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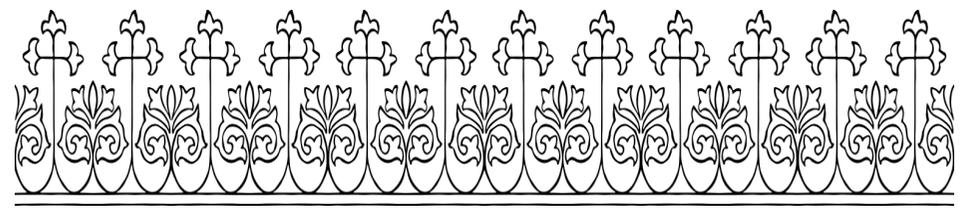


# Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



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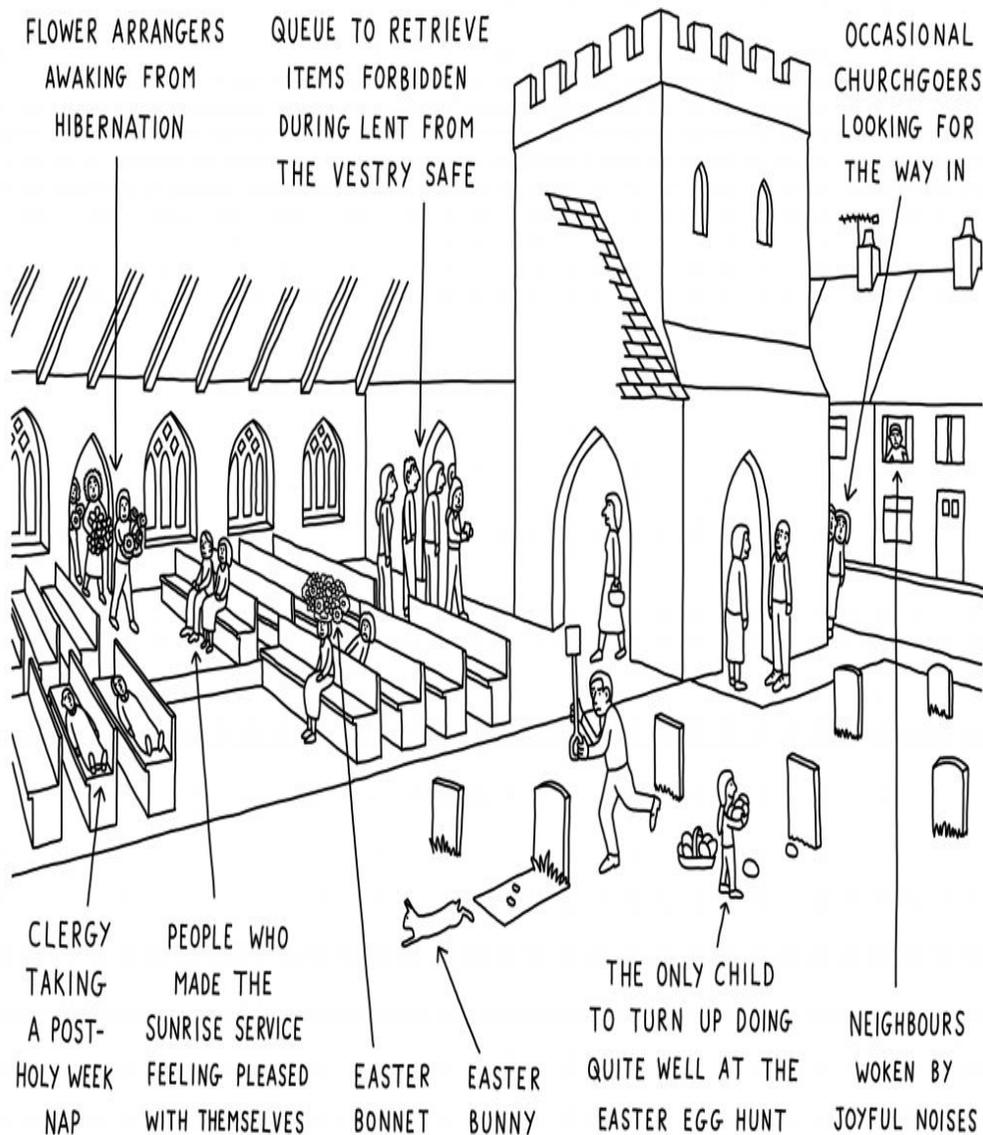


