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From the Registers

Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



November 2026

As we remember

Over the years one thing I have come to realise is that they are so many ways of remembering. Memory is not just one thing. Memory is not like clicking the 'save' button on your computer.

Remembering can encompass a whole range of things. A certain smell, a piece of music, a sound, words on a page, a photograph. Or perhaps special times spent together – they all can bring back memories.

For over a century, Remembrance Sunday has been set aside to recognise the service and sacrifices of all those who have served, or are serving, in the Armed Forces. We remember the service and sacrifices of civilian individuals, communities, services, and organisations during times of conflict or acts of terror, from the First World War to the present day.

When I was a young boy on Remembrance Sunday lots of the 'veterans' were from the First World War. My father, called up towards the end of the Second War, was, to me a young man. These days the World War Two veterans are few and far between, all now being over 100 years old.

Recently I took the funeral of Ivor Taylor, a pilot who flew Lancaster bombers. A few years ago my son met Harry Patch, who served in the trenches of World War One. It was at a dedication service at the church in Little Stoke. My son and I have passed these memories on to his children. And I hope that his grandchildren will tell their grandchildren, on some Remembrance Sunday in the years to come, 'My grandad met a man who fought in the trenches of the First World War'. By remembering, we hand on memories to the future generations.

And then perhaps they, and we, will remember the words on the Kohima War Memorial in India. "When you go home, Tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today".

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News from St Bartholomew's

We were invited to share Harvest Celebrations at the Chapel on Oct 4th, and it was very enjoyable. The service was moving and thought-provoking, thinking about the struggles the people who produce our food have to go through and the effort they put in. And the lunch afterwards was spectacular! It will be our turn to host next year, and we will have to pull out all the stops to match it.

What's the other thing that Church people always worry about? *(Besides the roof, I mean)* A virtual chocolate button to everyone who said "Money". We have heard from the Powers That Be at the Diocese that our Parish Share is going up. (quelle surprise). This is money that we give to the Diocese to share amongst all the other parishes, to support things like clergy salaries, training, Diocesan support and mission work. We have calculated that committing to offering what they have asked for will mean that we have to do some specific fund-raising, so you will see events popping up. Please keep an eye out for posters appearing, and more details elsewhere in the magazine.

Lured by the promise of Sea Shanties, I went to the Memory Café in Doynton last month, with both my "St Bartholomew rep" and "magazine editor" hats on. I had a lovely time! The sea shanties were eminently singable (I made room for my "choir member" hat, too) and the atmosphere was **very** positive and enjoyable - I heartily recommend it to everyone!



Remembrance Sunday is 8th November this year, and is always a very moving service. We have retired military personnel in the congregation, which always makes it feel more pertinent. Come along and ensure we never forget.

We are looking for volunteers to help with some of the "little jobs" around the church and churchyard. Things like pulling the ivy off the walls, cleaning a piece of brass, litter picking in the churchyard, clearing rubbish out of the compost bin - you don't have to be a churchgoer, or commit to hours and hours; just an hour a month would be an enormous help. Email *wickchurchwarden@gmail.com* to offer or ask for more info.

Doynton Parish Pump

The next **memory café** will be on **Thursday November 5th, 2.00–4.00 pm.** The memory café is free to attend for all people with memory problems and their carers. For more information, see our Facebook page "The Memory Cafe at Doynton", email mcdoynton [at] gmail.com or call/text 07817 311001.

Doynton Village Market Saturdays November 7th and 21st, 10.00–11.00 in the village hall: As we go into autumn, and start looking forward to next Easter (I know we haven't got Christmas out of the way, but I wanted to get in early), we look back at the past few months, and despite the hot weather we had some lovely busy markets. So thank you for all your support, we very much appreciate it! Looking forward to the festive season, our producers can solve your gift dilemmas and provide your festive cards as well as your Christmas cake. Until then, find us on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month with our usual produce, plus teas and coffees and space for a chat. See Doynton Village Market on Facebook. For general enquiries and advanced orders the contact number has re-verted to 07711 670704.

Saturday November 14th from 6.30 p.m. – **Autumn feast** (chilli, jacket potatoes, apple crumble) and **barn dance** at Doynton village hall. Bar – cash or card. Tickets £15.00 adult, £7.50 child from Lisa 07974 771670 or Corrinda 07587 175474. All proceeds to Summers Field community orchard.

