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15th Mrs Reynolds 22nd Mrs Hewett
29th Mrs Britton March 7th Mrs Bailey



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DOYNTON CHURCH FLOWERS

2nd - 9th Karen Hewitt 16th Jill Salter
23rd Lisa Williams



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Happy New Year

It feels a little odd wishing you “Happy New Year” in February - but this is the first edition of our Parish Magazine in 2020, and thus our first opportunity to wish our readers a Happy New Year.

Such anniversaries are cause for great celebration. I always enjoy watching the firework displays from London on the TV. London is not alone - it all begins in Sydney, Australia and works around the world. I was particularly struck by the display from Shanghai, China, where the display was drones flying in formation.

But why do we celebrate New Year the way we do? I was reading something which asked this question. I'd never thought about it before. There was a simple answer: mid-winter is a very dark, gloomy miserable sort of time. Let's have party and cheer the place up! Christmas was included in this. Most people know that Jesus was not born in December - but it is when we celebrate his birth. Light coming into the darkness and scattering it.

On a more sober note, New Year can be a time for reflection, re-evaluation, and looking ahead. Many of us do this without necessarily thinking about it in those terms – this is what we are doing whenever we make a ‘new year’s resolution’. There are times when we instinctively think about what the meaning of ‘life, the universe and everything’? Fans of “Hitch hikers guide to the galaxy” will know that the answer is “42”. But they will also remember that when the computer they had especially built to answer that question finally did so, so many years had passed that they had forgotten what the original question was!

When these questions, and reflective moments come to us it can be a little scary, and we rush past – have another drink.... It can repay stopping and thinking, meditating, praying. There are times when to have done so is important. Last May I was diagnosed with a form of cancer which was so advanced that, without treatment I was only given weeks to live. Even with the treatment no one was sure whether it would do any good. I am glad to say it did, and on 2nd January I learned that the cancer was in remission and there was only a low chance of it coming back.

I am very grateful that many decades ago someone got me to think about Jesus. At the time I was an atheist but Jesus became for me the answer to the meaning of life, the universe and everything. When I hit my crisis it was in Jesus I found peace. God bless you, and may you indeed have a Happy New Year.