From the Registers



March 2026

# THE EASTER SERVICE



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## News from St Bartholomew's

So, how is Lent going, for you? I am always surprised by the number of people who "give something up for Lent" despite having no desire to come to church or profess an active faith. It shows there's something deeper going on, I think, for lots of people. If you are a "I can say Thank You to God in a garden" type believer, then have a listen to your inner depths at some point, when you fancy a chocolate digestive with your cuppa and then tell yourself "No" - you might be surprised! And you'd probably be very surprised to find the church is full of people thinking along the same lines. Our informal services, on the 1st and 4th Sundays of each month, are an ideal way to take the next step: nothing too mysterious, symbolical or ritual-heavy, just a group of people thinking "I know the story, but what does it MEAN?"



On a more mundane note, the process of getting quotes for the roofs (church AND lychgate) has begun. We need three, for comparison and discussion, then the PCC (church "council" or committee) will look at them and put to the Diocese for approval. It isn't going to be quick!

Have you walked around the churchyard recently? SO many bulbs coming up! Some of the early daffs are already in flower; I have some cyclamen to scatter around (*bought for £1 each because they had been neglected and looked very sorry for themselves, but a bit of TLC, et voila!*) to add a bit of pink to all the yellow and I have ordered some snowdrops and some English bluebells "in the green".

The end of the month sees the run-up to Easter: Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday - all will be commemorated somewhere in the Benefice. All the details are on the centre pages. On Easter Sunday we have TWO services, the Sunrise Service is at 5 past 6! (*In the past, it has been held at the top of the park, but confirmation will available in next month's issue, on the posters and on the website*) I don't yet know what the exciting part of our Easter Sunday service (*at 10.00am in church*) will be, but it will hopefully include some lamb hunting, or chocolate eating - perhaps even both! Come and see!

## *Doynton Parish Pump*

The next **memory café** will take place on **Thursday March 5th**, 2.00–4.00 p.m., in the village hall. Anyone living with dementia or memory loss is welcome to attend with a family member or carer, free of charge. Information leaflets and books are available. You can find us on Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton” or text us on 07817 311001.

The annual **seed swap and plant sale** will take place in the village hall on **Saturday March 14th** (not March 8th as stated in last month’s magazine), 10.00–12.00 noon. The event will include not just seeds, but also seedlings, bulbs, tubers, flowers, herbs, etc., as well as garden equipment for you to take in exchange for a donation to charity (tools/ garden equipment, garden ornaments, ceramic or plastic pots (large ones only) gardening books, magazines, bird tables, bird houses or feeders, hanging baskets, etc. – all in good working order please). The knife sharpener will be in attendance. Please bring along seeds, unused/partially used seed packets and spare plants and seedlings, or contact Jane Girling to arrange collection (07920 258844).

The next meeting of **Doynton Parish Council** will take place on **Tuesday March 17th, 7.00 p.m.**, in the village hall. Members of the public welcome to attend.

On **Saturday March 21st**, there will be a **Film and Supper evening** at the village hall. Doors open 6.45 p.m. and the film starts at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £12 per head, to include entry and food; proceeds to go towards the upkeep of the playing field. Advance booking will be appreciated, as will any offers of puddings/cakes! For booking and details of the film, please visit: <https://www.doyntonvillage.org/events/doynton-big-screen.html>.

The **AGM of Summers Field community orchard** will take place on **Tuesday March 24th** at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall – all welcome.

At the February meeting, **Doynton and Wick WI** learned about the proper care and feeding of orchids from Dominic Cleverden. Dominic and his orchids will attend the first Royal Horticultural Society flower show to be held on the Badminton Estate, on 8–12 July. Next month’s meeting is a chance to try Seated Zumba exercises, and there will be an “on-the-spot” competition. Don’t forget to bring chocolate Easter eggs for the children of Warmley Park School. All welcome at Doynton village hall on **Wednesday March 11th, 7.30 p.m.**



A welcome return this year for the **Lent lunches**, which will take place on Fridays March 6th, 13th and 20th at 12.00 noon in the village hall. Please join us for a bowl of homemade soup, bread and maybe some pudding if you’re good! Donations gratefully accepted for Jamie’s Farm (a Bath-based charity that transforms the lives of vulnerable children) and church funds.