Doynton and Wick WI: in October, members enjoyed a musical evening with Beth Morgan, former director of the Bristol Military Wives' Choir. November sees the annual general meeting, when your committee for next year will be elected. There will also be a bingo game and quiz. The competition is: how many words can you make from the word Remembrance? All welcome at Doynton village hall on November 11th, 7.30 p.m. Please bring £25 in cash in an envelope marked with your name and meal choices (see email) in advance of our Christmas meal on December 10th.

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Santa will be coming through the village at 1.45 p.m. to open the fair. All proceeds to go to Cancer Research UK and Holy Trinity Church Doynton.

Don't forget the **Warm Wednesdays community café,** every Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the village hall. For S Glos Council's **Eat and Heat** winter events, visit Kingswood One Stop Shop on November 3rd or Yate One Stop Shop on November 5th. See southglos.gov.uk/seasonal-support.

On your marks! Advance notice of the **Doynton Hard Half Marathon** on Sunday February 7th 2027. Watch this space!

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



The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for **November**

Please email
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Anthea Watts writes:

On 18 September we had a very good time at the group Country and Western evening organised by Rodway Rubies. We danced, listened to the singer and ate a tasty supper.

Our meeting on 24 September was most enjoyable. Fiona Warin informed us about the work of the Land Army girls with a mock up interview session with us as those applying to join. Fiona made it fun, and needless to say we were all recruited! I think we all owe a debt of gratitude to those women who worked as land girls in WW2.

On 1 October nine of us joined Rodway Rubies on a visit to London to see an exhibition of the late Queen's clothes on display at Buckingham Palace. The weather was kind to us and we were able to take time to walk round the parks adjacent to the palace. It was a really nice day out.

On 8 October Wendy and I were made very welcome at Shortwood WI's AGM where we acted as Tellers.

It was a sunny morning on 15 October for six members to have a walk around Newton St Loe followed by lunch at the farm cafe where they were joined by Christine with her granddaughter and great grandson.

Future meetings

26 November - History of Christmas + Wassailing - Robert Burton

17 December - Christmas event

ROTAS NOVEMBER 2026



WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

Nov 1st, 7th-14th	Suzy Britton
21st & 28th	Jeannette Bailey
Dec 5th & 12th	Anne Reynolds
19th & 26th	Tina Holbrook

WICK CHURCH CLEANING



Nov 7th	Margaret Curtis
14th	Suzy Britton
22nd	Monica and Barbara
28th	Sue Butt

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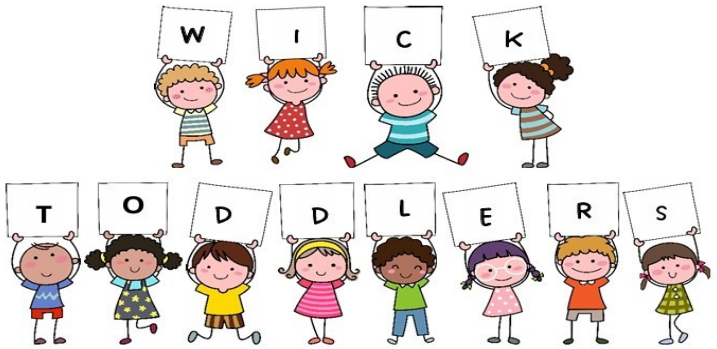


Nov 1st	Mark Hudson
8th	Anne & Nick Reynolds
15th	Steve Butt
22nd	Jenny Lawrence
29th	We're all at Doynton

REFRESHMENTS



Nov 1st	Sarah & Andy Hewett
8th	Colin & Jeannette Bailey
15th	Tina Holbrook
22nd	Anne & Nick Reynolds
29th	We're all at Doynton



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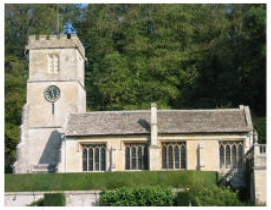
Forthcoming events

A walk has been arranged for Friday 13 November around Fry's Keynsham. Looking forward to having a **stall at the Christmas Fair** at Hanham Community Centre on 7 November from 10am until 1pm.
Christmas lunch will be at Kendleshire Golf Club on 8 December at 12:30. If you and/or a friend are interested in joining us then please come to a meeting, free of charge, where you would be most warmly welcomed. Please feel free to contact our President, Wendy Haynes, on 07930 851582 for more information.

