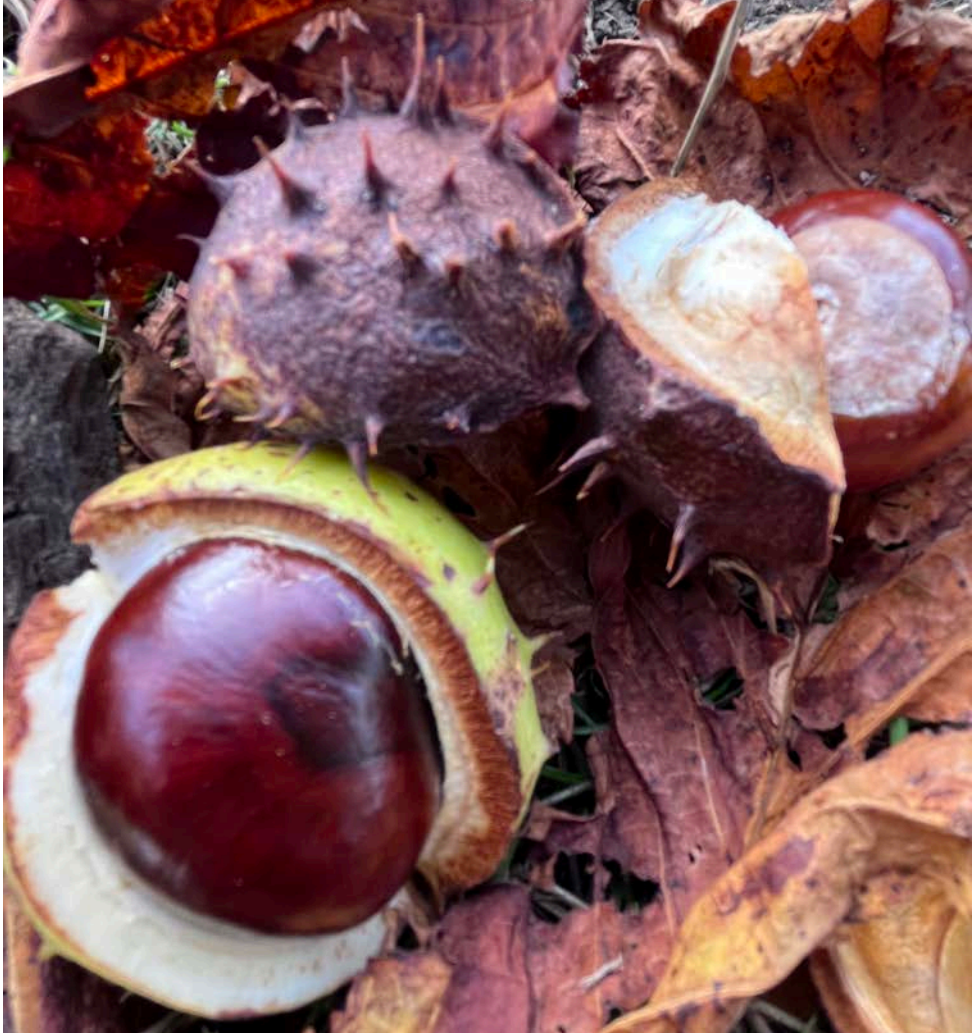


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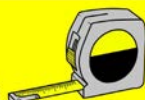
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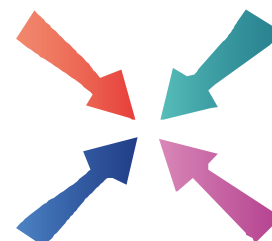
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From the Editor

I have received requests, from more than one direction, to publicise the arrival of a new bus route which will serve villages in the Meeting Point area. I have done as asked, and it is just over the page for you to read. There are all sorts of reasons why people are unable to drive, and living in a rural area like this makes it hard (or expensive) to get around if you don't have access to a car. Let's hope the service gets well-used and becomes a fixture.

Within this very full edition we have got a lovely, reflective, article from another of the Olveston Allotmenters. I am hoping for one or two more before we have to admit that the 'vegetable season' is truly over. Olveston Parish Historical Society has provided us with their 2025/2026 programme, plus details of the October offering. There is also a wonderfully positive review of the concert held in St. Mary's, Olveston, back in September.

