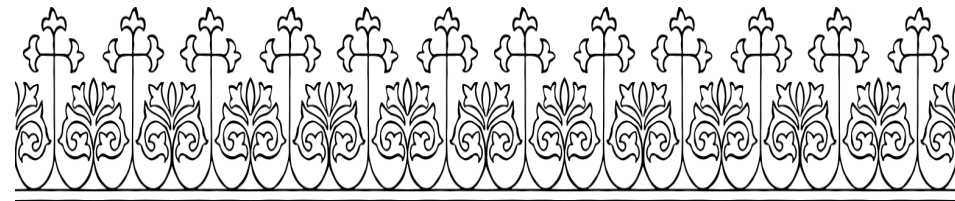


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Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



From the Registers

Baptisms



Bella Becker 12 October, St Bartholomew's, Wick

Neo Becker 12 October, St Bartholomew's, Wick

Marley Ronald Abraham 30th November 2025, St Bartholomew's, Wick

December 2025

January 2026

Dear Friends,

Winter is here and Christmas is coming, for many of us it comes around so quickly and we think where has the year gone? Each of you will have experienced 2025 in different ways, for some it will have been a joyful year, for others a challenging year, or perhaps it's been a year like so many others? No matter how your year has gone, we now move into a season of hope as we once again we hear the Good News of Jesus who came into the world to show us the Father's love and for our salvation.

As I think back over Christmas' of old there are so many happy memories. Making soundless bells for the Christmas tree cut from egg boxes, wrapped in tin foil and hung on the tree with a bit of string. The Christmas dinners with family and friends, some of whom are no longer with us. Playing the latest board games or hosting a quiz night bringing out our competitive side and the table overflowing with food and drink creating a lovely warm fuzzy feeling of love and joy.

It didn't take much to make Christmas feel magical and for each of us to experience the joy of Christmas, using the simplest of things to bring out the best in us and to show we care. In the same way it doesn't take much to make Christmas a special time for others.

Some amongst us this year may have lost that feeling of hope, maybe the road has got a bit tough or lonely and Christmas has somehow lost its sparkle? The last thing we want to do is celebrate. Yet the Good News of Christmas goes much deeper than the joyful celebrations as it tells of us of the light that not only shines in the darkness but has overcome it. The light of love, the light of hope, the Light of Jesus.

For many people, Christmas isn't Christmas without going to church, so we call you to come and join us and be reignited by the Christmas story we share year upon year. A story that draws us closer to one another and towards the One whom we celebrate, the Light of the World, the one we know as Jesus.

With love and prayers

Reverend Elaine

For services see our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BoydValleyBenefice>

News from St Bartholomew's

Well, "All Things Environmental" are really cracking on, here! We had a fantastic turnout to our planting day at the beginning of November, with lots of people enthusiastic about the opportunity to grub about in the dirt - I mean, planting the native hedgerow whips, and hundreds and hundreds of daffodil bulbs! Because there were so many of us, we were done, dusted and refreshed (a BIG thank you to those who provided a scrumptious lunch) by midday. Next on the agenda is the wildflower plug planting - by the time you get this issue, we will have hopefully planted an area of the field at the back of church, with the help of some of the children from school. Don't worry if you saw large machinery for a day or so, they were preparing the ground ready to receive the plugs/seedlings. I know it seems a daft time to be planting, but the soil still carries some residual warmth from the summer, which will help the plants settle, and several wildflower species actually need the cold as part of their life cycle, so it's not as mad as it seems, honestly. And next spring it will look amazing!

But I know what you're all thinking - what about CHRISTMAS? We will have our usual astonishingly beautiful tree and church decorations (*although my dream of a host of illuminated stars and angels on the roof won't happen again this year, sigh*), and a lovely varied mix of preparatory and celebratory services: for those of a traditional bent, we have a beautiful Nine Lessons & Carols on 14th Dec and Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve (**which starts at 11pm**, don't get caught out!). For young families and the Young At Heart, come to the Crib Service at 3pm on Christmas Eve; we get dressed up, tell the familiar and much-loved story, encourage the children to sing "Away in a manger" without the adults, it's all quite beautiful and a perfect way to start Christmas.

Then, when we head into the New Year, we will begin in earnest the job of replacing the church roof. Does anyone know how to make one of those enormous thermometers showing how much we've raised towards it? I think it's the rules that we have to have one...

