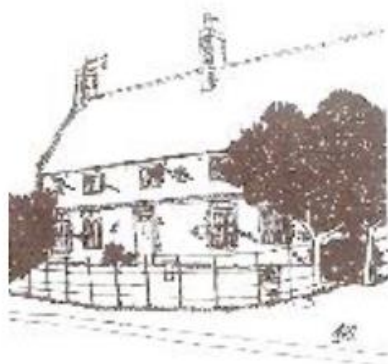




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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

Is it my imagination or is spring dragging its heels this year? April has seemed cool, despite the blooming daffodils, bluebells and tulips in the gardens, woodlands and grass verges around our villages. I hope that May will not only be sunny but also warm, with the promise of summer.

With three Bank Holidays and the Coronation of King Charles, May 2023 is going to be quite an eventful month. School and college students will be focusing on exams throughout May and into June – a stressful time for them and for their families. On a personal level, May is going to be particularly eventful for the editor and treasurer of Focal Point, as we will be getting married on 10<sup>th</sup> May. And although we are both certain of the date and the venue, we're unsure of exactly where we will be at the important moment, as our wedding will be happening at sea, somewhere between Germany and Norway.

So, I need to apologise for the fact that, like this year's springtime, May's Focal Point will be a few days late in arriving at your door. With preparations for our wedding, as well as preparing Year 11 students for their GCSE exams, I hope that you will understand that the past few weeks have been somewhat hectic. I wonder if Charles and Camilla are feeling the same?

Whatever plans you have for May, I hope that the sun shines down on you and that you are able to enjoy every moment of what has always been my favourite time of year. There are plenty of activities going on in and around our villages, including the County Show, duck races, church services, music, sports, meetings and social gatherings.

See you in June, when I will be signing in with a new name!

**Julie Hill (01636 676079)**

**NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE IS 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

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## *May Calendar*

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When	What	Where
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	May Day – Bank Holiday	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Coronation Day	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday for the Coronation	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Brown bin	All
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	WI meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club	Winthorpe
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup>	Winthorpe & Langford Parish Council Meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver bin	Winthorpe
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Brown bin	All
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Line Dancing	Winthorpe
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	WHAM! meeting	Winthorpe
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Silver bin	L'ford/ Holme
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Green bin	Winthorpe
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Bank Holiday	
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Club	Winthorpe



**This month, due to Bank Holidays on 1<sup>st</sup> May and 29<sup>th</sup> May, there will be no mobile library service for our three villages.**

\*Information taken from inspireculture.org.uk

Don't forget to contact the editor about any events or activities happening in Winthorpe, Langford or Holme, so that they can be included in Focal Point.

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### **NEWARK FOODBANK**

I'm rather disappointed that the amount of giving this month from Winthorpe has decreased, whereas the problem of making ends meet continues to be as great as ever, with increased demand still running at 121%. Our most recent delivery to the Foodbank weighed in at 37.1kg, which is down and has taken longer to reach than usual. Thank you so much to those who have given, including those who give regularly, either through their bank or in kind, but to everyone else, I would say, come on Winthorpe – please think of others who are really struggling at the moment!

Especially needed: tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned or microwaveable sponge puddings, instant mashed potato, cooking sauces, women's and men's toiletries.

If you haven't donated before, it is very easy. Winthorpe Collection Points are:

- The shop at the Lord Nelson, during shop hours
- The swing bin at 11 Gainsborough Road, available 24/7.

The church porch, Sun 10am-12noon, Thurs 1.30-3.30pm

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## Winthorpe Village Hall

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**Board Games:** Unfortunately, the Thursday afternoon session on 6<sup>th</sup> April received too little support for it to go ahead. We feel that this is perhaps more of a winter-time event, so we will try to run this again in October.