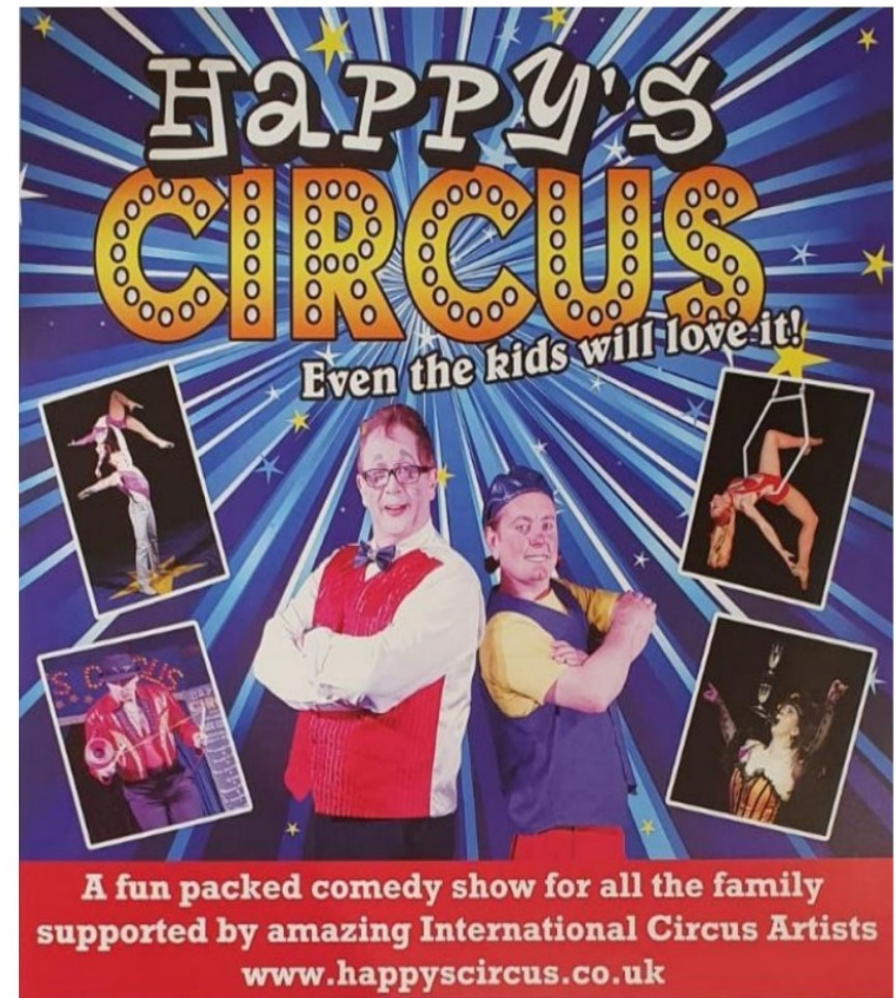
Doynton Parish Pump

Doynton village hall: the annual general meeting will take place in the hall on Wednesday February 19th, 7.30 p.m. All members of the public are warmly invited to attend. The new car park is bedding down nicely, and lighting down the drive has been installed with the generous financial support of South Gloucestershire Council. The hall has a new, plumbed-in tea urn and a new fridge, and has now been awarded a licence for preparation of food on the premises. The hire fees have increased slightly to £10/hour on weekdays and £12/hour at weekends. Special rates will continue to apply for regular village bookings.

Meet the Neighbours ... Meet the Neighbours has started again on Monday afternoons at the Cross House Inn, at the new time of 2.30 p.m. Everybody welcome! Contact Jenny Bartram (937 4561) or Sue Merrall (937 3497).

Lenten lunches will be taking place in Holy Trinity church every Friday in March – 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th – from 12.30 p.m. Please do come along and join us for soup, sandwiches and cake. This year, donations will be graciously accepted on behalf of Jamie's Farm, a local charity in Ditteridge, Box, near Bath. Jamie's Farm works to re-engage disadvantaged young people (aged 11–16) who are at risk of social or academic exclusion.

A reminder that **South Glos Filling Station** now meets on the fourth Thursday of the month (instead of Wednesday – 7.30–9.00 p.m. in the village hall).for a lively programme of excellent Christian speakers, a live band and an opportunity for prayer and spiritual refreshment. Why not come along and see for yourself what goes on? Friendly faces and some great coffee and cake await you! For details, tel. Sara (303 9095)



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World Day of Prayer
6th March 2020
 Wick URC Chapel
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 2.00pm

Members of the churches in Wick, Doynton and Dyrham invite you to join us for this service, prepared this year by Christian women of Zimbabwe. It is a chance to be part of the largest church congregation in the world as this prayer event is celebrated in over 170 countries around the world. We will hear the thoughts and stories of these women of Zimbabwe and reflect on the challenges they have met and their hopes for the future.



From Now On

A lent course on
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March 3rd A Million Dreams
 March 10th Come Alive
 March 17th Rewrite the Story
 March 24th Never Enough
 March 31st From Now On

This ecumenical Lent course
 is held at the URC Chapel, Wick on Tuesdays with coffee at
 7pm to start at 7.30pm

All are most welcome to these friendly and stimulating
 evenings.

Each evening is a unit in itself so come to what you can.

Your generous gifts at **Christmas Eve in Doynton** totalled £390, shared between Christian Aid for development work overseas and One25, working with vulnerable women in Bristol. On behalf of these good causes, thank you!

Thanks also to the villagers who ran the very successful tea and cake stall at the **Doynton Hard Half Marathon** on January 19th, which raised £59 for the new village defibrillator and a magnificent £600 for the North Bristol Foodbank.

WI news: Members shared an enjoyable Christmas meal in December and swapped Secret Santa presents. At the January meeting, Jenni Tame, daughter of our President Tina Holbrook, encouraged everyone to think about small changes that will make our lives more sustainable, from repairing and reusing rather than buying new to reducing food waste. Next month's talk is on the Jessie May Children's Hospice at Home. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday February 12th, 7.30 p.m. The competition is "a childhood toy".

