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From the Editor

Normally, in September, people are looking forward to picking blackberries and harvesting apples. There is a sense of the season changing as the leaves start to turn into their autumnal colours. But it is all a bit different this year. Blackberries, huge numbers of them, have been ripe since July. Apple trees are already laden with, admittedly small, ripe fruit. Trees and hedgerows have been showing quite a few brown leaves for some time, due to the serious lack of rainfall this summer. Interesting times.

I am pleased to report that there are, reassuringly, several aspects of September remaining the same for those of us living in the Meeting Point area. In this edition we have got details about the annual Tockington Harvest Fayre, the Parish Players' next production and the return of Monday Movies after its summer break. So, enjoy the start of autumn 2025....... whatever it brings.

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Tockington Harvest Fayre

Saturday 13th September 2pm - 5pm on Tockington Green



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Music at a previous Fayre

Sit and enjoy your tea on the Green whilst being entertained by live music and talented dancers. Our programme of entertainment includes Avive, Thornbury Dance School, Jolly Melodies (pre-school music) and local band Ride the Edge.

We'd love to see lots of entries for the Children's Competitions

Fancy Dress: A story book character - come as Harry Potter, for example, or the Gruffalo or Paddington Bear. The fancy dress competition will be judged at the start of the Fayre.

Model/Design Competitions

- Make a 3D scene in a box (a diorama) to illustrate your favourite story, try to create as much of it yourself using different materials.
 and/or
- Make a comic strip book A4 sheet folded in half with drawings/words/collage to tell a funny story (minimum – 6 panels)

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Please come along and support this event, as it is a major source of funds towards the running costs of Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church and buildings, which continue to be used substantially by local groups.

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What's growing on Olveston Allotments?

Marlene Baker



I am frequently asked by allotment tenants if they can have a plot without bindweed or convolvulus (of which there are 250 species). It seems to thrive no matter what the conditions. How can a flower that looks so pretty be the one every gardener despises? Everyone thinks of it as a weed, but a weed is often defined as a plant growing in the wrong place, in this case our gardens and vegetables plots. Getting rid of it is challenging.

Here are some methods to try:

1. Dig as deep as possible trying not to break up the roots. Ease the plant and roots away from the soil and dispose of it in your green bin. Do not put this weed in your compost as it will thrive even better

there. The roots break up easily and each little piece of root is potentially another plant. Rotavating helps bindweed spread by breaking up its roots and encouraging new growth.

- 2. Continuous weeding weakens the convolvulus plant. Take out as much of the root as possible.
- 3. Place tall thin canes in the planted area as the bindweed loves climbing and this makes it easier to see and pull up. (See picture on the next page)
- 3. For particularly stubborn infestations, covering the affected area with heavy-duty landscape fabric or black plastic can help starve the roots of light, gradually weakening the plant over several seasons. This method requires patience and diligence, as bindweed's roots can remain dormant for long periods, waiting for the first opportunity to re-emerge. Persistence is essential as each fragment of root left behind holds the promise of new growth, so regularly inspecting beds and borders is vital. Mulching deeply around cultivated plants can also suppress some regrowth, providing gardeners a temporary reprieve as they continue their campaign.
- 4. Weed killer is discouraged and is not a real solution.

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Has this plant any graces you ask? Yes, cattle and sheep eat the leaves, pigs and hens will unearth and eat the roots. This vear there have been beautiful displays in the hedges of its beautiful creamy white flowers and, along paths and hedges, convolvulus arvensis, the small and starlike field variety. (pictured below)

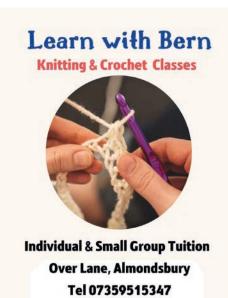
Despite its troublesome reputation, bindweed's delicate, trumpet-shaped blooms have long inspired artists and poets alike. In Victorian times, it was even

considered a symbol of devoted love - perhaps a nod to its tenacious grip on whatever it chooses to embrace. Yet for gardeners, the true test is patience and persistence. Victory over bindweed is rarely swift, but with vigilance and careful removal, its spread can be managed.

It's worth remembering, too, that nature seldom wastes beauty: pollinators such as bees and butterflies are often drawn to the open flowers, finding nectar where others see only nuisance. In this way, bindweed serves as a reminder of the fine line in horticulture between friend and foe, and of the guiet resilience that flourishes beneath our feet.



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£50	215	Mr J Brown, Olveston
£25	155	Mr B Farr, Olveston
£20	199	Mr P Haworth, Olveston
£20	439	Mr D Skinner, Sneyd Park
£20	500	Mrs P King, Olveston
£20	319	Mr J Henniker-Heaton, Olveston
£20	675	Mr M Suker, Olveston
£20	697	Mrs M Shurmer, Olveston

The prize winners in the August draw, held on 7th August 2025 were:

Amount	Number	Name
£150	156	Mr B Farr, Olveston
£75	628	Mrs D Poulton, Olveston
£50	470	Mrs J Dawes, Olveston
£25	373	Dr M Wright, Olveston
£20	199	Mr P Haworth, Olveston
£20	249	Mr & Mrs R Williams, Wotton-under-Edge
£20	417	Mrs J Graham, Olveston
£20	310	Mr A Vizard, Tockington
£20	495	Mr & Mrs M Gibson, Tockington
£20	630	Mr K Richards, Tockington
£20	630	Mr K Richards, Tockington

If you are not yet a member and wish to join the lottery, please telephone Andy Phillips on 01454 614890 or email andisp28@hotmail.co.uk.

