "take five and tell two" – step back for five minutes and think whether that request to move money from your bank account is really likely to be genuine, and tell two other people, since they will not have been influenced by the scammer's persuasive arguments and scare tactics. At the meeting in May, members will vote on the resolutions they wish to see adopted at national level. Fiona Edwards will speak on "working with glass", and the competition is "a piece of coloured glass". All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday May 7th, 7.30 p.m.

**Doynton village market:** next markets **May 3rd and 17th** (NB no market May 31st), 10.00–11.00 a.m., at the village hall. This report comes fresh following the second market in April: if any of you readers are also our customers, then a big thank-you for your support, we had a cracking two markets this month, which has been a joy to be part of, particularly as the second market was part of the Easter weekend. We had a lovely spread of produce, the baking table had a good choice of Easter seasonal goodies from biscuits to Simnel cakes, we also had our traditional fare of savoury goods, Scotch eggs, sausage rolls, quiches, pies and our gluten-free vegetarian range, along with a new batch of sausages from the son of one of our members who is studying at an agricultural university: he keeps Oxford Sandy and Black pigs, which yield a nice proper sausage, and to prove it we had some samples – lovely. The garden produce table had its usual pick of potatoes, leeks, sprouting broccoli, spring greens, also tomato plants starting to make an appearance, an array of flowers looking lovely and the usual eggs. Our craft tables also don't disappoint, with a great choice of cards, pictures, paintings, stuffed figures, sewn goods and knits, and we also welcomed in Olivia from the village with her range of wax melts, there certainly was a pleasant odour emanating from that side of the hall. As producers, we love what we make and sell, and love talking to our customers. We look forward to seeing you on the first and third Saturdays of the month, check us out on Facebook (Doynton Village Market), or tel. or message 07711 670704 before midday on the Wednesday before the market.

**Doynton village fête:** the fête is back on **June 14th** (1.00–4.00 p.m.) around the village hall and the orchard, with the usual range of summer attractions, including cream teas, barbeque, children's sports, farm animals, Morris dancers, entertainer and brass band. Please put the date in your diary and bring any donations – bottles, home-made produce, plants, bric-a-brac, children's toys, books, etc. – along on the morning of the fête.

Don't forget **Warm Wednesdays:** 10.30 a.m.–12 noon at the village hall, for tea/coffee, sweet treats and a good gossip!

**Down in the dumps:** did you know that, if you want to visit the local waste recycling centre at Mangotsfield, you now have to pre-book a slot online? Go to <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/book-recycling-centre/> to book a slot up to two weeks in advance.



## The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for **May**

Please email

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

with your news items for the June

edition no later than

**Tuesday 20th May**

*Anthea Watts writes:*

On 27 March members had a work out from their chairs with Philomena and enjoyed refreshments afterwards which included Easter nests. They also went home with a daffodil which committee member Christine had kindly knitted and donated.

Ten of us enjoyed the group meeting at Marshfield when several members from the various WIs guessed who the murderer was. However our own Pauline came out the final winner when her name was chosen out of the hat. We enjoyed crudities on the table whilst watching the murder mystery, followed by a lovely supper of baked potatoes and salad with dessert of lemon drizzle cake with cream.

### **Future meetings**

**22 May** - Resolutions followed by a quiz - with wine and cheese

**26 June** - Visiting 30 cathedrals around England on horseback

**24 July** - A Bristol murder with Rob Jones

### **Forthcoming events**

We will be having lunch in Page Park on 7 May to celebrate VE Day. Our members will be going on a boat trip with a visit to the M Shed on Thursday 15 May. A bluebell walk to be arranged, with more information later.

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



Following on from last year's successful event Friends of Wick Village invite you to their second Open Garden Gate.



**This FREE event takes place on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May  
1pm-5pm in Wick.**

Eleven venues will welcome everyone and between them there will be something of interest for everyone. This year the Village Hall will be hosting an exhibition/competition 'A Garden in a Seed Tray' ( turn up with your entry from 12-1 pm )

This is open to young and young at heart. Public vote and prizes for the different age categories.

So lots to see, lots to do and definitely no Bank Holiday traffic jams !