Cross House Inn: see the pub newsletter here: <https://pubsecure.lucidpress.com/9aa7dc2c-0465-4ac9-877e-c21f22d4e0e3/#9T4ms8f5r-E~>. Forthcoming highlights include steak nights, tasting evenings and a Valentine's Day dinner!

Doynton open gardens will be back on May 30th and 31st. This is always a popular event and raises lots of money for our chosen charities – RUH Forever Friends and St Peter's Hospice. If you would like to open your garden, please contact Jenny Bartram, Sue Merrall or Corinda Wakefield-Wylde (937 2110).

Dates for your diary (also at www.doyntonvillage.org)

Saturdays February 1st and 15th, 10.30–11.30 a.m.: **Doynton Village Market** in the village hall. NB no market February 29th.

Friday February 14th, 12.30–1.30 p.m.: village lunch in Holy Trinity church.

News from St Bartholomew's

Christmas at St Bartholomew's was beautiful: the Crib Service on Christmas Eve was absolutely brilliant with all the children dressed as characters from the Nativity (*Jacob, 5, on being congratulated on his performance said "Yes, and I was BOILING!" so that's a win on the heating front.*) The Carol service, the Midnight Communion, it was all exactly as it should be and made Christmas feel a million miles from the stressed commercial spend-fest that it could otherwise be. The "Gift that money can't buy" theme was very thought-provoking, and made a lovely experience for people to discuss. (And gave Rev Tim lots of material for sermons!) A very big Thank You to all who took the time and trouble to contribute, we were VERY grateful. If you joined us, you were very welcome. If you didn't manage to find time, there is always next year.

You think I'm joking when I advertise our **Quiz Nights** as "legendary" but if you were there at the last one, you will know that I do not exaggerate. Sarah and Andy gave us a fantastic night, that people are still talking about. If you are very good, and ask nicely, there might be another one in the autumn, so keep an eye on the What's On pages later in the year.

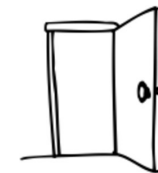


Servery update: we have been considering the drainage. The architect has recommended a soakaway, so in order to gauge whether that will work, a dirty great big hole was dug, and water was poured in and then someone had to watch and measure the disappearance of the water. We now need to discuss the results at the next PCC meeting, so more news in the March issue.

Next stop - **Easter!** We have a Lent course, to help with preparation. See details on page 20.

WHAT'S ON - February 2020

OPEN DOOR meets every Friday at 10.30am in WICK CHURCH ROOM for a coffee/tea and a chat, with a "Thought for the Day" at 11.am. **NEW FACES ALWAYS WELCOME - WHY NOT POP IN NEXT FRIDAY?**



- 5th WICK & DOYNTON LADIES UNITED CHURCHES GUILD** meet in WICK CHURCH ROOM at 2.30pm for their AGM and a Music Group
- 12th DOYNTON & WICK WI Meet at DOYNTON VILLAGE HALL** at 7.30 for a talk by Helen/a member of the Jessie May Trust. Competition: A childhood toy
- 14th - 24th WICK ROCKS!** Scavenger hunt to find decorated stones around the village, Find the ones painted and placed by the Brownies, paint and place your own for others to find. Details on page 11.
- 16th ABSON CHURCH Snowdrop Sunday 2 - 4 pm.** Teas in church.
- 19th DOYNTON VILLAGE HALL AGM .** Meeting begins at 7.30, all welcome
- 23rd HOLY TRINITY, DOYNTON** Special Evensong, with the Archdeacon of Malmesbury. 6.30. Refreshments following the service.
- 27th WICK VILLAGE WI .** Meet in WICK VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm Exercise in a chair with Philomena Connolly

MARCH

- 3rd LENT COURSE** Wick URC chapel, coffee at 7 for a 7.30 start. See page 20 for details.
- 6th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** Wick URC Chapel, 2.30pm See page 20 for details.

If you have an event you would like to appear on this page, email wickparishmagazine@outlook.com with the necessary info.