Advance notice of St Francis Drive's Christmas "Do"
The date for this years charity event will be the 12th December starting at 6pm and will include a raffle, festive treats and carol singing , *(if we experience severe weather i.e. heavy rain ,wind or wintery conditions, the event reluctantly will not go ahead).* Last year we raised over £613.00 for guide dogs for the blind. This year we are hoping to support two charities, The Brace Alzheimer's Research at Southmead Hospital and the MNDA (motor neurone disease association).

Wick Guides would like to say a big thankyou to the Parish Council, and everyone else who helped fundraise/sponsor our coach for our trip to London last week. We enjoyed a day of sight seeing : Big Ben; Horse Guards Parade; Buckingham Palace; the pelicans in St James Park and the natural history museum, then donned neon tutus and glow sticks to join 10000 other Guides taking over Wembley Arena for a Guiding Special Big Gig. Hosted by Radio 1 DJ Charlie Hedges the girls sang and danced to bands including Scouting for Girls, Wanted, JLS and Kerry Ellis - 10000 girls belting out "This is me" and other Greatest Showman favourites was a sight to behold. Then it was back to Pucklechurch scout hut for a sleepover and a lazy Sunday morning!

Later this term were looking forward to a Christmas roller disco, and finishing our food critic badge with lots of cooking and tasting, and running a marshmallow toasting stall at the Christmas market as fundraising starts in earnest for our trip to a German Scout castle next Summer! If you know any 10-14 year old girls who might like to come and join us do get in touch. We have spaces at the moment as lots of our older girls have moved onto Rangers.



Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute

For our October meeting members enjoyed a quilting craft led session with guest speaker Anji Harper. Anji works as a volunteer at the quilting section of the American Museum and Gardens, Bath which has more than 250 quilts and houses the finest collection of American quilts outside the USA. Anji led us through the American history of quilting from18th century whole-cloth European influenced quilts, practical house craft quilts to provide warmth covering windows and beds, Amish bold geometrical quilts, distinctive island pattern Hawaiian quilts to Gee's Bend quilts created by African American women in Alabama recording community history, creativity and resilience. Members then crafted hand sewn coasters. FFI: https://www.americanmuseum.org/

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

- ***12th November** – WI AGM – Cheese & Wine Evening*
- ***10th December** – Christmas Party Meal Out – Rose & Crown Pucklechurch*

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

Book Club members met up on 16th September to discuss their latest read "Land" by Maggie O'Farrell. A historical novel, which follows an Irish mapmaker and his family in the aftermath of the Great Famine. Our next read is "The Eight" by Katherine Neville.

We welcome new members; ladies can attend one meeting without any obligations. For further information please contact us at:
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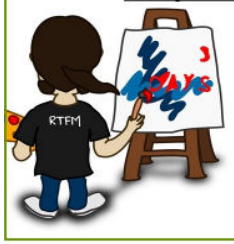
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Boyd Valley Painting Group Art Exhibition



The group will be hosting an exhibition of their work at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall on Saturday 14th November from 10am to 4pm.

There will be a selection of original pieces for sale along with cards/ prints of other works. Refreshments will be available.

St Peter's Church, Dyrham

Remembrance Sunday

The poppy display has now been put up in the church in readiness for Remembrance Day. On Sunday 8th November there will be a short service commencing at 10:30 am in the church. We will then move outside to the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance and two minute's silence at 11:00 am

Autumn Tidy Up

On Sunday 15th November we will again be meeting at St Peters to have a community tidy up between 9 am and midday. There are saplings and bushes that need cutting back in the graveyard, and we want to give the church a clean as we head into our December events.

Christmas Events

We will have our Candlelight Carol Service on 13th December, and choirs will be singing in the church every Saturday and Sunday lunchtime from 21st November until Christmas. We will again hold a less formal Community Service on Christmas Morning - dogs welcome!

Dyrham & Hinton WI Coffee Morning



The WI are hosting a coffee morning at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall from 10-12 noon on Saturday 7th November in aid of Macmillan and the local charity Turnaround. See poster for further details.



Cosy Carols

Our annual carols around the tree will be held on 18th December. See poster for further details.