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A New Bus Service

Caroline Brewser

Villages in our parish now benefit from two regular bus services that are open to all members of the public:

- The 918 (blue double decker), which runs between Severn Beach and Thornbury (Rock Street and The Castle School) at the start and end of the school day, on weekdays.
- The Y2C (minibus), a pilot service which runs between Yate and Cribbs Causeway 11 times per day, from Monday to Saturday.

Both services need the support of local people to make sure they continue to operate, so please make sure you use them. You can pay on board for both services, they should accept cash or card.

What's the difference?

As well as stopping at Rock Street in Thornbury, the 918 delivers and collects students within the school grounds at The Castle School (especially useful in bad weather or if carrying lots of stuff). It is a larger bus, with the capacity to carry all the students. The service isn't just for school children though: it can be used by anyone. At the other end of its journey, the 918 serves Easter Compton, Pilning and Severn Beach (not Cribbs Causeway). It is operated by Eurocoaches.



The Y2C is a new, pilot, minibus service which started on 1st September this year. It runs between Yate and Cribbs Causeway (not Severn Beach) and also runs on Saturdays (same timetable as weekdays). It

uses Westlink minibuses, but is a scheduled service, and doesn't need to be booked via the app or phone. The timing of the Y2C service has been arranged to complement the 918 rather than compete with it. In particular, the 16.31 service from Thornbury could be useful for students doing after school activities.

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Since the loss of our former regular 622 bus service in April 2023, many people have campaigned for the return of a regular service to connect our villages, particularly to help people who have no other transport. The 918 has been operating since 2023, because parents have conducted an ongoing, successful campaign so that children can reach The Castle School by public transport. Working with South Gloucestershire Council, the campaign recently secured funding until July 2026, and it will continue to seek funding for future years. For more information contact: cbrewser@freeuk.com.

Now, efforts by the Council mean the new pilot Y2C scheme is in place, with scheduled buses running throughout the day. However, the pilot must be supported if this service is to continue in the long term.

You can find the full timetables, including all stops, by searching online. Here is a summary for Olveston Parish.

Buses towards Thornbury (weekdays)

	Y2C	Y2C	918	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C
Severn Beach	-	-	0730	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cribbs	0600	0725	-	0850	1015	1140	1305	1430	1555	1720	1845
Tockington	0623	0748	0804	0913	1038	1203	1328	1453	1618	1743	1908
Olveston	0626	0751	0806	0916	1041	1206	1331	1456	1621	1746	1911
Old Down	0629	0754	0809	0919	1044	1209	1334	1459	1624	1749	1914
Rock Street	0641	0806	0819	0931	1056	1221	1346	1511	1636	1801	1926
Castle School	-	-	0825	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Buses towards Cribbs/Severn Beach (weekdays)

	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	918	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C	Y2C
Castle School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1530	-	-	-	-
Rock Street	0637	0801	0926	1051	1216	1341	1506	1535	1631	1756	1921	2046
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The second half featured Medelssohn's *Italian Symphony*. Again, this was brilliantly played and full of hummable music. The fabulous orchestra was conducted by Stefan Dorre, renowned conductor and concert pianist, who is



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Here's what's in store for 2025 -2026. Everyone welcome... just turn up!

Wed. 1st Oct. 2025: Welcome, all! After a short AGM, Matthew Riddle will tell us how the Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board works to ensure we don't have water, water everywhere. He'll trace the Board's roots back centuries, as well as covering its current work.

Wed. 5th November 2025: Jane Duffus has compiled three books called 'The Women who Built Bristol'. Each book contains lively profiles of 250 ordinary and extraordinary women who have lived in or had links to Bristol. Jane will tell us about some of the women featured.

Wed. 3rd December 2025: We welcome back retired professor and local writer Gareth Williams, whose latest 5 star-rated book tells the true story of the top-secret British atomic programme, codenamed "Tube Alloys," established in 1940. He explains how, without the expertise of this programme's scientists, Robert Oppenheimer's research at Los Alamos would not have succeeded.