**Doynton Village Market:** next markets **March 7th and 21st**, 10.00–11.00 a.m., in the village hall. The first Saturday in February was WET, no change there then from the rest of winter, but it didn’t stop our customers from popping in and making it another good market. Did anyone spot the mistake in the last parish mag? We do not sell vegan Scotch eggs, our producer hasn’t found a vegan egg as yet, but is still looking ... they may be some time. [How did I miss that? Ed.] However, we do have other vegan products for sale, plus gluten-free and vegetarian. That is alongside our normal sweet and savoury goods, (non-vegan) eggs, vegetables and the various craft products. So come along and have a shop about, or stop by for a hot drink and a cake.

At the **Doynton Hard Half Marathon** on February 8th, the refreshments stall raised £1139 for Bath Welcomes Refugees and Medical Detection Dogs, and donations from entries raised £622 for the children’s cancer charity Ripples of Compassion, plus a large box of donations for North Bristol and South Glos foodbank. Thank you, everyone!

Green Community Travel runs a **hospital shuttle service**, primarily to Southmead Hospital. The service will run on March 3rd, 11th, 19th and 27th. For details, see <https://www.facebook.com/Greencommunitytravel>, email admin [at] greencommunitytravel.co.uk or tel. 01454 228706.



## The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for **March**

Please email  
[wickparishmagazine@outlook.com](mailto:wickparishmagazine@outlook.com)  
with your news items for the **April**  
edition no later than Friday 20th March

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



**At the Chapel on Friday 6th March**

**At 2.30 pm.**

This years' service has been written  
by the women of Nigeria and is  
entitled

*'I will give you rest, come'.*

Please join us for this poignant service and learn more about the people  
of that country.

## Can you play the piano?

We are looking for someone with experience of playing  
the piano or keyboard, to join our team for occasional  
church services.



you can help, or would like more  
information, please contact  
Rev Elaine at

[revelainejones@hotmail.com](mailto:revelainejones@hotmail.com)

*Anthea Watts writes:*

We all enjoyed our bingo night led by Pauline, with a quiz to  
test our little grey cells!

Our walk on 29 January around Willsbridge Mill followed by a light lunch in the  
cafe was very enjoyable. A lady who was passing by very kindly took this  
photograph of us.

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN



## Future meetings

26 March - Talk about Keynsham Abbey - Elaine Cook

23 April - Read All About It! - Claire Mills

## Forthcoming events

A walk and visit to Keynsham Abbey will be arranged for early April.

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



## Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

### Women's Institute



For our February open meeting members and local community guests enjoyed listening to our guest speaker Jacqui Furneaux revealing that one split second decision can change the course of a lifetime.

At 49, nurse Jacqui took a leap into an unplanned journey through twenty countries over 7 years with her trusty 500cc Enfield Bullet motorbike. Quickly adapting as a motorbike mechanic Jacqui was able to adapt to life on dusty roads, off grid camping in the mountains and living on a £300 budget per year.

Jacqui continues to travel, proving it is never too late to find yourself.  
FFI: [www.JacquiFurneaux.com](http://www.JacquiFurneaux.com)

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

- **12<sup>th</sup> March** - Felt Craft activity led by Lyn (in-house WI member)

### **Spring Craft Fayre:**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10:00-12:00 hrs.** Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall. Free entry, enjoy a variety of local craft stalls, raffle, cake, and refreshments.



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

Read Between the Wines Book Club members are due to meet up on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February to discuss their latest read *The Coast Road* by Alan Murrin.

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

[dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

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

**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. You will be made to feel most welcome.**

**Very soon you will achieve a basic ability which you can build upon.**

### Dyrham & Hinton Parish Council

The new Parish Council website is live and can be found at

<https://dyrhamandhinton-pc.gov.uk/>

It holds details of meetings and minutes, together with links to South Gloucestershire planning applications and application forms for community grants.

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> March.