**Scrabble Club:** if there is enough interest, we could start up a club for Scrabble lovers. Please email the editor of Focal Point if you would be interested. [winthorpefocalpoint@outlook.com](mailto:winthorpefocalpoint@outlook.com)

### **WHAM! Winthorpe History and Me**

Areas of interest currently being researched include education, local businesses, gravestones, buildings and family connections. We're interested in any historical period of Winthorpe and its environs, from the Vikings right up until the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. So please come along and join us – even if it's just to discover what on earth we all find to talk about on a Friday afternoon! **Next meeting: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm-3pm**

For more information about the use of Winthorpe Village Hall, whether for a club, a fundraiser or a private event, please contact Bob McClymont on 01636 705952 or Susie Conning on 07968855448.

### **Defibrillator codes for Winthorpe**

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Village Hall: CY543

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## **Afternoon Tea Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 3-5pm at Winthorpe Community Centre**

It is now only a few days before we will celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. Our Afternoon Tea event will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 3-5pm at the Community Centre. All places have now been allocated. If you wish to cancel, please let me know as soon as possible.

You are more than welcome to bring your own wine/ fizz; please remember to bring glasses with you. If you prefer a cup of tea/ coffee could I kindly ask that you bring your own cup and saucer/mug; hot drinks will be served to you.

Please be mindful of the limited number of parking spaces available and if you are able to do so please consider walking to the Community Centre instead of driving there.

Please support the Coronation raffle. Tickets will be available on the day and the raffle will be drawn during the event. Funds raised will be shared with the Prince's Trust and our Community Centre.

I sincerely hope that we will have a lovely afternoon together and thank you for your continuing support. I am looking forward to seeing you all on the 7<sup>th</sup>



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### WAWA - Winthorpe Amateur Wine Appreciation

Do you enjoy a glass of wine? Want to learn more about wine? Care to share thoughts on your favourite wines?

If yes, then come along to a meeting, to look at the feasibility of having a wine tasting group in Winthorpe. We will discuss when and where to meet, how the group will progress and what form the meetings will take.

The initial gathering of all who might be interested will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at the Lord Nelson. We will gather in the bar area nearest the Fleet, where Emma will have tables reserved for us. Looking forward to seeing you there and hearing your ideas (as long as you are over 18 !!!)

*Elaine Parkin*

### Winthorpe Summer Festival Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Please contact Sue Mashedor (07714548561) for information about having a stall or if you are interested in helping in any way.

## **WINTHORPE WI**

### **Coffee Morning**

Our members only coffee mornings are always popular and well attended, whatever the weather. The one held on 30<sup>th</sup> March had us dodging the showers. April must have been confused, arriving two days early. These mornings give us a chance to exchange news with friends, tell anecdotes and generally have a good natter and a laugh together over a cup of coffee and a piece of cake at the Lord Nelson.

### **MEETING 12th APRIL**

Time to party! Happy Birthday to us - 69 years young!

Four members were also celebrating their birthdays this month and were presented with a bunch of flowers. Twenty-eight members enjoyed a tasty celebratory meal, with a choice of chicken casserole with vegetables or a gruyere cheese and spinach quiche with salad, followed by an excellent choice of desserts.

We knew there was going to be entertainment and some members were secretly hoping that it would be the male model mentioned in a previous article. However, when Steve Bradbury walked in with his guitar, all bets were off. Steve entertained us with a selection of songs from our era, a couple of songs of his own composition, and well known songs to which he had altered the words, "Tights in White Satin" being one, and who would have thought that "couldn't give a damn" was the perfect rhyme for the word "luck", which was the last word of the preceding line.

The Committee are once again to be congratulated for organising an entertaining evening of wine, women and song... or in our case, an evening of women, wine and song with one lone male.

Future events include our first lunch club outing to The Bromley Arms at Fiskerton on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Meals must be pre-booked, so please inform the President of your choice if you intend to go. There is also an outing to a play entitled "A Force to be Reckoned With" at Oxtou Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets cost £13 for members and £15 for non-members.

Winthorpe WI meetings are held at the Community Centre at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. The first visit is free of charge and subsequent visits incur a £5.00 charge. And now you can also follow us on Facebook.

Our next book club meeting will be held at 10.30am at the Lord Nelson on 4<sup>th</sup> May, when we will be discussing *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. All WI members are welcome.