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



Doynton Parish Pump

Christmas at Holy Trinity church: December 21st, 6.30 p.m.: Carols by Candlelight – please bring a candle in a suitable holder. **Christmas Eve, December 24th**: meet at the Cross House Inn at 6.30 p.m. for a Nativity walk around the village, followed by a short, family-friendly service in the church. **Christmas Day**: Morning Worship at 10.00 a.m. (to be confirmed).

The BigGive Christmas Appeal will double donations to charity made between 2 and 9 December. The charities that will benefit include **our local foodbank, North Bristol and South Glos.** (see <https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a05WS000006dKRiYAM>). The foodbank has also posted a list of its 12 most wanted items this Christmas: see <https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk/christmas-wish-list/>.

The next meeting of the **Memory Café at Doynton** will take place on **Thursday December 4th**, 2-4 p.m. at Doynton village hall, where festive fun awaits! Anyone living with dementia or memory loss is welcome to attend with a family member or carer. You can find us on Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton” or text us on 07817 311001. **The first meeting of 2026 will take place on January 8th** (not 1st), and the theme will be “armchair fitness” – which we will all need after the excesses of the holiday season!

Doynton Village Market has gone into Christmas mode: we are taking orders on Christmas cakes and other goodies, but don't leave it too late! At our next market on **December 6th**, there will be fresh home-produced lamb, and on the 20th any lamb left over will be available frozen. Our last market of the year will be on **December 20th**, where we will be serving a complimentary tea or coffee and mince pie. No market January 3rd or 31st, but we hope to see you on **January 17th**, and we are back to normal in **February (7th and 21st)**. We wish all of you a very merry Christmas and happy new year, with heartfelt thanks to all of our customers for your support during 2025. It is your presence that helps make the market what it is, and we know a lot of you so well, we think of you as friends; this is one of the reasons we do what we do.

The **Warm Wednesdays community café** will take a break on December 24th and 31st. See you again on **January 7th 2026**, 10.30–12.00 in the village hall!

English tradition of wassailing, to scare away evil spirits and produce a good apple harvest for next year. All welcome – dress warmly and bring along a torch and something to make a noise!

The Emersons Green Running Club race team is returning to Doynton on **Sunday February 8th** for the 10th edition of the **Doynton Hard Half Marathon**. We'll be guiding 750 runners around fields, up hills and through streams to experience what has become a popular event in the South-West cross-country running calendar. If you're able to spare a few hours on Sunday 8th, we're always looking for volunteers – please contact Pete on 07793 619684 or email [dhhm\[at\]emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk](mailto:dhhm[at]emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk). For more details, see www.doyntonhardhalfmarathon.co.uk.



The next **seed swap and plant sale** will take place on **March 14th** in Doynton village hall. Please donate seeds, seedlings, bulbs, etc., as well as garden equipment (tools, large ceramic or plastic pots, gardening books, etc. – all in good working order please).

Doynton and Wick WI: the November meeting was our AGM, where Sue Hickmore was elected as our new President. Many thanks to Tina Holbrook for her amazing 10 years in the post. Tina and her committee reported on the events of the year. The rest of the evening was spent on home-grown craft activities – arrangements of Christmas greenery, Christmas cards and felt ornaments, and remarkably authentic-looking marzipan fruits [yum! Ed.]. The meeting on **December 10th** will be a Christmas meal at the Cross House, Doynton, 7.00 p.m. – remember your Secret Santa present (max. value £5.00) and cash for the charity collection. On **January 14th** (7.30 p.m.), the WI will decamp to Wick Chapel for an evening of entertainment from our very own Ben Stokes.

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

No excuses: Friends of Summers Field will be holding their **autumn feast and barn dance on Saturday November 14th 2026**. Please save the date and come along and support us if you can.

*The Pump will be spending the holiday season
wassailing all over the town. Happy Christmas*



The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for **December and January**

Please email

wickparishmagazine@outlook.com

with your news items for the **February**

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

Anthea Watts writes:

At our annual meeting on 23 October our President, Wendy Hayes, agreed to take office for another year together with Secretary Pauline Fudge, and Treasurer Carol Slocombe.

Our stall at Hanham Community Centre on 15 November raised a welcome profit for our funds. Thanks to all members who helped on the day.