Wed. 7th January 2026: GKN is a successful local aerospace company with its roots going back to the Dowlais Iron Works near Merthyr Tydfil, founded in 1759. Dr Victoria Owens will tell us about Lady Charlotte Guest who, for three years, on the death of her husband, headed up this company. Under her management, Dowlais became the world's largest manufacturing company.

Wed. 4th February 2026: Dr Toby Jones is a nautical archaeologist and the Curator of the Newport Medieval Ship, a vessel found in the River Usk in Newport in 2002. He will tell us about the ship's discovery, how and where it was built, its current situation and future plans.

Wed. 4th March 2026: Dr Robert W. Jones will tell us about the life of William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke, one of the most powerful Anglo-Norman lords in medieval England. He led a colourful military life and, as a statesman, served five English kings. He substantially extended and modernised Chepstow Castle, based on his experience of warfare in France and the Crusades.

Wed. 1st April 2026: Kate Peake, a licensed drone pilot, has created some engaging films tracing the course and giving some of the history of the Wye Valley, following in the footsteps of William Gilpin, 18th century populariser of 'romantic' tourism. Sit back & enjoy the show.

Venue: Olveston Methodist Church, The Street BS35 4DR at 7.30pm
Free refreshments will be available before the start of all meetings.

Annual membership rate (for all 7 talks): £10 in total - pay on the night. Or £3 for a single meeting - pay on the night. Cash or cheques only, please.

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Matthew Riddle, vice-chair of our local Internal Drainage Board, which covers the whole of the Lower Severn, will explain the work of the Board, perhaps best described as 'a quiet, unseen service, that's valued by the people who know what they do'.

The LSIDB can trace its roots back to its predecessor, The Court of Sewers, in Tudor times. So, Matthew will incorporate some of its history into the talk, as well as describing the Lower

Severn Internal Drainage Board's current work. This now includes management of habitats for wildlife.

Before Matthew's talk, there will be a brief AGM.

Refreshments (free) will be available before the start of the meeting at 7.30

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If you're interested in joining the club, our membership secretary, Pat will be on the door to give you more information, or else contact us below. Members free, non-members very welcome - £6 on the door, cash or card. 7.15 for 7.30pm until 9.30pm. St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury, BS35 1DR Free parking on-site.

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Mike Woodcock

The staples on my plot are beans, chard, kale and asparagus. This year has been very difficult for the obvious reasons – it's been hot and dry. I think the swifts liked it, their magnificent flying displays just before sunset are a summer highlight and raise the spirits while watering and watering, followed the next day by watering and watering.

When planning for beans it's best to prepare a bean trench in the early spring. Put a lot of compost in there and water it well before replacing the soil. It's hard to go wrong with runner beans and with a little effort, even this year I had a halfway decent crop, and the freezer has been topped up to a reasonable extent.



The climbing French beans (Climbing Blue Lake, a great texture and flavour) did better, but their season is shorter than that of the runners. I always plant a mix of the two to cope with the unknown future our weather always provides and I'm so glad that I did.

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I also put a sweet pea or two on my canes. This is to attract the pollinators with a guarantee of a feed on the bright flowers and so aid the setting of the bean flowers as they buzz around the plants. I also over-plant, putting in more seeds than I need and then ruthlessly taking out the weakest as they sprout.

So, what happened this year? Well, the first blasts of wind came from the north-west and early in the season, before the beans were up and binding my rough and ready tying of the canes, so a bit of re-tying was needed. And then it was hot and dry. The plots began to suffer except where diligent plot-holders were getting round with the watering can. My plot was no exception, and far more water was needed than I had expected. But it has been worth it, and I was still getting a crop into September.



What about planning for next year? I'm going to get better trenches dug, and I'll act on those reminders from the gardening experts about mulching and getting lots of organic material into the soil. A good organic mulch, perhaps compost, spent growbag

medium or manure is great for soil protection and for soil improvement but only if it's on a moist soil, so I'm waiting for the rains to come and really soak the soil before I spread the contents of my compost bins.

As for my other staples - the kale and chard (above) did ok, but my asparagus really couldn't cope with the weather. That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it.