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This month's thank you to is **to all our volunteers**. Without you all printing, folding, bundling, distributing and delivering, this magazine wouldn't happen. If we had to pay people to do these jobs, we would go under. So we are VERY grateful!

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Even though our younger, more technologically minded, villagers access this mag through websites etc, there is still a sizeable number of people who rely on the printed copies, and find them very useful, so your efforts are vital! Thank you!

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If you have any opinions or suggestions for us, PLEASE let us know!  
Please email [wickparishmagazine@outlook.com](mailto:wickparishmagazine@outlook.com) with your views.  
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"What's THAT?" I hear your baffled cries. That, ladies and gentlemen, is plastic. Wot does not rot. So absolutely should NOT be in a compost bin in the churchyard, whose function is to rot things down.

**PLEASE, use the rubbish bin!**



## Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

### Women's Institute

For our April meeting members enjoyed a stimulating talk by guest speaker Jenny Mackenzie who works as a voluntary caseworker for the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA) Charity. Jenny retired from paediatric palliative care nursing 6 years ago and, determined not to sit still, trained as a SSAFA caseworker supporting both working and retired military personnel and their families in difficult times. Jenny provided an overview of all the amazing work SSAFA offer. If you are interested in joining SSAFA please contact <https://www.ssafa.org.uk>



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

- **8<sup>th</sup> May** – Presentations on "The Northwest Passage, Life, Disaster and Humanity in the High Arctic" by guest speaker Bruce Gawler.
- **12<sup>th</sup> June**- Mindfulness session in the Orchard led by Sue Webb (Pilates and fitness instructor)

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



Book Club members met on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at a member's house discuss the book "The Mercies" by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. A compelling read inspired by real life events of the Vardo storm and the 1620 witch trials. Our next read is "There are Rivers in the Sky" by Elif Shafak.

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. For further information please contact us at:

[dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com](mailto:dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com)

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> May.



### 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.

The recent exhibition of their work was very well supported by the various villagers, so much so that the art group are encouraged to put on another exhibition some time in the not too distant future.

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 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.

**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.**

### WI Spring Craft Fair

Our Spring Craft Fayre will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00—4.00pm at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall. There will be a variety of craft stalls, tea/coffee and cake and light refreshments. All welcome, please come and join us.



## News from the URC Chapel

Our main event in May will be the display of memorabilia, pictures, Powerpoint telling us the history of Wick and the surrounding area. This coincides with the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe. A service to commemorate the 80th anniversary will be held on Sunday 10th at 10.30.



We are also grateful to East Bristol Auctions who, on Thursday and Friday, between 10.00 and 2.00 will be present to give advice and accept entries for up and coming auctions. No appointment necessary and anything welcome.

Refreshments will be available.

Our thanks go to Richard Stallard and Carolyn Williams for making this possible.

How lucky are we in Wick to have these archivists.

We held our AGM on Palm Sunday, during which we were reminded by Margaret Jones of all that we had achieved during 2024. It would not be possible without our supportive and dedicated congregation.

Linda Byrne led our services over the Easter period. As usual, we decorated the empty cross with flowers and displayed it on the war memorial for all to see that Christ is risen.

Please join us for our event to celebrate VE Day on 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th May.

## News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson [www.wickabsonpcgov.uk](http://www.wickabsonpcgov.uk)

- Parish Clerk email contact: [wickabson\\_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wickabson_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)
- **SGC Local Plan S.19 consultation response:**  
**Is it sound?** The PC has requested that the Planning Inspectorate instruct SGC to conduct a review of the 2023 eastern Bristol fringe housing needs analysis (5,595 homes) in conjunction with SGC's latest estimate of the level of housing development proposed (23,000 homes), and that further consideration is given to investment in infrastructure, roads and especially the A420, currently absent from the plan.
- **Brockwell Park:** new picnic benches will be installed near the play area.
- **Village Hall:** by the time you read this, the car park will have been lined.
- **Grants:** St Bartholomew's Church Hall: £2.5k towards replacement heating, lighting & insulation.
- **Parkers Avenue:** road closure for D Day 80 celebrations – *no objection*.
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** 7:15 pm, Thursday 5 June 2025. All welcome. This is the annual meeting for parishioners and local groups to highlight activities during the last year and plans for 2025/2026.
- **Planning:**  
P25/00561/TRE: 23 St Annes Drive, Wick – crown reduction of oak tree subject to TPO - *no objection*.  
P25/00654/CLP: 12 St Francis Drive, Wick – loft conversion – *no objection*.  
P25/00667/HH: 78 Milford Avenue, Wick – single storey rear extension – *no objection*.  
P25/00806/HH: 18 Milford Avenue, Wick – garden annexe – *no objection*.
- **AGM and Parish Council meeting:**  
**7:15pm Thursday 8th May 2025, Wick Village Hall.**