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**7.30PM AT WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## An expert's view of climate change by Professor Rob Wilby

## Winthorpe Garden Club

The Club's AGM ran smoothly. Chairman Ian Wilson thanked fellow committee members for their efforts over the course of the past year; in every instance they had fulfilled their duties for a number of years. From the floor, the chairman was thanked by Barbara Finn.

The outstanding topic was that of finance. Costs are rising: an extra £3.00 per hour for the hire of the Community Centre; about £1000 will be needed to pay for the next season of speakers. At the same time, income has been falling. A few years ago we had over 50 members, now reduced to about 30. To help mitigate this problem, the annual subscription has been increased to £15. However, this alone will not be enough to cover costs; various suggestions were forthcoming, several of which will be investigated by individual members.

As no-one came forward to take on the jobs of club officers, all current ones agreed to continue.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.30pm in Winthorpe Community Centre. The speaker is Steffie Shields, whose subject for the evening will be: "Have Gardens, Will Travel." Everyone is welcome. Why not come along and join us? The first visit is free; if you prefer not to become a member, subsequent visits cost £5.00.

### Summer Outings Update

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June (two nights), Kew Gardens and RHS Hyde Hall: please meet at the Lord Nelson, for **departure at 8.00am**.

The evening outing to Thorney on 28<sup>th</sup> June: we will travel by car, leaving the Lord Nelson at **6.30pm**.

Day trip to Trentham Gardens on 12<sup>th</sup> July: travelling by coach, we will leave from the Lord Nelson at **9.00am**.

*Ian Wilson*

# Winthorpe Tennis Club



Winthorpe Tennis club has two hard courts, by the Community Centre.

- The members are a group of people who enjoy playing tennis at varying standards, from beginners upwards.
- The club currently has about 30 members.
- Currently the club has no booking system; if somebody is waiting to play, members agree a time between themselves (up to an hour).
- Membership costs £15 for an individual or £30 for a family (plus Key Deposit) per annum.

## **Our Plans for 2023:**

- Junior Tennis sessions will start again, if interest is shown.
- Adult Tennis will start again from mid-May, on Sundays at 4:30 pm.
- If there is sufficient interest, the committee will be arranging a “friendly” league.
- Also if interest is shown, we can re-introduce coaching, which was running a couple of years ago.
- If you have any questions, or would like more details about Winthorpe Tennis Club, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Jonny Powell*

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Via Winthorpe village website: [www.winthorpe.org.uk/tennis-club](http://www.winthorpe.org.uk/tennis-club)



## **Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council**

The latest meeting of the Parish Council, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall, was well attended by councillors as well as two residents from Winthorpe. We have commented on the recent National Highways 'Targeted Consultation' on three aspects of the A46 Newark By Pass. These are updates and changes to the Langford Hall access road, changes to the Winthorpe Roundabout, and scheme boundary changes at the south end of Hargon Lane. Further information can be found on the National Highways website.

We held direct discussions with National Highways on the 21<sup>st</sup> May, which was a very productive meeting. This helped to address potential concerns; National Highways also provided some helpful insights into some wider aspects of the plans. We will continue to monitor the A46 development and ensure that the impacts of the new road are minimised for residents and the parish.

We will be meeting with our County Councillor (Debbie Darby) in May, to provide feedback on Parish issues and identify any Nottinghamshire County Council policies or activities, which may affect the parish. These will include the need for a 40mph zone from Winthorpe roundabout to Langford, parking near the school, aspects of the A46 redevelopment, and the condition of roads in the area. If you have any specific points which you would like to be raised, please let us know.

In planning, there have been three applications since the last edition of Focal Point which the PC have considered. These are as follows:

- The Starbucks drive-through near The Friendly Farmer roundabout – Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging points. Parish Council view: no objection, as this is beneficial to the wider community
- 1 Speight Close, Winthorpe – single storey extensions to front and rear elevations. New boundary fencing and gates. Parish Council view: we have concerns about the impact of the front extension and the proposed height of the fencing, which we will be sharing with Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Team
- The Grove, 73 Gainsborough Road – resubmission of an application for an extension of an existing Swimming Pool changing facility to incorporate a gym and additional facilities. Parish Council view: this is the same as our view when the application was submitted previously; briefly we have no objection if the facilities remain solely for domestic use.