Feb Fixtures:

1st Team

01-Feb – Home to Patchway Town,

08-Feb – Away to Frampton Utd

15-Feb – Home to Gala Wilton

Reserve Team - 01-Feb – Away to Oldland Abbots Res,

08-Feb – Home to Cribbs A

15-Feb – Away to Hillfields OB

A Team 01-Feb – Away to Greyfriars Ath B,

08-Feb – Home to The Phoenix FC

15-Feb – No Game

Vets Over 45's

02-Feb – Home to Retainers,

16-Feb – Away to Barely Ath

GOOD LUCK THE OWLS!!!!

Wick Church Toddlers:
(newborn to school age)
meet in the church room
with their parents/carers
every Tuesday during
term time, from **10.00 am**
– **11.45** for a relaxed, fun
session. You are welcome to come and join us... first visit free,
with a contribution of £1.50 per family thereafter.



News from the URC

It seems a long time ago but it is worth reporting that our **Christmas Sale** raised £772. We are so grateful for the support we receive from our community – thank you all.

The Chapel was represented at St Bartholomew's Christmas box display – our prayers were for our world and included an acrostic poem.

The Tabernacle Dancers performed a Christmas Nativity entitled '**The Landlord's Cat**' and raised £200. We still have a very young group of dancers and are very proud of all of them. Thanks especially to Margaret Swift for giving of her time (freely) to teach these children each week.

We thank all those who took part in our **Christmas Eve Candlelit Carol Service**. The offering of £100 this year, was once again sent to 'Embrace' to fund work in the Middle East.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the life of the Chapel over the Christmas period – what would we do without you all?

We have a **Breakfast Club** on the second Sunday of each month starting at 9.45 am – come and share a continental breakfast. Our next one is Sunday, 9th February.

The United Churches Guild meets at the Church room on the first Wednesday of every month at 2.30 pm- starting in February. This is a very friendly group. They have excellent speakers and enjoy a natter with a cup of tea.

Dates for your diaries:-

Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday, 6th March at 2.30 pm at The Chapel. Once again, we look forward to joining our local church fellowship for Lent Meetings to be held in the Chapel Schoolroom – more details on page 20.

Good Friday: Service at 10.30 pm with East Bristol Group. This service will be led by Reverend James Jang with the message given by Reverend Adrian Phippen.





Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute



Due to the general election our December WI meeting was relocated to the Cross House Doynton where members enjoyed a fantastic festive supper and teams went head to head with our annual Christmas quiz.

Continuing with the festive spirit, on the Friday 20th December members of the local community gathered at the Village Hall to sing Candlelit Christmas Carols around the proudly lit Christmas Tree. The singers thawed out afterwards in the hall whilst enjoying a glass of mulled wine, and feasting on a spread of home-made sausage rolls and mince pies served up by the WI team. A special thanks to Maria, Sue, Kerry & Pam for organising the evening and to the Parish Council and Village Hall committee team for kindly supporting and funding this community event.

On Thursday 9th January WI members had the opportunity to embrace the New Year with guest speaker Dr Ashish Bhatia, local GP, founder of Really Well Being and yoga expert. Dr Ashish provided us with an enlightening lecture on the health science behind the importance of improving the quality of our daily sleep patterns. Members enjoyed running through a range of relaxation exercises from connecting with the body's core to outstretching arms to soak in the outside environment (also known as the Julie Andrews method although singing "The Hills Are Alive With The Sound Of Music" is optional!)

"The fact they kept going and going until the very end, as they always do, meant we had to do the same. In fact they had a chance at the death with a header from a corner which we thankfully managed to clear after a goal-mouth scramble. "The first half had been all us when Joe Thomas forced a good save from their keeper, while the second half saw them create the better chances.

"Luckily we didn't need penalties to get through this time as we did in the previous round (against Little Stoke) and indeed in our recent GFA Trophy tie with Fairford." Strawford stressed: "Obviously we'd love to go all the way in the (Les James) cup now we're in the semi-finals. It's a winnable competition for us and we've never won it although I'm mindful there are good teams still in it.

"It's never been easy of late as we've been putting a mix and match side out but our strength in depth now has come to the fore and meant we have still been competitive."