# 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)
- **Brockwell Park – play equipment improvements:**  
The PC has now chosen a contractor to install new play equipment with better access, and to resurface the BMX track. Details of the new play equipment will be published when finalised. (*Clue: Blackbeard – Ed*).
- **A420 traffic calming measures:**  
Cllr James Baron has pursued successfully a variety of potential measures with SGC. These include new gateways indicating the 30mph limit either end of the village; a new, consistent 30mph limit from Bridgegate to the bottom of Tog Hill; and a new Puffin crossing to be located by the village hall. The cost of reinstating the Church Road speed camera is £30k, one third of the annual precept so unaffordable for the PC; however, the PC will continue to lobby SGC to fund this important speed control project.
- **Potholes:**  
By the time you read this, Cllr James Williams will have ushered the SGC Streetcare asset manager around the parish to inspect the carpet-bombed roads we are expected to drive on, especially Naishcombe Hill, Parkers Avenue, Barrow Hill and Manor Road in Wick plus Lodge Road in Abson, to discuss repairs and council taxpayer value for money.
- **Planning applications:**  
P25/2879/PIP Land adjacent Highfield House, Riding Barn Hill, Wick: erection of maximum 5 dwellings – *Objection: within green belt, outside settlement boundary, poor highway access, increased surface water flooding, unsustainable location under the NPPF, not included in Local Plan.*  
  
P25/02841/F Land at London Road, Wick: erection of 4 dwellings with new access – *Objection: within green belt & Cotswolds National Landscape, unsustainable location under NPPF, congested highway access by quarry, not included in Local Plan.*
- **Next Parish Council meeting:**  
**7:15pm Thursday 12th March 2026, Wick Village Hall. All welcome.**

## News from the Chapel

Well, the Chapel boiler room is free from asbestos! So, onto the next job to be done! The work never ends....



We will host **World Day of Prayer** on Friday 6th March at 2.30 pm. This is a lovely service arranged this year by the people of Nigeria and entitled 'I will give you rest, come'. Please join us for this short meaningful service.

We will also host the Lent meetings in the Chapel. These begin on Tuesday 3rd March for the following three Tuesdays and will start at 7.30 pm. More news elsewhere in the magazine.

On Sunday 8th March we will hold a communion service followed by the AGM.

The Chapel is hosting a Spring Sale on Saturday 14th March. Nikki Hickmore is raising money for Melon Mission School – a haven for vulnerable children and supporting families with special educational needs in Nakuru, Kenya. Nikki herself will be travelling to Kenya and staying at the mission for two weeks working with the children in the school and the families. She is a special needs teacher so has the expertise and furthermore is giving up her Easter holidays to do this. The money raised will go towards the day to day running of the school and much needed resources for both children and their families. The sale is at the Chapel on Saturday 14th March from 2.00 until 4.00 pm and stalls will include – cake, a raffle, tombola, books and jigsaws and refreshments. Please support this worthwhile event.

There will be a short service on Good Friday led by Linda, followed by hot cross buns and coffee/tea.

Easter Praise follows on Sunday 5th April when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This includes decorating the empty cross with flowers to celebrate the fact that Jesus had Risen.

## Wick Football Club



Well, who thought that the wet weather would continue? Matches for all Wick teams have often been postponed, both home and away. The result will be a congested end to the season, with midweek games now inevitable. Our 1st team have played one game since the 27/12, drawing 0-0 away to Frampton Utd, which keeps them on a five-match unbeaten streak in the league. The reserves have played three games this year, winning two important league games, but fell short in the GFA Cup quarterfinals, losing 6-3 to Life Church, with a double from Callum Whooley and a single goal from Callum Carter. Our Sunday team have won two fixtures, one in league and one in cup, by default as the opposition have felled to raise a team. The Vets teams again have had limited games, the Over 45's have not played this year, but the Over 50's have played two and won two, with James Shepherd leading by example, scoring six goals and picking up one Man-Of-The-Match awards. Your support is always welcome, and the newly installed concrete walkway and covered standing area provides easy access and dry space to watch a game in bad weather.