NEWS FROM WICK AND ABSON PARISH COUNCIL

clerk@wickandabsonparishcouncil.gov.uk

- **Brockwell Park:** the PC has undertaken a review of maintenance of the park in terms of grass cutting and litter bin emptying. Four quotes were obtained varying between £5.4k and £8.3k. The best value for council taxpayers' money is still with SGC Streetcare for the year 2027/2028.

- **A420 road safety campaign:** a proposal from SGC to change the speed limit from a mix of 30mph and 40mph to 30mph between the Bridgeyate roundabouts and the bottom of Tog Hill has been passed. 73% of the residents who responded to the consultation support the change.

- **Riding Barn Hill:** after several reports by residents and the PC about the dead, and potentially dangerous, elm trees on the edge of the A420, SGC has confirmed that these trees will be felled by the end of November.

- **Cleeve Packhorse Bridge:** the PC is investigating having this ancient river crossing listed by Historic England.

- **Waste bin, corner of Naishcombe Hill and Holbrook Lane**: will be relocated to deter local residents from filling it with, and leaving bags of, domestic waste by the side of it.

- **Planning:**
  P26/01983/RVC – land at London Road, Wick: revision to change 2 semi-detached to 2 detached dwellings – *no objection.*
  P26/01366/PIP – land to the east of Manor Road: application to build up to 4 dwellings – *application withdrawn.*

- **Next Parish Council meeting:**
  7:15pm, Thursday 12th November 2026, Wick Village Hall. All welcome.

November 2026





News from the Chapel

The United Reformed Church
www.urc.org.uk

We celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving on 4th October. This year we were joined by our friends from St Bartholomew's Church. Linda led the service reminding us of the problems farmers both near and far are experiencing this year. The Chapel was decorated in a farming theme, thanks to Kay and members of Doynton and Wick WI who loaned us their pumpkin displays and to Monica for the loan of a tractor (child's obviously). After the service 30 of us enjoyed a buffet lunch. It's so good to enjoy fellowship together.

We will hold a **Remembrance** service on Sunday 8th November at 10.30 when we remember those from our villages who lost their lives in the great wars and lay a wreath on the War Memorial. Please join us as we must never forget the great sacrifice made by so many.

We have booked a stall at the Friends of Wick Village Tree Lighting event on 20th November and will sell 'Anything Christmassy.' See you there!

The next date in our diary is the **Christmas Sale on Saturday 28th November** from 2.00 pm. Stalls will include cakes, bottles, chocolate, bric-a-brac, toys, books and jigsaws, raffle and refreshments. This is our main fundraiser and your support, as always, is much appreciated.



Unfortunately, this year it coincides with Doynton's Christmas Event, but I do hope you will be able to attend both. Ever since I can remember (which is probably over 70 years) we have held our Christmas Sale on the last Saturday in November and each year we reunite with old friends who are aware of the date, so it was difficult to change it. Let's hope we both do well.

Wick Sports Ground

It has been a wonderful year for sun worshippers, but unfortunately, it has played havoc with our pitch maintenance, and the drought has exacerbated our water supply pipe problem, and we have had three burst pipes in quick succession. Our meter is positioned at the water main, which is over 300m away from the sports ground. Our supplied pipe was installed sometime we believe in the late 60s, and has become embrittled over time, with increasing rates of failure, resulting in water loss which WSG must pay for. Currently without the means to replace this aging pipe, WSG is having to live with the leaks, so a massive thank you to those who are giving their time and effort to search for, locate and then repair these leaks. The drought also affected the reseeding of our pitches, which has required a great deal of work to help them recover.

Given all these problems, the sports ground is still in fantastic shape, and a village asset to be proud of. Want to join us? If interested, please contact Matt on 07977 510352.

Friday Night Opening – Friday 27th Nov, doors opening from 5pm. Come and join us.

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Vets (Kick-Off 10:30am)

Over 45's Div 1

Reserves (Kick-Off 2pm)

7/11 A B&D Div 2 Lion Reserves





Wick Football Club

After a promising pre-season the first team are still struggling to find their form, to a large degree down to lack of goals. Having made a few changes, we are determined to reproduce the performances of last season. They are training hard and had a good 1-0 win in the GFA Cup on Saturday 17th Oct against local rivals Hanham Ath. Wick's winning goal was scored by Ellis Clarke and Luke Meacham picked up the Man-Of-The-Match award.