Future meetings

18 December - Christmas celebrations

22 January - Members meeting - games night

26 February - Exercises from your chair with Philomena Connolly

Forthcoming events

A visit to Lacock has been organised for Monday 24 November. We will have a walk around the village, see the Christmas decorations at the garden centre and have lunch.

Our Christmas meal this year will be at Kendleshire Golf Club on Wednesday 3 December, which we look forward to.

The Federation Christmas carol service will be in Thornbury this year on Tuesday 16 December. Four of our members will be accompanying the choir on their ukuleles for one carol.

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. Contact our President, Wendy Haynes, on 07930 851582 for more information

Wishing our readers a Merry Christmas and good wishes for a great 2026



A big THANK YOU to everyone who came to the planting day at church! A fantastic turnout, what could have been a massive undertaking was done in no time. We planted a hundred native hedgerow whips, and nearly a thousand daffodil bulbs, and still had time to eat lunch together!

What an amazing community we are part of.

Thank you, too, to the Brownies who came and did lots of planting for us, we are VERY grateful for all your hard work.

The Community Speedwatch campaign is underway, with data being captured by volunteers locally. *(A decidedly disreputable bunch of dodgy-looking characters loitering outside the church, all fligged up in hi-vis jackets, trying to look official)*



The Parish Council told us recently that 70% of drivers exceed the 30mph limit on some of our roads, so hopefully, the sight of locals brandishing a monitor might deter them.

(Not actual dodgy locals)

Horizon Construction lodged an appeal against the refusal of their application to build on the land* opposite what was the Carpenter's Arms, and South Glos council have dismissed it. More details on page 11.

*This land is generally considered to be flood plain for the river Boyd - see [Wick Flood Map](#) on Getthedata.com and the Parish Council info here [Flood risk | Wick & Abson Parish Council](#) wickabsonpcgov.uk

Got family coming for Christmas? Looking for somewhere local they can stay? Yew Tree Cottage on Holbrook Lane has a lovely Annexe that has been rated 4* by Visit England! It sleeps 2 people in 1 bedroom, has a well equipped kitchen, lounge area with views over fields and our lovely garden.

For more info, Tel: 07736 448853, or Email: Info@yewtreebath.co.uk www.yewtreebath.co.uk



Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute

On Saturday 1st November we held a successful Charity Coffee Morning at the Village Hall, with the delicious array of cakes and raffle raising a healthy sum of just over £400 which was divided equally between Southmead Hospital Christmas Appeal and Macmillan Cancer Support.



For our November meeting we enjoyed a Christmas craft themed evening led by Debbie our in-house creative expert. Through much chatter and hands-on crafting, members made Santa hat tree decorations complete with furry beards and wooden noses adding that extra Christmas sparkle.

Future meetings: (Meetings 2nd Thursday every month 7pm Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall)

- **11th December:** Christmas Meal – The Cross House Doynton
- **24th January:** Panto Trip out to Peter Pan by Warmley Players

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



Book Club members are due to meet up on Wednesday 26th November to discuss our latest read Friends of Dorothy by Sandi Togsvik.

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

dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com

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 mornings 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

If you would like to add or improve your skill or just be part of a friendly group please call Andrew Hedges 01179372928 to learn more and register your interest.

Classes will run until the 2nd of December with a break for Christmas and resume on the 6th January.



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

News from the Friends of Wick Village:



As 2025 draws to a close, we'd like to take this opportunity to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone that has helped us with our community events over the past year. Whether it's been volunteering your time to help, donating raffle prizes, sponsoring an event, turning up to support, or anything else besides – it's a real community effort, for which we are grateful.

We've had film afternoons, quiz nights, the Open Garden Gate Trail, Party in the Park, Spooky Night and at time of writing, we are busy planning the village Light Illumination and Christmas market. We hope you have been able to enjoy some of these events, and we hope to see you at more of them in 2026.

With that in mind, we have a few dates for your diaries:

Film matinee at Wick Village Hall – 12th February 2026

Open Garden Gate Trail – 25th May 2026

Party in the Park – 11th July 2026

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fun-filled festive season and health and happiness for the new year ahead.

The Friends of Wick Village x

STOP PRESS:

The Christmas Tree lighting was an enormously successful evening: the VW vans covered in fairy lights, the market stalls, the enormous beautifully lit Tree, the food and the bar, the firepit, (with obligatory marshmallows), the carols, the "snow" - most of the village was there! This event gets bigger and better each year, don't miss out next year.