Following my comments in the last edition of Focal Point, we're now very hopeful that we will soon have support from Newark & Sherwood DC for the installation of a new sign on The Spinney at the point where each leg branches off. This will help emergency vehicles and delivery drivers to locate properties.

We continue to work through the programme of works for maintenance of Parish Council owned property and land within the Parish. A considerable number of these items have been reported by residents; thank you for your input. We have a register of issues to be completed, which is prioritised and we will be working to complete over the next year.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the AGM and will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me: [paul@bridgfordss.co.uk](mailto:paul@bridgfordss.co.uk)

## **Neighbourhood Plan Update – April 2023**

I am very pleased to say that at long last we are working towards a final version of the Parish Neighbourhood Plan. As I have mentioned in recent editions of Focal Point, this has taken a little longer than we had hoped; the final version will be tied down during May and we hope to circulate access to the plan to all residents from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

The construction of the plan has taken a lot of effort from all members of the Working Group and contains significant information to support the future of Winthorpe with Langford Parish over the next 10 years.

There will be ample opportunity to comment on the plan over the 6-week consultation period, ending in mid-July. It is important that we receive as much comment as possible on the content, so that the Working Group can then work with our consultant's 'Open Plan' to conclude its content and the way it looks before finally submitting it to the planning team at Newark and Sherwood DC.

There will be more information about how you can view and comment on the plan in the next edition of Focal Point. In the meantime, we will be organising Parish Meetings in the Community Centre in mid-June. This will provide you with

the opportunity to understand the direction of the plan, its key themes and policies, and to put any questions to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

Full information will be available in the next edition of Focal Point.



## **THINK AGAIN**

### ***The Winthorpe Residents' A46 Consultation Group***

The additional targeted consultation conducted by National Highways concluded in mid-April and individual meetings have been held with affected landowners. A further meeting with Think Again has been requested for May to continue the dialogue

and to work in collaboration to achieve the best solution for Winthorpe.

Further press coverage has included information from the outcome of the original statutory consultation and selected views on the additional proposals contained in the targeted consultation. The results of the further consultation will be included in next stages of the planning process. It is unlikely that the process will be fully completed before 2025. Further surveys were conducted by National Highways in early April.

For up-to-date news on Think Again's campaign, upcoming events and key dates, please join our mailing list (details below).

The dedicated Think Again website is available as a single point of information and communication for the village. It can be found by following the link: <https://a46thinkagain.org.uk>

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Thanks from Emma and the Team



## Recipe for May, for the Coronation of King Charles III

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### Coronation chicken scones

Prep: 25 minutes

Cook: 12 minutes

Makes 12

#### Ingredients

##### For the scones:

225g self-raising flour, plus extra for dusting

150ml milk

1 tsp baking powder

1 tbsp nigella seeds

140g cold butter, chopped into small pieces

1 egg, beaten

##### For the filling:

3 cooked chicken breasts, finely chopped or shredded

small bunch coriander, chopped

small bunch mint, chopped

100g mango chutney

juice ½ lemon

2 tsp mild curry powder

½ cucumber, peeled into ribbons

150g pot natural yogurt

1 small red onion, thinly sliced

75g mayonnaise

#### Method

1. First, make the scones. Line a baking tray with baking parchment and heat oven to 220°C/200°C fan/gas 7. Put the flour and baking powder in a large bowl, add ¼ tsp salt and mix well. Tip in the butter and rub into the flour with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the milk and nigella seeds and use a cutlery knife to mix the ingredients together until they clump into a soft dough.
2. Tip onto your work surface and knead briefly to incorporate any crumbs. Flour the surface well and roll the dough out to a thickness of about 1½ cm. Use a 7 cm biscuit cutter to stamp out 12 circles – you may need to combine the scraps back together and re-roll to make all 12. Arrange over the baking tray, brush the tops with a little beaten egg and bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Set aside to cool while you prepare the filling.
3. Mix the chicken, chutney, curry powder, yogurt, mayo, herbs, lemon juice and some seasoning in a bowl. Chill until you're ready to assemble.
4. To serve, split the scones and make sandwiches with the coronation chicken, cucumber and red onion. Fix the scones together with a skewer, if you like.