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Monday 6th October St Mary's, Olveston

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Doors open at 7pm. Film starts at 7:30 prompt. No entry charges and everyone is welcome. Licensed bar, tea and coffee. This is a St Mary's outreach event, and all donations go towards the upkeep of the church.

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Examples of grant recipients to date: Jigsaw; Haven Memory Café; Krunch; Great Western Air Ambulance; Thornbury Community Permaculture Project; Thornbury in Bloom.

This year's grant-giving programme encourages local organisations to apply for a grant towards any wellbeing or health-related project supporting our charitable aims for which our financial assistance might be needed. We welcome your interest and will consider all requests carefully.

The 2025/6 programme will operate as follows:

8 October-10 November 2025: Grant Applications to be submitted.

10 November: Last date for Grant Application submission.

14 November: Announcement of Grants awarded.

Please contact Andrea for further information regarding the above programme, email: abates1101@msn.com

The last event of the year will be our AGM on Friday 21st November (3pm, St Mary's Church Hall) when there will be a talk by one of our previous grant recipients and light refreshments.

We need more active members to help us put on future events, so if you are interested in assisting in any way please contact Paul by email: paul.wilkinson53@outlook.com

We look forward to another rewarding year of supporting health and wellbeing in our local community.

**Thornbury and District League of Friends mission is to assist the people of Thornbury and surrounding parishes by providing such additional help and support as is approved by the Trustees for their healthcare and wellbeing, either directly or indirectly through agencies or other charities.*

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The competition this month is for an autumn arrangement - flowers, leaves, berries in lovely autumn colours. Have a go!

FFI: Contact Angela Green on 615222.

Advent Windows

Debbie Harries



Yes, I know it's only October!

For the past few years people have mounted Advent Windows as a kind of living Advent Calendar. It is lovely to find and see the windows as they are lit up during December. The windows can be any design you like, so why not have a go this year!

If you would like to create a window, please contact me for more details:
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The final Sunday afternoon concert of the 2025 series will be held on October 19th at St Mary's Church, Thornbury. We are delighted to welcome Panache as our performers.

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Update on The Armstrong

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An unexpected highlight in August was a visit to the site by Maggie Lansdown, the generous benefactor who has made Phase One of the renovation possible. She visited the Armstrong to see the progress and to meet some of the people involved in the project. Maggie's local connections and her Mum's friendship with Jill Dimond's mum were catalysts for her involvement, so it was especially good to meet her in person. It was an opportunity for some of the team to thank her and she was pleased to put faces to names and hear about the future plans.

Meanwhile, as the builders transform and renovate, there is a hive of activity in the teams planning for the re-opening and management of the Cossham Hall and the bar and foyer. One group has been visiting other venues in the region to research prices, programmes, management and the role of volunteers in the new organisation – many will be needed! While it has been very encouraging to learn from these successful venues such as The Subscription Rooms at Stroud, the Memorial Theatre at Frome and The Goods Shed at Tetbury, it has also become clear that The Armstrong compares well in terms of space and flexibility, so the outlook is positive. There will be many opportunities for community involvement and active support one of which will be the help required to clear, redesign and plant the outside space once the builders have cleared the site.

Fundraising for Phase Two, the renovation of the Armstrong Hall itself, is paramount for the completion of the scheme so that is also a vital and intensive activity in these months prior to completion of Phase One.

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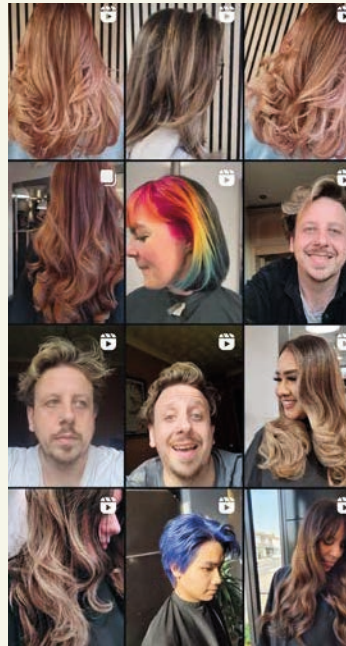
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At the UN Conference held recently in July it was agreed by 170 nations to instigate urgent action on conservation and sustainability of the world's oceans by expanding the marine protection area off Polynesia to 5 million sq. km. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres also referred to deep sea mining saying that it cannot become the new mining area. As of July 2024, only exploratory licenses have been issued with no commercial-scale deep sea mining operations yet. The International Seabed Authority (ISA) regulates all mineral-related activities in international waters and has granted 31 exploration licenses so far. This is a worrying factor in the protection of the planet's oceans