**UP THE OWLS!**

## Wick Sports Ground

WSG has been awarded a Small Sparks Grant by S Gloucestershire Council to help with refurbishment of our kitchen storage room. Work will start in early Spring. We would like to extend our thanks to all councillors for their continued support, which helps us to provide a fantastic community asset for the S Glos community. Work has now also completed on our new covered standing shelters, we would like to thank local firms Bendry Bros and DB Roofing, Kev Pollard, Ashton Trott, Gary Reilly, and Trev Hardiman. They look fantastic and will hold up to 25 people if they don't want to brave the rain.

We truly thank the volunteer WSG Committee members who devote their time and efforts maintaining, running and improving the wonderful village asset that the sports ground is, so please show your support, and help us continue to make WSG the wonderful place that it is. More support is always welcome, so if you would like to support WSG in any way (however small), please let us know, and become a part of the WSG journey. WSG is a not-for-profit registered charity, run entirely by volunteers, which include a PC rep, member club reps, village reps and appointed members. Want to join us? If interested please contact Matt on 07977 510352.

## March Fixtures

### First team (KO 2pm) MGCL

07/03	H	Henbury & Rockleaze
14/03	A	Chalford
18/03	A	Cribbs Reserves (KO 7:45pm)
21/03	H	Totterdown Utd
28/03	A	Tytherington Rocks
04/04	H	Broadwell Amateurs

### Reserves (KO 2pm) B&D Div 3

21/03	H	Bristol Boys Reserves
28/03	A	Lion Reserves
11/04	H	Bradley Stoke Town Sat A

### Sunday Team (KO 10.30am) Bristol Premier Sunday

01/03	H	BAWA Sports	<u>Vets (KO 10.30am)</u>
08/03	A	LWA Sunday	Over 45's Div 1
15/03	A	Southmead Sunday	01/03 A Mathern (Cup R2)
22/03	H	Henbury & Rockleaze	15/03 H LB Imperial
29/03	A	Heritage Utd	19/04 A Ridings High Vets
02/04	A	Henbury & Rockleaze	26/04 A Cribbs Vets

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 are generally around thirty games a season, this is a paid role and if you are interested, please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352.

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



# Sunday Services March 2026

## 1st March 2nd Sunday in Lent

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**  
10.00am All Together  
**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**  
10.00am Holy Communion  
**WICK CHAPEL**  
10.30am Morning Service  
**ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**  
10.00am Holy Communion  
**ST JAMES'S ABSON**  
3.30pm Evensong

**WORSHIP**  
*Together*

Suzy Britton

Rev Steve Britton



Worship Group

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones

## 8th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**  
10.00am Holy Communion  
**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**  
10.00am Café Church  
**ST PETER'S DYRHAM**  
10.00am Holy Communion  
**WICK CHAPEL**  
9.45am Breakfast Club, Holy Communion, AGM  
**ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**  
10.00am Morning Worship

Rev Elaine Jones



Rev Huw Davies

Omar Beg



## 15th March - 4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**  
10.00am Mothering Sunday  
**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**  
10.00am Morning Worship  
**WICK CHAPEL**  
10.00am Mothering Sunday

Steve Burgess

TBC

Rev Stephen Newell

## 22nd March - 5th Sunday in Lent

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**  
10.00am Community Church  
**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**  
10.00am Holy Communion  
**ST PETER'S DYRHAM**  
10.00am Morning Prayer  
Steve Burgess

## **WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am The Holy Shed  
**ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**  
10.00am Holy Communion

## 29th March - Palm Sunday

**WICK CHAPEL**  
10.30am Palm Sunday service  
**ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**  
10.00am Joint Benefice Service  
2nd April - Maundy Thursday  
**HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**  
7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service

## 3rd April - Good Friday

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**  
10.00am Good Friday service  
**ST PETER'S DYRHAM**  
2.00pm An hour at the Cross  
**WICK CHAPEL**  
10.30am Good Friday  
followed by Hot Cross buns and coffee

## **ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**

2.00pm An hour at the Cross

## 5th April - Easter Sunday

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

Jane Gillis



Rev Elaine Jones



Rev Steve Britton

Rev Stephen Newell

Rev Elaine Jones



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Linda Byrne

Omar Beg



# Are you Curious?

## Unpack the Christian faith together.



Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. 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.

### Called, "ALPHA"

Started on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026,  
but you can join anytime

Wednesdays 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.