Jane Confrey

## **Memories of Spring, taken from Winthorpe Village Scrapbook**

Finally spring came, the snowdrops and violets appeared in the hedgerows and the celandines in the woods. We listened for the cuckoo and watched for the first swallow. My father recorded the dates on the doorpost of one greenhouse. Many of these are now indecipherable but some remain.

Then in May came the flycatchers, chiffchaffs and whitethroats. The blue tit nested in the garden pump, the long tailed tit built its nest of cobwebs, moss and lichen in the shrubbery, goldfinches nested in the pear trees. A kingfisher nested in the gravel pit in the Hall grounds, while farther afield, by the Fleet, we knew where to find mallard, coot, moorhen and snipe. Red squirrels frequented the trees, scattering husks of beech nuts or acorns on to the paths. In spring we could watch the same red squirrels sitting on the sycamore tree across the road, scattering the outer green scale leaves of the buds on to the road below as they sought for the juicy green leaves in the heart of the bud.

At night, as we lay in bed, we could recognise the voices of barn owl, tawny owl or little owl, and often the double bark of the fox. On hot summer nights the nightingale broke the silence now shattered by the harsh sounds of vehicles on the by-pass, or the youth of the village on noisy motor-cycles.

Never again shall we see the dog fox jump over the wall opposite, cross the road, jump over our wall, walk slowly under our window and on through the shrubbery to raid the hen roost at the Grove, leaving clear footprints in the undisturbed snow. Nor are we likely to halt while a hen pheasant emerges from the park side of the Lincoln Road and walks her brood across the road to the safety of the cornfield on the Carr Farm. The heavy "clomp" of the stallion, brasses gleaming in the sun, his mane and tail neatly plaited with bright red ribbons, as he is led to the farm, or the quick light steps of a well-groomed horse, head held high by the bearing rein, drawing a brougham - these are only a memory.

**Miss K. E. Euston. 1971.**

## MAY QUIZ

*Just for fun...*

1. In 1620, the Pilgrim Fathers set sail in the Mayflower, bound for America, from which English port?
2. Which precious stone is the birthstone of May?
3. On which date in May was Victory in Europe celebrated in 1945?
4. Johnny May is an England international player of which sport?
5. "May it be an evening star / Shines down upon you" are the opening words of an Enya song from the soundtrack of which 2001 film?
6. What is the life span of a mayfly?
7. Who presented the tv programme *Top Gear*, from 2003-2015, alongside Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond?
8. If your birthday is 15<sup>th</sup> May, under which zodiac sign were you born?
9. What was the nickname of the yellow inflatable life preserver jacket used by Allied air crew in World War 2?
10. Traditionally run on the first Saturday in May, what is the official title of the horse race in America, otherwise known as The Run For The Roses?
11. Which former British Prime Minister is the MP for Maidenhead?
12. Why is May 4<sup>th</sup> known as Star Wars Day?
13. May Queen is a variety of which fruit?
14. On 16<sup>th</sup> May 1943, the dambusters raid set off from which RAF base?
15. Sir Brian May has a PhD from Imperial College, London, in which stellar subject?
16. In which year, on 6<sup>th</sup> May, did Roger Bannister run the first sub four-minute mile, in a time of 3mins 59.4secs?
17. Who had a Number 1 hit with the song *Maggie May* in 1971?
18. Which British-registered ocean liner was torpedoed by an Imperial German Navy U-boat during the First World War on 7 May 1915?
19. May blossom is commonly associated with which tree, native to the British Isles?
20. Which Winthorpe couple will be 'tying the knot' on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, aboard the Queen Mary II, somewhere in the North Sea?



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## APRIL'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

Well, we can no longer call ourselves Elizabethans, but with the succession and coronation of King Charles III, how shall we be known? Personally, I'm quite happy to try to be a right Charlie, if that means a fool who cares about the well being of everyone, rather than just looking out for myself. Our monarch is in a good position to be just that. He is King of all his subjects in our wonderfully diverse nation and isn't hampered by worrying about who's voting for him. This means that King Charles can act and speak out for our common humanity and set the standard of care for everyone.