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New Members' Welcome Meeting Friday 17th October from 3.30-4:30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, BS35 1DR

This meeting is to welcome new and prospective members of Thornbury u3a. Following a short talk about Thornbury u3a, tea and coffee will be available and some of the interest groups will illustrate their activities.

If you have just joined, do come along. Please also encourage anyone who is thinking of joining us to come along to find out more.

For more information visit our website: <https://thornbury.u3asite.uk/> or contact the membership secretary membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk



CRUK Autumn Fayre

It's a bit early to think about Christmas, but please save the date of our annual Autumn Fayre.

Saturday October 11th St. Helens School Alveston from 10am to 1pm.

Free entry with tea and coffee available. Various stalls including Christmas goods and Christmas cards for sale. We look forward to having your support in raising funds for valuable research into the many forms of cancer.

Coming Up in November.....

Thornbury Volunteer Centre Christmas Tabletop Sale

Saturday 8th November 2025, 10:00am

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Thornbury Young Musicians 10th Anniversary Concert

An Action Arts Group presentation at the United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, Thornbury, BS35 2BA on November 9th at 3.00pm.

Join us for one of the highlights of the musical year for many in our AAG audiences. This will be the 10th year of the Thornbury Young Musicians Concerts, started in 2016 by local musician and actor Michael Lunts to showcase the immense amount of young musical talent in the locality. The concerts have grown in popularity year on year, such that they are now regularly sell-out events.

Tickets cost £7.50 or £5 for under 16 years.
Tea and cakes will be served in the interval.
Contact AAGThornbury@gmail.com or 01454 850933



Professor Gareth Williams Talk: Tube Alloys

This is the story of the British scientists who built the first atomic bombs. Their names are mostly forgotten but they changed the course of history. Without them, the Manhattan Project and Los Alamos would never have happened, and no atomic bombs could have been made during the Second World War.

In his new book, *The Impossible Bomb*, Professor Gareth Williams unearths the remarkable story of the top-secret British nuclear programme, set up in 1940, and code-named 'Tube Alloys'. It is a gripping true-life scientific thriller, which sheds new light on the birth of nuclear weapons and reveals how and why Tube Alloys was written out of history.

"A thrilling human drama – Williams writes with the clarity and pace of John le Carré" Daily Mail.

Professor Gareth Williams' talk takes place on Thursday November 13th 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Road, BS35 1DR.

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I must admit I love this time of year. After all the hectic running around - or just trying to keep cool in the heat of summer - it is nice to slow down. Nice to think about what is really important and what is the best way of spending our time. Especially before the madness of a modern Christmas kicks in.

As I write this, I can see raindrops falling from the trees outside my living room window, I never thought I would be so glad to see the rain, or so appreciative of the green. This summer has found me thinking a lot about the importance of water, how fundamental it is to life and how desperate people must feel when they don't have enough of it.

I've just read a lovely book by the British Turkish novelist Elif Shafak called *There are Rivers in the Sky*, and it is a lot about water and how it connects us all, through time and across continents. There is a quote near the end of the book which has stuck with me, the grandmother says "*In the blackest sky there is a star glimmering high above, in the deepest night, a candle burning bright. Never despair. You must always look for the nearest source of life.*" I know that is difficult sometimes, both personally and when we look at the state of the world. But it is important to remember to look for the light, so that we are not overwhelmed by the darkness. I guess it is a question of balance.

It is important not to ignore the negatives in life, whether personal, local, national or international, but it is also important to always look for the positives, so that we don't become overwhelmed. Getting that balance right sounds like a lifetime's work. Hopefully one to which we can all decide to devote some time and energy.