## Wick Football Club



For those who have followed the fortunes of the four Wick sides, it is no surprise to see that each team have had an excellent season, with all teams competing for top honours. With just three games to go, the first team are still in with a chance to take the County League title, but regardless this has been an exceptional season for our new first team. Cory Langdon has now managed to score forty-one goals (in all competitions) and is also top of the charts for assists. Our management team of Callum Fudgell, Josh Brown and Ben Mackenzie, are really proud of the lads and the team spirit is fantastic.

Our reserves are looking for a top four finish, and at the time of writing are unbeaten on their last three games. They play Oldland Colts on Saturday 19th April at SBL School. Callum Whooley heads their top goalscoring charts, currently on thirteen for the season.

The Sunday side have been pipped for the Bristol Sunday Premier League title by HouseLanders and are runners-up for the second year running. Danny Hawkins and Johnny Towler JR have another chance of honours when they play arch-rivals Bristol Academia in the league cup final on Sunday 27th of April at Bristol Manor Farm FC, KO 10:30am.

The Vets continue as they have done for many seasons, they have booked a place in the Bristol Corinthians League Over 45 cup final, and they are hoping to retain the cup against either Barely Athletic or KCC Vets on Sunday 18th May. The final takes place at Fry's FC, KO 10:30am. A league and cup double for the second-year running is still on the cards, they currently lie top of league in division one, with one game to play. Chew Magna Vets are still able to catch them, so the title may go to goal difference. It's been a fantastic season

If you fancy watching a game, the clubhouse is open from 1pm on matchdays selling hot/cold drinks, rolls and hot Cornish pasties.

New 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.

**Presentation Night** – This year's event is being held at the ground on Saturday 10th of May, all welcome. Why not pop up and celebrate our success.

**Up the OWLS.**

### May Fixtures

**1st Team (KO 2pm) MGCL**

3rd May H Broadwell Amateurs

**Vets (KO 10:30am) 45's Div 1 Cup Final**

18th May A KCC or Barely Athletic (At Frys FC)

### Wick Sports Ground

As the football season closes, WSG look forward to hosting a number of summer events at the ground, which will be scheduled around our annual groundwork. The playing facilities at WSG are some of the very best in Gloucestershire and further afield, and this is the result of the annual groundwork which we have professionally done, and the dedicated work of our Groundcare team. Each year WSG needs to generate sufficient income to meet its outgoings, which the voluntary work carried out by the committee helps to minimise. However, the annual cost of the groundwork needed to keep our grass pitches in such good order exceeds £5k. Helping to support WSG with summer events, help us to reinvest in facilities improvement, so please support us where you can. WSG is a not-for-profit registered charity.

Volunteers are always welcome as there is always work to do, so if you have a little bit of time and energy, and would like to help (however small), please get in touch with Matt Davis on 07977 10352.

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

# Sunday Services May 2025

## 4th May - 3rd Sunday of Easter

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **All Together** Sarah Hewett and Jane Brookman



### HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am **Holy Communion** Rev Steve Britton

### WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Family Communion**

### ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Holy Communion** Rev Elaine Jones



### ST JAMES'S ABSON

6.30pm **Evensong** Omar Beg

## 11th May - 4th Sunday of Easter

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Holy Communion** Rev Elaine Jones

### HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am **Café Church**

### WICK CHAPEL

10.00am **80th Anniversary of VE Day Commemoration**

### ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Morning Prayer** Omar Beg



## 18th May - 5th Sunday of Easter

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Morning Worship** Steve Burgess

### HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am **Holy Communion** Rev Huw Davis

### WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Family Sharing**



### ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Café Church**

### ST JAMES'S ABSON

8.45am **Holy Communion**

Rev Elaine Jones



Rev Huw Davis

## 25th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Community Church**

Rev Elaine Jones

### ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am **Morning Worship**

Steve Burgess

### WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **The Holy Shed**



### ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Rev Steve Britton

## 1st June - Sunday after Ascension Day

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **All Together**

Steve & Cathy Burgess

### HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Rev Elaine Jones

### WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Morning Service**

Rev Steve Britton

### ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Rev Huw Davis

### ST JAMES'S ABSON

6.30pm **Evensong**

Rev Elaine Jones







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

Donations are accepted between 8:30am and 9:30am on the day of the event, or between 2pm and 3pm the day before the event (Friday) in Wick Village Hall

Doors open for shopping from 9:30am 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!



Please note, we can no longer take donations of car seats

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

### ENVIRONMENT Challenge NO MOW MAY:

No Mow May is important because not mowing our lawns supports biodiversity by creating a haven for pollinators like bees and other insects, who rely on flowering plants for food and shelter. By allowing lawns to grow longer in May, natural lawn flowers can bloom, providing vital nectar and pollen for pollinators during a time when food sources may be scarce.

Many insects such as butterflies and single bees lay their eggs on grasses in May, so although it may look less neat, longer grass is just as important as wild flowers. So don't mow your lawns in May, or at least use a long cut, not short.

I was in Australia in April, and concerns about the environment are similar to those we have in our local area and the UK. Elections are coming in Australia in May with much debate about coal and gas production and on the other side promotion of renewable energy to reduce CO2 and global warming.



I was pleased to see this poster in one small New South Wales village. See it as an encouragement to us also, and our actions.

Steve Burgess



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

In May we will welcome the return of our Ballroom Duo who will entertain us with their moves and even encourage a few onto the dance floor!

The date for this will be the 8<sup>th</sup> as our usual first Thursday of the month slot is taken for elections! .

The session as always finish with the ever- popular singing followed by.. The BIG RED BALLOON!

Our theme for June is Animals! We hope to have a visit from some animals who are used to meeting children and other groups of people in a setting like ours!

Members of the Memory Café will be encouraged to bring a treasured teddy!

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

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



## The Memory Café at Doynton

Dementia Awareness Week 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dementia Action Week 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025

As part of our work this year to support people living with dementia, we are offering a few suggestions of things that everyone can do to help.

These suggestions are:-

- Approach people in a friendly manner
- Be patient and understanding
- Establish and maintain eye contact
- Talk slowly and clearly
- Give time for a response
- Be gentle and kind
- Be aware that some responses may be different to what you expect
- Offer help if appropriate

**Thank you so much we appreciate your support.**

Our cafe continues to meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month from 2-4pm at Doynton Village Hall. **NOTE** that in May we have moved to the second Thursday due to local elections, so our cafe will be Thursday 8th May. Anyone with dementia or memory loss is welcome, together with their family member or carer. Refreshments are available and each month we have activities and a theme.

In May we will have the return of Terry and Jenny, accomplished teachers of ballroom dancing to entertain us and maybe get us on our feet to join in!

In June we are hoping to have a visit from some small animals.

At all our cafes we have art and craft activities, word searches, quizzes and a



Worrying about the impact of the proposed new housing? Thinking that our local roads, surgeries, shops and community resources won't cope with an influx of thousands of people? Grieving, or furious, over the potential loss of beautiful Green Belt?

There is still time to contact the Council to let them know your opinion on the Local Plan.

Read what S Glos are saying here:

**South Gloucestershire New Local Plan | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council**

Comment directly here: [Commenting FAQ.pdf](#)

Look at supporting the work of Save Our Green Spaces S Glos



They have a Facebook page: **Save Our Green Spaces S Glos**

And a website:

**Save Our Green Spaces South Gloucestershire, sogssg, sogs-sg | sgc local plan**



**Dementia Action Week will take place from 19 - 25 May 2025**

**We are working to raise awareness of the importance of an early diagnosis for people affected by dementia.**

**1 in 3 people living with dementia do not have a diagnosis.**

**A diagnosis is vital to give people access to the care, treatment and support they desperately need.**

If you're worried about yourself, or someone close to you, then check your symptoms today using our symptoms checklist.