Our understanding of the Monarchy is a call to service and King Charles has already pledged himself to that vocation. Speaking just after the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, he committed himself to follow the pattern of service that she demonstrated: a service of loyalty, respect and love. He already has a good track record of that so far, but he can't do this in his own strength, so we need to pray for King Charles. We too need to play our parts. We also need to commit to living generous lives of love and service, and so we need to pray for each other.

**We might like to use this prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you. Give us the will to be a servant of others, as you were the servant of all, gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and forever. Amen.

I look forward to sharing our festivities in the month of May as we celebrate the Coronation, and let's choose to be Right Charlies for the good of our community and our world as we watch out for each other.

*God bless you all.*

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## All Saints' Church, Winthorpe

It was wonderful to host two East Trent Group Services in church this Easter. The church couldn't have looked as different two days running as it did for the very stark Good Friday Service, to a building full of colour with beautiful flower arrangements adorning every window ledge for the Easter Eve Service. The Flower Ladies certainly triumphed in bringing Spring inside and lifting spirits at the same time.

Katie and Ryan enjoyed their special wedding day last month, with two more weddings to look forward to in June.

We held our APCM at the end of April, at which Christine Hasman stood down from her role on the PCC, after many years of service. We would like to thank her very much for all the time and effort she has put in to the church's cause; it has been much appreciated.

We look forward very much to the Coronation weekend and all the activities in and around the village. The month of May sees us back to normal in church, with the usual Services taking place.

Next month the Village Festival will be taking place on June 24<sup>th</sup>; with this in mind, please could everybody see if they have something they might be able to donate to our Tombola Stall? Joan (Gainsborough, top), Sharon (Woodlands), Pauline (Pocklington), Jane (Old Rectory Court) and Tish (Gainsborough, bottom) would be very happy to receive any items from you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone who is ill, hospitalised or facing a bereavement at this time.

**Tish Applewhite** (Churchwarden) 643763

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# St. Giles Church, Holme

Hello from St Giles Church Holme.

Over Easter, not much has happened at Holme, as the action has been elsewhere. In Holy Week however, we had a mid-week devotional service, led by Canon David White and well attended. It took place in the Barton Chapel, which was most special and atmospheric, and David gave us much food for thought.

The Annual General Meeting took place at the end of March, when Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam were re-elected as Churchwardens for another year. This is an important role to take on; they will be sworn in at a special ceremony in Southwell Minster in June, where the registrar is present. The Churchwardens are responsible for the upkeep of the church building and the land on which it sits. They ensure that the place is properly maintained and that it remains financially viable, with accounts published each year. The churchwardens also must ensure that the local church is accessible and available to the residents of the village for funerals, weddings and baptisms, and keep the churchyard mown and tidy.

Our next service in the church will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, the day after the Coronation, so if you want to come and give thanks for our new King, you are most welcome to come along and enjoy the singing.

Kind regards,  
Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.

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## St Bartholomew's Church, Langford

During April, Langford Church was decorated with flowers to celebrate Easter and springtime, providing a peaceful and reflective space for visitors. Our colouring competition had several entries, including a painting on canvas from residents at Tigh Abaid and a three dimensional model of eggs and crosses.

The churchyard gardening activities started again in April, providing a welcoming environment for conversation as we worked. We are seeing more walkers stop for a picnic in the grounds and have received some lovely comments in our visitors' book. Thank you to all who come along to help keep the churchyard looking so good, and inside the church clean and stocked with fresh flowers.

**John and Becky Whittaker** (key holders)  
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## Church Services for May 2023



<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(5<sup>th</sup> of Easter)</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	Holme
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(6<sup>th</sup> of Easter)</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>(7<sup>th</sup> of Easter)</b>	9.00am 10.15am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Langford Winthorpe
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Pentecost)</b>	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Winthorpe
<b>Every Thursday</b>	1.30 – 3.30pm	Open Church	Winthorpe
<b>Every Day</b>	10.00 – 4.00pm	Open Church	Holme + Langford

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