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Church News

ST MARY the VIRGIN, OLVESTON

Oct 5th	9am 10am 6pm	Messy Church Holy Communion 1662 Evensong - Choir	Rev David Lloyd Rev David Lloyd
Oct 12th	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer - Choir Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd Rev David Bone
Oct 19th	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer - Choir Holy communion BCP	Janet McBride Rev Ann Lloyd
Oct 26th	10am 6pm	Holy Communion - Choir Reflective Evening Prayer	Rev Ann Lloyd Janet McBride

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NB Clergy may change.

Contact: Rev David Moss, 01454 415190, mossds@gmail.com

CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Oct 5th	5pm	Harvest Festival	
Oct 12th	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss
Oct 26th	10am	Morning Prayer	Trevor Cook

Contact: Trevor Cook, 01454 618442

Church Wardens: Jenn Dickens 632312 and Jon Burnett 633835

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Oct 12th	3pm	Evening Prayer	Tracey Black
Oct 26th	3pm	Evensong with Holy Communion	Rev David Moss

Contacts: Tracey Black 417660 and Tim Pyper 416422 /07802 419451

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Oct 12th	9am	Morning Prayer	Judith Heybyrne
Oct 26th	9am	Holy Communion	Rev Ann Lloyd

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Oct 5th	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Samuel Uwimana
Oct 12th	10am	Olv Ch	Local Arrangement
Oct 19th	10am	Alveston Ch	Circuit Evangelism Day
Oct 26th	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Simon Edwards

Contact: Rev Dr Simon Edwards 418176
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Diary Dates for October

Information believed to be correct at going to press.

1 Weds	Table Tennis every Weds Olveston Parish Historical Society	7pm 7.30pm	OPH OMC
2 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers Market Coffee shop, every Thurs Good afternoon, Choir, every Thurs Thornbury Art Club painting studio, every Thurs	9am 9.30-1pm 1-3pm 1.30- 4.30pm	StM URC SMCH
3 Fri	Tockington Community Café Haven Memory Café, every 1 st and 3 rd Friday Thornbury Arts: James Dowdeswell	10-12pm 10.15- 11.45am 7.30pm	TMC URC CTK
4 Sat	Park Run every Sat Thornbury Arts: Nell Gwynne	9am 7.30pm	MPF StMT
5 Sun	Litter picking	10am	OPH
6 Mon	Monday Movies Alveston Garden Association talk	7pm 7.30pm	StM JHA
7 Tues	Over 60's Coffee morning every Tues Citizen's advice every Tues Thornbury Art Club painting studio, every Tues WRBL	10-12pm 10-12pm 1.30- 4.30pm 7.30pm	DGCL TTH SMCH DGCL
11 Sat	Thornbury Art Club, outdoor grp CRUK Autumn Fayre	10am 10-1pm	SMCH StHSc
13 Mon	Severn Vale Flower club demo	1.30pm	SMCH
14 Tues	Thornbury Memory Café every 2 nd & 4 th Tues Olveston & Tockington WI	10.15- 11.45am 7.30pm	TMH OPH
16 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers Market	9am	
17 Fri	Thornbury & District u3a new members Welcome meeting	3.30- 4.30pm	SMCH
18 Sat	Alveston Repair Café	10-1am	StH
19 Sun	St Mary's Music: Panache	4pm	StMT
21 Tues	Parish Hall AGM	7.30pm	OPH

22 Weds	Air Ambulance open evening Alveston Local History Society talk	6.30pm 7.30pm	Airbase AMC
25 Sat	The Bristol Ensemble Concert	7.30pm	URC
27 Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club, practice	1.30pm	SMCH
28 Tues	Thornbury Art Club Night	7.30pm	SMCH
29 Weds	TMTG: Oklahoma until 1 st Nov	7.30pm	OTF

Looking forward to November:

Saturday 8th - Thornbury Volunteer Xmas tabletop sale - 10-1pm - TMH

Sunday 9th - Thornbury young musicians' concert - 3pm - URC

Thursday 13th - Prof Gareth Williams talk: Tube Alloys - 7.30pm - SMCH

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