News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson

www.wickabsonpcgov.uk

- **Parish Clerk email contact:** wickabson_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk
- **Grants:** As we approach the end of 2025, local community group leaders will be planning next year's activities. Wick and Abson Parish Council still has grant monies available for local community groups, youth groups and friends' groups so if you think that a grant may help to support your group activities in 2026, please do apply for a grant before Christmas so that it may be considered at the January 2026 PC meeting. More information here: https://www.wickabsonpcgov.uk/?page_id=7550
- **Council tax precept:** the precept is the part of your council tax that is passed to town and parish councils to enable them to provide local services such as grass cutting and litter bins, and to maintain/improve parish owned assets such as Brockwell Park, the village hall, Wick Sports Ground and the bus shelters. The PC has agreed to seek a 3.5% increase in the 2026/2027 precept which is below inflation. This equates to approximately £4 per household for the whole year.
- **Wick Sports Ground:** the application to open the clubhouse and supply alcohol to members 7 days a week was granted by SGC Licensing department. *(Cheers! Ed.)*
- **Planning:**
Appeal Ref: APP/P0119/W/24/3355854 Land to south of High Street/Church Road, Wick • The appeal was made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) against a refusal to grant permission in principle. • The appeal was made by Horizon Construction Bristol Ltd against the decision of South Gloucestershire Council. • The application Ref was P24/01732/PIP. • The development proposed was described as 'infill residential development of a minimum/maximum of nine self-build dwellings.'
The appeal was dismissed.
- **Next Parish Council meeting:**
7:15pm Thursday 11th December 2025, Wick Village Hall. All welcome.

Wick Football Club



The first team are still looking to find the form of last season. We have had a number of key players sidelined with injury, but they are making their way back to full fitness so fingers crossed fortunes will change soon. They do have a Les James Cup quarterfinal coming up on Saturday 29th November, where they play Frampton Utd, who currently lie fourth at Wick Sports Ground, Oldbury Lane, Wick. Why not come and support the lads, as always admission is free with the bar open from 12:30pm. Our award-winning programme 'Owls Nest' will be on sale for just £2.

Our Reserves are continuing good form, with Callum Whooley leading the way with nine goals in six games. They are top of Bristol & District Division three and still in the league and GFA cup. Both our over 45's and over 50's Veterans teams are still undefeated as we head towards the end of 2025. The Over 50's won their last cup game 7-0 thanks to five goals from James Shepherd and one a piece from Dave Guyatt and Dean Quirke. Our over 45's have secured a new kit thanks to Ginger Interiors and hopefully will be sporting it when they take on Red Star Vets in their last game of 2025.

The Sunday team are also undefeated this season, and we anticipate a collection of silverware this season.

Sponsoring Wick FC is a fantastic way of contributing and supporting sport in our community and makes a visible difference as every penny of sponsor money is reinvested in football equipment and facilities for the club. If you would like details of all our sponsorship packages, please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352.

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

Everyone at Wick Sports Ground and Wick Football Club would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year

Up the OWLS.

December and January Fixtures

First team (KO 3pm in Oct, 2pm in Nov) MGCL

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| 6/12 | H | Frampton Utd -LJL Cup QF | |
| 13/12 | A | Ruardean Hill Rangers | |
| 20/12 | H | Quedgeley Wanderers | |
| 27/12 | A | Hanham Athletic | |
| 10/01 | H | Bishops Cleeve Dev | <u>Vets (KO 10.30am)</u> |
| 17/01 | A | Filton Athletic | |
| 24/01 | A | Bromley Heath Utd | Over 45s Div 1 |
| 31/01 | A | Frampton Utd | 14 Dec A Red Star Bristol 45s |

18/01 H Easton Monday

Reserves (KO 2pm) B&D Div 3

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| 06/12 | A | Bradley Stoke Town Sat A | Over 50's | Div 1 | |
| 13/01 | H | FC Utd of Yate Sat Res | 11/01 | A | Nailsea Vets |
| 10/01 | A | De Veys Reserves | 01/02 | A | Russell Athletic |
| 17/01 | A | Greyfriars Athletic A | | | |
| 24/01 | A | FC Utd of Yate Sat Res | | | |
| 31/01 | H | Nicholas Wanderers A | | | |

Sunday Team (KO 10.30am) Bristol Premier Sunday

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| 07/12 | H | LWA Sunday |
| 04/01 | H | Sporting Utd |
| 11/01 | H | Signal Generals |
| 25/01 | H | Heritage Utd |

Wick Sports Ground

WSG will be open on Friday 28th November from so if you haven't made a visit yet to sample the relaxed vibe, why not pop along? Doors open from 5pm and it's the last one before Christmas.