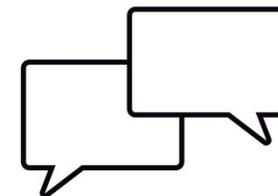
If you have questions and  
to let us know that you are  
interested, contact Cathy  
Burgess on 0791 430 8824



## Lent Fellowship 2026

As in previous years, the chapel and the church are coming together on four Tuesday evenings in March to do a little thinking and share some conversation and refreshments. Many people think of Lent as a time for giving something up but this year, we are going to think about what we might gain from considering the following topics:

- **How can we seek and benefit from quiet and stillness** when we are surrounded by a world in turmoil and constantly assaulted by bad news?
- **How can we find a fresh perspective** and how might this benefit us?
- **How can we pursue peace** in a world in which war and social conflict have become defining features of our time?
- **How can we hold on to goodness?**



You do not need to be a member of either church or chapel to join us – you don't even need to be a Christian. As it says on the notice outside the chapel, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to join us.

Meetings will be on **3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March** at the chapel with doors opening at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 start and aiming to finish by 8.30 pm.



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

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

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

The only cost is your entrance fee!

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



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



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

Bringing the community back together and reducing landfill ♥

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

## Environment Challenge for March



**Spring is coming:** Warmer weather, days getting longer, trees and hedges budding, daffodils blooming, tulips emerging, birds nesting, bees beginning to buzz around. It's a wonderful time of the year when we see new life emerging after the long winter.

So, our challenge this month is to Get outside, Go for a walk. Enjoy the green spaces and wonder at our amazing nature. When out, take time to pause, maybe sit, just listen and immerse yourself in the beauty.

The challenge is to get out, even if for a short walk 2 or 3 times a week. The health benefits are huge also.

Here in Wick, we have Brockwell Park; We have the Golden Valley Nature Reserve; We have St Bartholomew's church yard with masses of daffodils and tulips soon blooming. There is Doynton Community Orchard, Dyrham Park and the tulip display. Or just walk the footpaths.

Just Go and Enjoy. As you go give thanks to God for his amazing creation.

### Good News from South Glos council:

**Recycling soft plastics from home is about to get easier.** Soon, you will be able to recycle items such as crisp packets, cling film, sweet wrappers and other flexible plastics as part of your normal weekly recycling collection.

By Stephen 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**.



## SPEAKERS LIST FOR 2025-2026 SEASON

**March 3rd**

**7.45pm**

**Dyrham House**

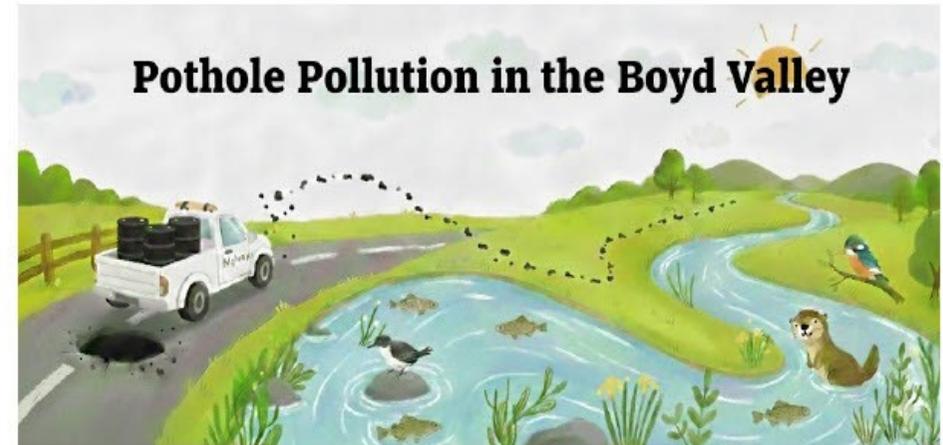
**Alex Hubbard**

How to grow a steady supply of flowers for cutting. Jobs for each season to get the most out of your cutting patch to provide buckets of cut flowers for the house or for sale. Caroline has grown cut flowers for local markets for many years and has lots of practical advice.