That said, all other Wick sides have started well, the reserves are flying high and are top of the Bristol & District Div Two. Connor Jones is leading the way with six goals and two M-O-T-M awards. They play Socius United in the second round of the GFA cup on Saturday 24th Oct. Both the Vets Over 45's and 50's remain unbeaten at the time of writing. Due to the league wanting games to be played before Dec, they have been playing weekly since the 20th September. The Over 50's defeated last season's cup final opponents, Nailsea Vets, last Sunday 17th Oct, 2-1 thanks to gaols from Sharpy and Chris Mountford. Our over 45's have a tough fixture in their defence of the cup, with a home fixture against Easton Monday, who pipped them to the league title on the last game of the season. Mark Cook and Si Warren have taken over the manager reigns and will be looking to continue the success that Paul Bond brough to the club.

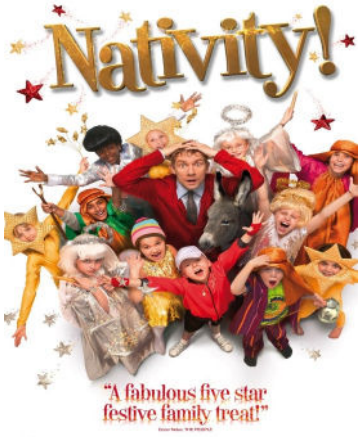
Training – Training has now begun, and the club welcomes existing players and new trialists to our training sessions, to help our reserves progress through the B&D leagues, and our first team push for Step 6 football. If interested please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352

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.

Friends of Wick Village

Once again we had an enjoyable Community Get Together at our Film Matinee on 8th October, it was lovely to see our returning guests. The delicious cakes, supplied by our volunteers, always go down well and a big thank you to Wick Cafe for the wonderful cake they donated.



As requested by our audience, our next showing will be a Christmas film on Thursday 10th December, in Wick Village Hall, 2 to 4pm. We have chosen the comedy "Nativity" which we are assured is a fun, festive treat!

We look forward to seeing everyone again and please encourage your friends to join us, it's a relaxed entertaining afternoon, and a good get together.

Don't forget our other upcoming events - put them in your diary: **Christmas Market & Light illumination** at Wick Village Hall - 20th November. Doors open at 6.pm.

We will also be supporting the **Chapel Christmas Sale** on 28th November at Wick Tabernacle, 2pm till 4.pm. Lots to look forward to in the coming months....we hope to see you there!

We are always on the lookout for new members: could you help adding up quiz scores, decorating the park with bunting, take minutes or bake a cake? We're a friendly group who have a lot of fun and "many hands make light work". This Autumn is busy for us with the Christmas Market, Films and a Quiz, so we'd love extra helpers. Please get in touch by email to fowv2024@gmail.com if you could lend a hand.

The Memory Cafe at Doynton

Our cafe for those living with dementia or memory loss together with their family member or carer is monthly, on the first Thursday of the month from 2-4pm at Doynton Village Hall.

On 1st October we had a Sea Shanty duo performing for us and everyone loved singing along with the jaunty tunes. A surprise visit from Suzy from Wick Church added to the tuneful sound - she seemed to enjoy herself, with much chatting and laughing with her table neighbours.

On 5th November we will welcome **Marshfield Male Voice Choir** to entertain us.

Enquiries from new visitors and those interested in volunteering with us or anyone wanting to know more are always welcome - please ring Clare on 07817 311001, email us at mcdoynton@gmail.com or message us via our Facebook





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

In November, we will be entertained by a male voice choir. They will perform a range of songs requested by our visitors. Plenty of quizzes and jigsaws to be completed or the opportunity to chat with others.
December will bring its usual Christmas themed session with festive-food, craft activities and a carol sing along with the ukulele group.
Books and jigsaws to borrow and Christmas cards to purchase!
The sessions will always finish with the ever-popular singing songs from yesteryear and the
BIG RED BALLOON!

Come along and enjoy the fun!