The pitches are looking amazing for this time of year, the ground staff, headed up by Gary Reilly, have been working their socks off to ensure games are played through this very wet spell.

WSG are always looking for volunteers/help to keep its facilities in good order, so if you have some time to spare and fancy lending a hand, please let us know on the number below. Also, if you have any practical suggestions to increase the use of WSG, do drop us a line.

Clubhouse & 3G Multi-Games Area For Hire – If you are interested in hiring the clubhouse or/and the outdoor court for birthday parties, pool/darts competitions, quiz nights or any other events please contact Matt on 07977 510352 for availability and costs. We do have a sound system and disco lights that can be used free of charge



News from the Chapel

2025 has not been quite so busy as the year before but we have managed to install hot water in the schoolroom. Next year we need the asbestos removed from the boiler house, and work carried out externally on the window in the sanctuary and a fence erected at the bottom of the garden to stop anyone falling into the ditch. Over the years the ditch at the bottom of the Chapel garden has eroded due to it being blocked on several occasions and the water creeping up the bank.

Linda led our Remembrance Service. We lit a candle to remember each of the men who are listed on the War Memorial and thought about the families left at home. As always we remembered and prayed for the war torn countries of the world who are still at war today.



At the time of writing, we look forward to our Annual Christmas Sale. Our stalls will be brimming full of goodies, refreshments, as always, will be mouthwatering and the other stalls include toys, books, bric-a-brac, bottles, chocolate, cakes, Christmas goods, a raffle and new items.

On Christmas Eve we have our traditional candlelit Carol Service starting at 6.30 p.m. where we will sing your favourite carols and listen to readings and poems. A lovely start to Christmas when all the shops are shut and we can settle down to hear about the real meaning of Christmas.



Here is part of a message sent by our Companion Elder.

Light enters the darkness.

At the heart of December 25th lies a story that claims something extraordinary: that God stepped into human life, not with power or spectacle, but in fragility. A baby. A manger. A small beginning.

Even if one views this from a distance—curious but unconvinced—there is something compelling about the claim that light enters the world quietly, that hope is born in unlikely places, and that love chooses humility over force.

Christians believe Christmas is the moment heaven leans close.

Agnostics might simply see a story that has shaped cultures.

An Invitation to Explore

Wherever you stand — firm in faith, gently questioning, decidedly agnostic, or simply appreciative of the season's atmosphere — Christmas is surely a moment worth exploring.

As church we reflect on these themes throughout December: If you're a magazine reader rather than a 'regular' you're warmly invited to visit. Not to sign up for anything. Not because we have all the answers. Simply to explore, to wonder, and maybe to discover afresh, some meaning behind December 25th

Thank you for supporting us during 2025. We couldn't manage without your continued support.

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



Sunday Services December 2025



7th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am Holy Communion

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Holy Communion

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion

ST JAMES'S ABSON

3.30pm Evensong

14th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am 9 Lessons & Carols

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Café Church

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

WICK CHAPEL

9.45am Breakfast Club

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Morning Worship

21st December - 4th Sunday of Advent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Prayer

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

WICK CHAPEL

10.00am Family Sharing

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Café Church

6.30pm Carol Service

WORSHIP

Together

Steve & Cathy

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Steve Britton

Rev Huw Davies

Rev Elaine Jones

The choir

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Newell

Omar Beg

Steve Burgess

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones

Omar Beg



ST JAMES'S ABSON

3.00pm Carol Service

24th December - Christmas Eve

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

3.00pm Crib Service

11.00pm Midnight Communion

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

6.30pm Nativity

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

3.00pm Christingle

11.00pm Midnight Communion

25th December - Christmas Day

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Worship

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Morning Worship

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am Village Service

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion

ST JAMES'S ABSON

8.45am Holy Communion

28th December - 1st Sunday of Christmas

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Worship

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am Holy Communion

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Morning Worship

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion

Rev Elaine Jones

Jane Gillis

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Steve Britton

Steve Burgess

TBC

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Colin Lunt

Cathy Burgess

Rev Elaine Jones

Antony Jefferies

Rev Huw Davies



Sunday Services January 2026

WORSHIP

Together

4th January - 2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together Steve & Cathy