**APRIL 7TH 2026** Francis Burroughes 'The Historic Front Garden'

**MAY 5TH 2026** John Tucker 'Reach for the Sky, Getting the best from your Climbers'

We're a friendly and welcoming group that meets on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in Marshfield Church Hall, Tormaton Road, SN14 8AJ**. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just getting started, there's something for everyone. Plus, every meeting includes **refreshments and homemade cakes!**



### What happens when temporary pothole levelling fails?

When a heavy lorry/bus/tanker drives over a temporary levelled pothole, it can break into tiny pieces. The rain washes these pieces straight into the drains that lead to the River Boyd.

#### 1. The "Grit" in the Water

- **The Problem:** When the black pieces from the road wash into the river, they can cover the pebbles where fish hide their eggs.
- **The Result:** If the eggs are covered in road grit, they can't get enough oxygen from the water to hatch. Kingfishers and Otters have less fish to eat.

#### 2. The "Oily" Problem

- **Water Birds:** Birds like **Kingfishers** or **Dippers** that live on the Boyd have special feathers that keep them dry and warm. If there is too much loose oil from the black pieces in the water, it can get on their feathers and make it harder for them to stay waterproof.
- **Tiddlers and Minnows:** Very small fish breathe through their gills. Tiny droplets of oil make it difficult for them to "breathe" the water properly.

#### 3. The River Bank Plants

- **Blocking the Light:** If the water gets too "cloudy" with road dust and black bits, it blocks the sunlight. Just like the plants in our gardens, river plants need sunlight to grow and make oxygen for the fish.

Potholes can be reported using the [FixMyStreet](#) website

Walter Wildflower

The Memory Café at Doynton is 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 and is open in Doynton Village Hall- BS30 5SY

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

Country dancing is our theme for our March café when we will be joined by Alan Holder who will lead us through our moves. This is always a popular and fun event, great to participate and entertaining to watch!

In April, we once again welcome the lovely children of the Emerson Green School choir. They are always a joy to see and listen to and are a firm favourite at our Café.

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

Each session always end with singing from popular songs from the 60's and the appearance of the  
**BIG RED BALLOON!**



## **Memory Café**



## **The Memory Cafe at Doynton**

Our cafe get-together which takes place on the first Thursday of the month from 2-4pm at Doynton Village Hall, offers a warm welcome to all those living with dementia or memory loss and their carer, family member or other companion.

As well as refreshments of tea and coffee and cakes made by local WI groups and volunteers, we aim to provide entertainment, craft activities, word searches and quizzes and singing. At the end of each cafe we share a game with an oversized red balloon which is much enjoyed.

In February we were very fortunate to welcome back members of the Pucklechurch Players drama group who performed for us a cur-down version of their recent pantomime 'Robin Hood' - it was a wonderful spectacle of colour and much laughter!

On 5 March we are hoping to get on our feet or tap our toes to the music for some country dancing led by Alan Holder and on 2 April we will have an Easter and Spring themed cafe with a return visit from the wonderful young singers of the Emerson's Green Primary School choir.

Full details in advance of each cafe are posted on our Facebook page 'The Memory Cafe at Doynton' or you can email us 'mcdoynton@gmail.com' or call Clare on 07817 311001 for more information.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Memory Cafe we would be pleased to hear from you. The commitment is not too large - one Thursday afternoon a month plus occasional training sessions - and it is great fun and very rewarding.

And finally... we receive so much support from our local community in so many ways - thank you!

## News from the Friends of Wick Village:



### Open Garden Gate Trail '26 – 25th May 2026.

If you would like to show off your passion in Gardening and Propagation, Arts, Crafts or even putting on a lovely Afternoon Tea then please do step forward by 31st March to be included in the Trail map.

Please don't feel that your garden has to be large or exquisite.... We like small and quirky also ! Any proceeds made are yours to keep or donate to a Charity of your choice. So a win-win to repay your generosity in inviting the rest of Wick through your Garden Gate. It's a lovely thing to be part of, so why not give it a go this year ? Contact [Tinaholbrook@aol.com](mailto:Tinaholbrook@aol.com) by 31st March

There will also be a Children's competition again this year: **"A Creature made from Natural materials"**. *(But that is To Be Confirmed)* Get your thinking caps on, and see what you can come up with. On the day you can pop into church for a cuppa and a slice of something, and come and see the display! More details nearer the time.