Disappointingly both the Reserves and A team missed the chance of mouth-watering semi-finals in the GFA cup competitions after going out to penalty shoot outs. The Reserves played Woodlands Church team and were the better side, but after a 0-0 draw after 90 mins, lost 5-4 on pens. Likewise, the A team travel to the Downs, where they lost 10-9 on pens after drawing 2-2 after fulltime against Saints Old boys. Wick goalscorers were Gabe Giliard and Will Goldsmith. Our Vets continue where they left off last season and still remaining undefeated this season but have a number of tough games coming up.

Vets Charity sixaside – We will be holding this years competition, our 10th, on Saturday 16th May and will be donating all entrance fees to a local charity – Bristol Sands (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society) United FC , a very worthwhile cause. If you would like to enter a team, contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352.

Feb Fixtures overleaf

Wick Football Club

Over the last few weeks the football club has been battered by rain, but we have still managed to play several games. Let's hope February is not such a wash out and the ground has time to recover



WICK's ambitious boss Mike Strawford is eyeing a prized first for his club after safely negotiating a tricky Christmas confrontation in the shape of their big Marcliff Gloucestershire County League rivals. A late strike by local boy, Mike Hardiman, was sufficient to see third-placed Wick past relentless leaders Frampton United 1-0 on their Bell Field travels to book a berth in the semi-finals of the Les James League Cup. The Oldbury Lane outfit were still waiting, at the time this article was penned, to see how the rest of the last-eight shake-up panned out. AEK Boco ran out winners against Patchway on January 11, whilst the Broadwell Amateurs-Gala Wilton tie, and Sharpness-Ruardean Hill Rangers encounter, were scheduled for the following Saturday, January 18 (both 2pm).

Wick always knew they had their hands full up against a Frampton side who have shown themselves to be a consistent force amongst the County League frontrunners over many seasons. However Hardiman's strike five minutes from time, as he fastened on to a through pass from Danny Sheldon and calmly dispatched it past stranded keeper Peter Davies into the bottom left corner from the goalscorer's perspective, earned the visitors a notable victory, their second of the season over Frampton following a 3-2 October home league win, and kept them on course for a first-ever success in the league's knock-out tournament. Strawford smiled: "It was brilliant as we'd been struggling with injuries before and during the game when our lads were dropping like flies. We really were carrying two or three players by the end of it. "Then you had lads like Danny Sheldon coming on with about 15 minutes to go and being involved in the goal having been only too pleased to have been put on the bench to start with following a work's Christmas bash the night before. "I knew how he felt to be fair as I had to sit a bit more quietly than usual in the dugout suffering the after-effects of my own Christmas party!" The Oldbury Lane leader conceded: "We always seem to struggle on Frampton's pitch: they have a good blend of older heads and youth and they're lively in attack.

Thursday 13th February meeting:

Indian Cookery Demonstration – Bojan Cookery School.

Thursday 12th March meeting:

Paint a vase – Artist and author Steve Wheeler.

Book club: Next meeting of D&H WI Bull Books is on Thursday 19th March at the Bull Inn Hinton at 7 pm.

We welcome new members. Ladies can attend up to 3 initial WI meetings without any joining obligations.

For further information please contact:

dyrhamandhintonwisecretary@gmail.com

or see website <https://www.dyrhamandhintonwi.co.uk/>

Local Dyrham & Hinton History

Local resident Guy Senior, who is the Royal British Legion poppy seller for Dyrham, has recently published a book on his family's involvement in WW1. One of the central characters in Guy's book is his grandfather, who lived in the parish in the 1920s.

The book is entitled 'Missing-Died-Survived: The Senior Brothers and The Great War' and a summary can be found on its Amazon listing (RRP £20). Copies can be ordered from any local bookshop or bought direct from Guy by emailing him at guysenior@hotmail.com.

Contributions for the next Dyrham & Hinton Diversions should be with Angela Griffiths (angela.dahparishnews@gmail.com) by

Tuesday 18th February



News from the Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for February

Please email wickparishmagazine@outlook.com with your news items for the March edition by

Thursday 20th February

Wick WI

Wendy Hayes writes:

Happy New year from Wick Village WI . Hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

Our November meeting seems a long way off now.