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Huw Davis

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Morning Worship Antony Jefferies

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Steve Britton

11th January - 1st of Epiphany/Baptism of Christ

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Huw Davis

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Café Church

WICK CHAPEL

9.45am Breakfast Club Rev Sue Cossey

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Morning Worship Omar Beg

18th January - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Prayer TBC

WICK CHAPEL

10.00am Family Sharing

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Café Church Rev Elaine Jones



25th January - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Community Church Jane Gillis

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Elaine Jones

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am A visit to the Holy Shed

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Huw Davis



1st February - 4th Sunday of Epiphany

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Worship Sarah & Jane

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Huw Davis

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Morning Worship David Miles

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Steve Britton



Safeguarding Sunday November 30th 2025

On the 5th Sunday in the month Rev. Elaine covered the topic of safeguarding. Why is this important, I hear you ask? We don't get many children at church so why should we worry? We live in small villages, we all look out for each other and know everyone, so it's not relevant. Why has she done this?

Firstly, safeguarding is not just about children. It is about anyone who is vulnerable. Adults can become vulnerable e.g. bereavement, difficult family circumstances, illness as they age. By definition children and those with disabilities will be more reliant on others so therefore more at risk of abuse and more vulnerable. We think we know everyone in our community, but does this make it more difficult to ask for help? The statistics on abuse are frightening in the UK.

Approximately 1 in 4 women have experienced abuse since the age of 16 in the UK (2024). This does not mean that it is happening within the confines of the church, but may be happening within our community or our church community.

Figures from 2024 identified that 3 in 10 adults had experienced some kind of abuse before the age of 18.

Figures for men are 3%. This could be much higher due to them not feeling able to come forward.

If you look around you and count the number of people (in church today/ workplace) and consider these figures chances are that you know someone who has been subjected to abuse. Also, I doubt that any of these individuals have mentioned it to you. Would you mention it to someone if it was you?

The impact of abuse on an individual's life is huge e.g. trust, relationship problems, living in fear, mental health, physical health. Therefore, it is important that we all look out for each other and support individuals if they need help. Within the church community the Parish Safeguarding Officer is there to support and advise should you be concerned about anyone. Within the school environment you should speak to the Head of School (Designated Safeguarding Lead) if you are concerned about one of the children.

The Church of England has worked hard to raise the profile of

safeguarding.

At a local level we have robust procedures, our PCC members are trained and aware of their responsibilities in this area. The 5 churches in our benefice have a Parish Safeguarding Officer who is responsible for dealing with any concerns raised in relation to safeguarding.

In future articles we will be looking at ways that we can support the vulnerable within our community.

Liz Butler, PSO Boyd Valley Benefice

Are you Curious?

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Christian faith
together.**



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Come along, see what you think.

St Bartholomew's Church and sister churches are planning to have a course for those who wish to know more about Christianity.

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Starting Wednesday 14th January 2026

**7pm to 9pm at Wick church room
Church road, Wick BS30 5PD**

Everyone is welcome.

For Alpha website: Click on QR code, and then click on

Try Alpha.

If you have questions and to let us know that you are interested, contact Cathy Burgess on 0791 430 8824





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

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Environment challenge for December/January

"Don't give up"

As I write this COP30, the United Nations Climate Change Conference, is taking place in Brazil from 10 to 21 November. These meetings take place every year, and are the world's only multilateral decision-making forum on climate change that brings together almost every country on Earth. Will this global meeting make a difference? YES: UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell, reported that global greenhouse gas emissions are projected to fall by 12% by 2035 compared to 2019 levels. Look it up.

We too can not give up thinking about the environment and reducing the impact of climate change. We too can make a difference more locally.

Remember this wheel (which came from a friend in Australia):



For Christmas:

Maybe buy pre-loved things as presents.
Maybe make something yourself to give.

For the NEW Year

Look at the wheel, is there ONE new thing you could do to help reduce your impact on the environment and make a difference?

And Always

Enjoy our beautiful countryside this Christmas and New Year

Steve Burgess

Marshfield Gardening Club – Join Us!

If you love gardening, or simply enjoy being around plants and like-minded people - come along to the **Marshfield Gardening Club**.