Wick Youth Club



Tuesdays
4-6pm

Youth Club Sessions

A safe, warm space to attend and hang out with friends or make new ones! With snacks, Baking, Music and Arts and Crafts every week! C-Cards and Info available here

Where to find us

Wick & Abson Village Hall
Manor Road

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LPW Learning Partnership West

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Sunday Services

1st All Saints and All Souls
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK
10.00am **All Together** Suzy Britton
HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON
10.00am Morning Worship John Sibley
WICK CHAPEL
10.30am Morning Worship David Miles
ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH
10.00am Holy Communion Rev Steve Britton
3.00pm All Souls Rev Huw Davies
ST JAMES ABSON
3.30pm Evensong Rev Gillian Hare

8th November - Remembrance Sunday
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK
10.15am**Remembrance** Rev Elaine Jones
HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON Remembrance
ST PETER'S DYRHAM
10.00am Village Act of Remembrance
WICK CHAPEL
10.30am **Remembrance**
ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH
10.00am **Remembrance** Omar Beg

15th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK
10.00am Morning Worship Steve Burgess
HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON
10.00am Holy Communion Rev Huw Davies
WICK CHAPEL
10.30am **Family Sharing** Margaret White
ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH
10.00am **Café Church** Rev Elaine Jones
ST JAMES'S ABSON
8.45am **Holy Communion** Rev Elaine Jones

Marshfield Gardening Club

Marshfield Church Hall – Bell Sq, Tormaton Road – Marshfield SN14 8NN

from 7.30pm

2026/2027 SPEAKER PROGRAMME

3rd Nov:	**Gill Hazel** – *"Flower Quiz"*
1st Dec:	**Richard Rickitt** – *"Buzzing around Britain"*

Richard is an award-winning author who has been keeping bees for over 20 years. He is the co-editor of the magazine BeeCraft.

He will be looking at some different and innovative gardens around the UK and how they are good for bees, there will be a little bit about the history of bees in gardens and some stories about some rare species of bees. He will also be telling you about how he recently discovered a rare species of bee in Marshfield

7.30pm

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
VISITORS £5
Cakes and Refreshments



Earthworms possess five "hearts": Instead of one heart, earthworms have five pairs of muscular, beating blood vessels that pump blood through their body.

Earthworms breathe through their skin: Earthworms have no lungs. Oxygen dissolves into the water on their skin and passes directly into their bloodstream. If their skin dries out completely, they cannot breathe and will suffocate, which is why they burrow deep in droughts.

Earthworms are grip-masters: The underside of most sections is covered in tiny, bristles. These aren't visible to the eye but function like tiny anchors, allowing the worm to resist being pulled from its tunnel by a hungry blackbird.

Earthworms cannot grow back perfectly: It is a myth that cutting an earthworm in half creates two living worms. Only the head portion has a *chance* to regrow its tail, but the original tail portion will always die.

How to help Earthworms help us in the garden

1 Cover soil with home compost or Autumn leaves
2 Disturb soil rarely and avoid adding chemicals
3 Leave untidy areas and surfaces able to absorb rain

Walter Wildflower

November 2026

22nd November - Sunday next before Advent



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK
10.00am **Community Church** Jane Gillis
HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON
10.00am **Morning Worship** Rev Elaine Jones
WICK CHAPEL
10.30am A visit to the Holy Shed YouTube
ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH
10.00am **Morning Worship** Steve Burgess

29th November Advent Sunday WORSHIP Together
HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON
10.00am 5 Churches Holy Communion Rev Elaine Jones
WICK CHAPEL
10.30am Morning Worship Worship Group

6th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK
10.00am All Together Sarah & Jane
WICK CHAPEL
10.30am Morning Worship Antony Jefferies
ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH
10.00am Holy Communion Rev Elaine Jones



**Note the later start time for this service.

Environment Challenge November 2026

"The drought situation in England has continued to worsen, even this Autumn, despite some rainfall across parts of the country", say the Environment Agency. This is why there is still a hosepipe ban for us in Wick (Bristol Water area). The River Severn flows are still below average, and the reservoirs are still low- the main sources of water for us.

So, besides adhering to the hosepipe ban, what can we do to save (use less) water in our homes.



Now I don't normally promote one organisation, but Bristol Water have lots of ideas, and creative ways to help YOU think about saving water. Have a look at their website, https://www.bristolwater.co.uk/every-drip-every-drop

and in particular sign up to a partner website: https://www.getwaterfit.co.uk/

I am not going to make other suggestions this month except, especially while there is a hosepipe ban, USE RAINWATER, by having a water butt fitted to your gutters/ down pipe. The water is free, good for your plants and saves water (i.e. Not using tap water)

We can all do our bit to ensure that there will be enough water for us in our homes, for farmers, and for businesses **next year.**



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 / Proceeeds go to Wick Pre-School