Our speaker was John Gingell, who has been with JS Fry at Keynsham all his working life. He gave us a fascinating talk on "From Bean to Bar" which was the history of chocolate making in this country. John had a big collection of memorabilia, samples and pictures which was displayed at our meeting. We finished the evening tasting some of the delicious chocolate John had made for us using a recipe from 1820.

Our December Event was a great success with lots of singing, playing musical instruments and a Quiz. I would like to thank Alison, Nicola and Georgina for making the evening very enjoyable and thank them for their hard work - and "Thank You" also to the committee.

Events for Diaries

February meeting on 27th —Exercise in a chair ☑ with Philomena leading us. We have a trip to the Cinema in March to look forward to.

March meeting— 3"N"Easy (Singing Group.)



We invite you to a very special

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Holy Trinity, Doynton
Sunday 23rd February
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Our guest preacher will be
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The Editor's Assistant says: Please send all contributions for the March edition to : wickparishmagazine@outlook.com

by **Thursday 20th February**

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From the parish registers:

Funeral



Frank Hutchinson, 7th January 2020, at St Peter's, Dyrham.

Wildflowers in the churchyard



It's lovely to see how the things that were planted last year have survived the rigours of winter - there is a lot to look forward to, this coming season. The hellebores and red campion are doing well in the shade of the tower, and I expect to see lots of bluebells in May.

The digging of the soakaway test hole, whilst at first looking quite catastrophic (there are wild orchids there) may actually prove to be a bit of an opportunity, as the red poppies we know from Remembrance events need light and disturbed soil to germinate, so fingers crossed, eh?

There will be a "Tidying and Planting" day fairly soon, if any volunteers are interested in coming along for an hour and a cup of tea whilst leaning on a garden fork - watch this space for details.

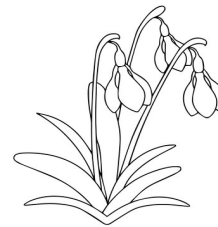
Suzy

Wick Brownies

Wick Rocks! As part of their charity challenge Wick Guides are challenged to do something to improve or bring pleasure to their community. They would like to invite you to take part in a stone scavenger hunt. During Feb half term (14-24th feb) there will be lots of stones hidden round our village painted with smiley faces, bright flowers and other cheerful images and inspiring messages. See how many you can find. Photograph them, collect them and move to another hiding place in the village to increase the challenge, add a new stone you have painted yourself or take one home to cheer up someone who is in need of a smile. Send a photo of all the ones you find to bwinterson@hotmail.com and the person who has found the most by 1st March will win a prize.



Wick Guides meets on a Monday evening in the Village and would welcome any girls age 10-14 who would like to come and join us. Contact Becky WInterson on the above address for more info.



Abson Church will be having their annual "Snowdrop Sunday" on February 16th, from 2 pm to 4 pm. Do try to get over there to see it, it is an amazing display! Teas available in the church.

Sunday Services February

February 2nd - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Prayer

4.00pm Four 4 All

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

WICK CHAPEL

10.3am Family Communion

Mary Bell

Rev Tim Bell

Rev Tim Bell

Rev James Jang



February 9th - 3rd before Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Café Church

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Morning Worship

Rev Tim Bell

Rob Stewart

Elizabeth Hogan



February 16th - 2nd before Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Prayer

4.00pm Four 4 All

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

6.30pm Holy Communion

WICK CHAPEL

10.30 am Family Spot

Steve Burgess

Rev Tim Bell

Rev Tim Bell

Rev Steve Britton



February 23rd - 1st before Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Family Service

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

6.30pm Special Evensong

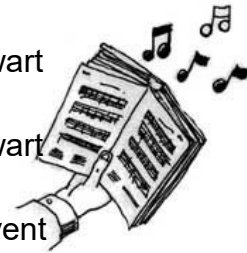
WICK CHAPEL

10.30 am Morning Worship

Rob Stewart

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Rev R Avent



March 1st - 1st of Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Prayer

4.00pm Four4All

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Family Communion

Mary Bell

Rev Tim Bell

Rev Tim Bell

Rev James Jang



Weekday Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Doynton
Tuesday 4th February 10.30 am

Midweek communion at Boyd Close
Wednesday 11th February 10.30am