“Victorian and Traditional Christmas”

Celebrate the season with a Flower Arranging demonstration and talk by Maureen Hinton, who has over 30 years' experience in teaching and demonstrating. She will present two back-to-back Victorian Christmas demonstrations for the festive table, and share her passion as a historian of the Victorian Christmas.

There will be memorabilia to see, items for sale, and of course cakes and refreshments.

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 7.45pm

SPEAKERS LIST FOR 2025-2026 SEASON

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|-----------------------|--|
| DEC 2nd 2025 | Maureen Hinton 'Victorian and Traditional Christmas' |
| JAN 2026 | No meeting |
| FEB 3RD 2026 | Caroline Sheldrick 'A Year in the Cutting Garden' |
| MARCH 3RD 2026 | Alex Hubbard 'Dyrham House' |
| APRIL 7TH 2026 | Francis Burroughes 'The Historic Front Garden' |
| MAY 5TH 2026 | John Tucker 'Reach for the Sky, Getting the best from your Climbers' |

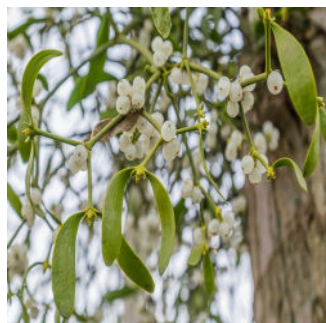
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Christmas Greenery: Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe



Holly has shiny prickly green leaves and bright red berries, further up the bush the leaves become smooth. The berries feed birds like black-birds and thrushes in winter. People traditionally decorate homes with holly at Christmas. In the past, holly leaves were made into tea to treat fevers, though the berries are poisonous to humans.

Ivy climbs walls and trees with its twisting stems providing homes to many creatures. It flowers in autumn when few other plants do, its nectar feeds bees, moths and butterflies. Its berries feed birds like the mistle thrush. Ivy is used in wreaths and garlands for winter festivals. Ivy leaves have been used in cough medicines to help clear the chest., and can be boiled to create a gentle detergent.



Mistletoe grows on tree branches, not in the ground. It's a parasite that takes nutrients from its host tree. Its berries feed birds like the mistle thrush. People hang mistletoe at Christmas for good luck and kisses. Mistletoe has been used in herbal medicine to help with high blood pressure and improve circulation.

All three symbolize life and the promise of Spring.

Walter Wildflower.

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

December will bring its usual Christmas themed session with festive refreshments, craft activities and a carol sing along with the ukulele group. There will be an array of Christmas jumpers-worn by volunteers and visitors!

In January, we are having a "relaxed" session with many of our usual activities and a game or two of bingo

The sessions will always finish with the ever-popular singing songs from yesteryear and the **BIG RED BALLOON!**

Come along and enjoy the fun!

The Memory Cafe at Doynton

Our final café of 2025 on 4 December features 'The Strummers Ukelele Band' and festive treats galore in music, singing, food, arts and crafts and fun!

As our year draws to a close it is timely to look back and appreciate the support that we have received through the year to make the running of our café possible! Our volunteers give a great deal in time and effort to make each cafe enjoyable for all; we have received generous donations from individuals, groups and organisations and every penny goes to support and enhance the café - our thanks to you all.

Needless to say we will do it all again next year and our calendar is full of a variety of activities. On 8th January (NOTE: not the first Thursday as that is New Year's Day) we will be tackling some gentle chair-based exercises to get us moving again.

On 5 February we hope to welcome members of Pucklechurch Players once again (oh yes we do!), for a short pantomime sketch.

If you or a friend or family member are living with dementia or memory loss please reach out to us when you are ready - to join us at a café, for information or signposting or just to talk through what we do. You can find us on email - mcdoynton@gmail.com, or on Facebook 'The Memory Cafe at Doynton' or text Juliet on 07932 820788. We will respond to you as soon as we can.

Finally our warmest thanks to everyone who has supported us - and hence those in our community living with dementia - throughout this year.

Our very best wishes to all for the festive season and for 2026.

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Wednesday 15th October 9am
Wednesday 5th November 9am
Saturday 8th November 10-11am
Thursday 20th November 9am
Tuesday 2nd December 9am
Wednesday 7th January 9am

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

On Saturday 8th November, your child can
'stay and play' with our reception team in the classroom whilst
you tour the school. We look forward to seeing you!

To book a place please email parents@wickprimary.org.uk
giving your preferred date.