**Quiz Night** - see next page for details.

**Party in the Park** – 12-6pm 11th July 2026. Anyone wishing to have a stall or provide entertainment please send an email to [FOWV2024@gmail.com](mailto:FOWV2024@gmail.com). Thank you.

### STOP PRESS!

Friends of Wick Village are recommencing their film afternoons. Starting on **Thursday 12th March** in the Wick Village Hall at **2 p.m.** showing "Downton Abbey, the Finale" Everyone welcome, a free event with a tea and cake interval. Just turn up and be part of a Community get together, no tickets needed. Should you need help with transport contact Sue Hickmore 0117 9374396 and leave a message.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

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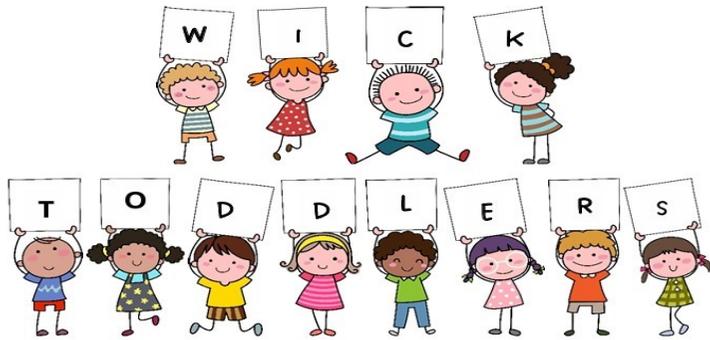
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Come along to our toddler group held in St Bartholomew's Church Hall every Tuesday from 10:00 – 11:45

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- Plenty of activities for the children to enjoy including painting, crafts, toys and singing
- Safe outdoor play area
- Snacks and refreshments for the children
- Teas and coffees for the adults
- A chance for little ones to play and interact whilst parents and carers can get to know one another

First visit is free - £1.50 per family thereafter

## 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 short Thought for the Day.



## ROTAS MARCH 2026

### WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

No flowers in Lent

April 4-11 Tina Holbrook



### WICK CHURCH CLEANING

7th Margaret Curtis  
 14th Sarah Hewett  
 21st Mr & Mrs Fry  
 28th Monica M & Barbara H  
 April 4 Jeannette Bailey



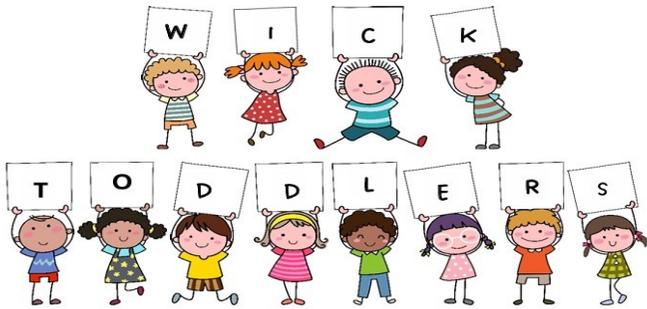
### WICK SIDESPERSONS

1st Jenny Lawrence  
 8th Jane Brookman  
 15th Colin & Jeannette Bailey  
 22nd Steve Butt  
 29th We're all at Pucklechurch  
 April 5th Anne & Nick Reynolds  
 12th Mark Hudson



### REFRESHMENTS

1st Tina Holbrook  
 8th Anne & Nick Reynolds  
 15th Steve & Cathy Burgess  
 22nd Colin & Jeannette Bailey  
 29th Service at Pucklechurch



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## ROTAS DECEMBER FEBRUARY 2026

### WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

31st/7th Feb/14th - Jane Brookman  
 21st - No flowers in Lent



### WICK CHURCH CLEANING

7th Mr & Mrs Fry  
 14th Jenny Lawrence  
 21st Cathy Burgess  
 28th Anne Reynolds



### WICK SIDESPERSONS

1st Colin & Jeannette Bailey  
 8th Steve Butt  
 15th Anne & Nick Reynolds  
 22nd Mark Hudson  
 March 1st Jenny Lawrence  
 8th Jane Brookman



### REFRESHMENTS

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