Visit [alzheimers.org.uk](http://alzheimers.org.uk)

**Alzheimer's Society**  
Together we are help & hope for everyone living with dementia

Alzheimer's Society operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Registered charity no 264401.



## Fostering – make a real difference to a young life

Are you feeling inspired to contribute more to your local community? One way you could make a life-changing difference is to become a foster carer.

South Gloucestershire Council is looking to increase the number of foster carers in this area, so that children and young people coming into care can stay in their local communities, close to friends and family.

Foster carers play a vital role in looking after vulnerable children, they provide loving and stable homes for those who are unable to live with their birth families.

South Glos foster carers benefit from financial support, comprehensive training, a dedicated social worker, and access to a therapeutic support team and 24-hour duty team.





The fostering community comes together with throughout the year for daytrips, family fun days and seasonal events. And smaller, family constellations connect even more regularly to support each other like extended family.

Every application to foster is considered on an individual basis and you can be a foster carer regardless of your marital status, sexuality, employment status, ethnicity, or religion. There is no upper age limit, but you do need to have a spare bedroom for a child or young person to use.

The new vicar (*well, not really “new” now - she’s been here a year already*) is keen to dispel some of the unnecessary mystery that might put people off coming to church. So here, for your edification...

# STOLES

THE VICAR USES THESE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CONGREGATION

PATTERN →				
WHAT THE VICAR INTENDS IT TO MEAN →	CHRISTIANITY BRINGS NEW GROWTH	THE SPIRIT IS AT WORK	THE BIBLE IS VERY IMPORTANT	WE ARE ALL ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH
WHAT THE CONGREGATION THINKS IT MEANS →	WE COULD DO WITH SOME HELP WITH THE OVERGROWN CHURCHYARD	ONE DAY WE WILL GET SOME PROPER HEATING	IN SOME WAYS A STOLE LOOKS SIMILAR TO A VERY LARGE BOOKMARK	I LIKE TRAINS

*This Dave Walker cartoon previously appeared in The Church Times*



# Wick Open Garden Gate Trail

1pm-5pm

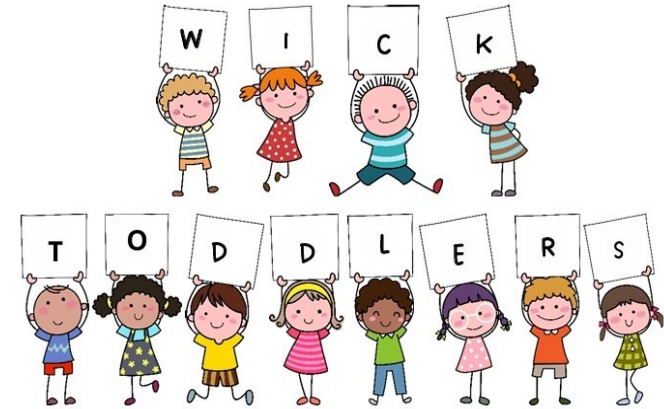
## Bank Holiday Monday 26th May

**ELEVEN** beautiful gardens open for you to explore! No entrance fees! Come and see how gorgeous your neighbours have made their gardens.

Round the afternoon off by popping into the Village Hall, where the youngsters (and young at heart!) will be displaying their "Gardens in a seed tray".



Have a go at designing a 'Garden in A Seed Tray' ! Bring them to Wick Village Hall between 12 and 1 on Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May. They will be put on display so everyone can see them, and there will be prizes in every age category.



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Doynton Village Hall



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1.00pm

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## ROTAS FOR MAY 2025

### WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

3rd/10th Anne Reynolds  
 17th/24th Monica Mumford  
 31st/7th Suzy Britton



### WICK CHURCH CLEANING

3rd Mr & Mrs Fry                      10th Sue Butt  
 17th Anne Reynolds 24th Suzy Britton  
 31st Jeannette Bailey      June 7th Jenny  
 Lawrence




### WICK SIDESPERSONS

4th Mark Hudson  
 11th Steve Butt  
 18th Colin & Jeannette Bailey  
 25th Jenny Lawrence  
 June 1st Jane Brookman and Pam Milton



### REFRESHMENTS

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 18th Tina Holbrook  
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