Visit our website at: www.wickprimaryschool.co.uk

St Francis Drive Christmas lights

The residents of St Francis Drive are
joining forces to make the street a very
festive show, for everyone to enjoy.

They plan to switch on the lights on
December 1st, and on 13th and 14th they
will be playing festive music and carols,
with a hot chocolate around the fire pit
and a raffle. The proceeds of the raffle
will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Go along and join the fun!

Christmas Eve

3.00pm



St Bartholomew's, Wick

Crib Service. Get dressed up with a tinsel halo or shepherd's tea towel, bring the characters to the manger as we hear the story of Baby Jesus.

St Thomas's, Pucklechurch

Christingle. Hear the story, eat the sweets, celebrate the coming of Jesus!

6.30pm

Holy Trinity, Doynton

Meet at the pub at 6.30, sing carols on the way to church, hear the Nativity story in a family-friendly short service.

11.00pm Midnight Communion

St Bartholomew's, Wick Rev Elaine Jones

St Thomas's, Pucklechurch Rev Steve Britton

Christmas Day 10.00 am



St Bartholomew's, Wick - Steve Burgess

Holy Trinity, Doynton - TBC

St Peter's, Dyrham - Village Service

St Thomas's Pucklechurch - Rev Elaine Jones

St James's Abson - Rev Colin Lunt; **NB 8.45 am**



St Bartholomew's, Wick

Sunday 14th December

10.00 am

A festival of 9 Lessons & Carols

Followed by mince pies and Christmas cake



Carol Services:

Sunday 21st December

St James's Abson 3.00pm

St Thomas's Pucklechurch 6.30pm



Sunday 14th December

St Peter's, Dyrham 6.00pm

Sunday 21st December

Holy Trinity, Doynton 6.30pm

ROTAS DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026

WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 6th Dec | Anne Reynolds |
| 13th/20th/27th | Tina Holbrook |
| Jan 3rd/10th | Suzy Britton |
| 31st/7th Feb/14th | Jane Brookman |



WICK CHURCH CLEANING

| | |
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| Dec 6th | Sarah Hewett |
| 13th | Monica Mumford and Barbara Higgs |
| 20th | Steve & Cathy Burgess |
| 27th | Monica Mumford |
| Jan 3rd | Anne Reynolds |
| 10th | Jeannette Bailey |
| 17th | Monica Mumford and Barbara Higgs |
| 24th | Sue Butt |
| 31st | Suzy Britton |
| Feb 7th | Mr & Mrs Fry |



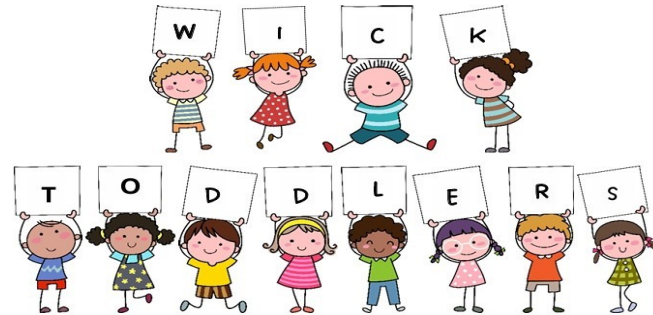
WICK SIDESPERSONS

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| Dec 7th | Mark Hudson |
| 14th | Jenny Lawrence |
| 21st | Jane Brookman |
| 24th | 3.00pm TBC |
| | 11.00pm Colin & Jeannette Bailey |
| 25th | TBC |
| 28th | Steve Butt |
| Jan 4th | Anne & Nick Reynolds |
| 11th | Mark Hudson |
| 18th | Jenny Lawrence |
| 25th | Jane Brookman |
| Feb 1st | Colin & Jeannette Bailey |



REFRESHMENTS

| | |
|---------|-----------------------|
| Dec 7th | Anne & Nick Reynolds |
| 14th | Tina Holbrook |
| 21st | Steve & Cathy Burgess |
| 28th | Sarah & Andy Hewett |



Come along to our toddler group held in St Bartholomew's Church Hall every Tuesday from 10:00 – 11:45

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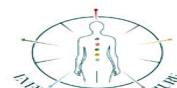
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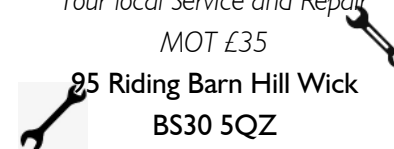
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