Update from Friends of St. Mary's

In September, the St. Mary's Movie Club will open their Autumn season by showing a recent and highly popular film. Details follow over the page, but Friends of St. Mary's will sponsor the showing of this film by paying for the licence, which allows the film to be named in publicity. This will hopefully encourage more people to support the Movie Club and thereby support the Church and the local community.

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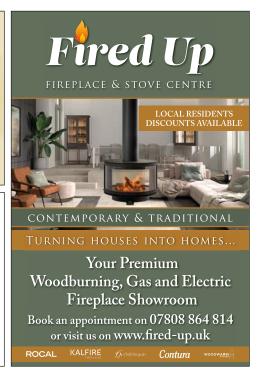
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You may not be aware however, that in the last ten months there have been 67 different prize-winners, including 11 who have won over £100, with the top 3 being £265, £265 and £300! Even the smaller prize-winners would say that it has provided a bit of fun for as little as £2 per month.

The Movie Club is not the only beneficiary of these funds, so would you like to join in the fun and support the Church and local community? If you do, have a word with Andy Phillips on *614890* or one of the other committee members, who will be happy to help.



Monday Movies are Back

Our Autumn season starts on Monday 1st September with the biggest box office success of 2025 - Mad About the Boy - the 4th in the Bridget Jones series.

Husband Mark D'Arcy (Colin Firth) passed away 4 years ago, and Bridget is ready, almost, to dip her toe back into the dating scene. As you might expect with Bridget, nothing is ever simple or expected, so there are surprises all along the way. The film brings out every emotion imaginable, laughter, sorrow, compassion and love, lots of it.

The supporting cast is exceptional, particularly Hugh Grant. Without doubt the best family film in many years. We are able to advertise the title of the film thanks to the generous financial support of The Friends of St Mary's who are paying the licence fee,

Doors of St Mary's, Olveston, open at 7pm and the film starts promptly at 7:30pm.

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Tickets £10 for adults and £5 under 16s contact Debbie email oboedebbie@live.co.uk

Saturday September 13th 7.30pm

Come and join for our Autumn quiz evening which includes a pork and apple hotpot. There will be a paying bar.

£6 per person. A maximum of 6 people per team. To book or for more information contact Debbie email oboe-debbie@live.co.uk

From the Registers of St Mary's

22nd July

The funeral of Valerie Rita Garlick



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Thornbury and District Museum's contribution to Heritage Open Days this year is an illustrated talk: **Pantiles and Porticoes: a look at Thornbury's architecture through the ages**. This will show examples of historic architectural features on buildings in Thornbury, some of which you have probably never noticed!

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Saltmarshes are known to capture carbon as much as 40 times faster than forests because saltmarsh plants grow rapidly in the spring and summer, drawing CO2 out of the atmosphere and then being buried underground by layers of sediment carried by the autumn high tides These plants that are locked in underground prevent the release of greenhouse gases as they decompose and give the next generation room to grow. But saltmarshes and the wildlife that live in them are threatened by climate change. Globally, rising sea levels and increasingly frequent and damaging storms are putting them under pressure. Without human intervention saltmarshes would gradually creep inland as sea levels rise, slowly raising the land up with layers of sediment and providing a natural sea defence.

The Wetland Wildlife Trust (WWT) at Slimbridge is a wetland paradise on the Severn. WWT has purchased a site at Awre on the banks opposite Slimbridge, where it is proposed to establish a saltmarsh. Currently the site is being surveyed and being prepared for planning permission. If all goes to plan, work is scheduled to start in 2026/7.

Dates for your diary: Second Hand September and 22nd September Car Free Day.

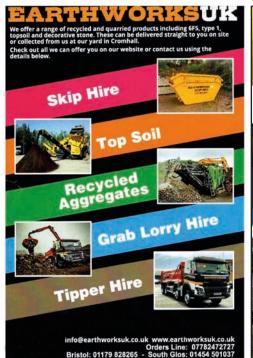


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Playground Inspectors- Help Required

We are seeking volunteers to help us inspect the three playgrounds in our parish located in Tockington, Old Down and Olveston. Our playgrounds are required to be inspected once a month. Full training is given, and each inspection should take less than 30 minutes per playground. Please help us keep these lovely areas safe for the children of our parish. We would like as many volunteers as possible to help spread the load, so if you think you can help, please contact Malcolm on: clerk@olvestonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Wouldn't it be Loverly?

Caroline Brewser

We are excited to announce that The Parish Players' 2026 musical production is the all-time favourite My Fair Lady. You'll be able to enjoy it at Olveston and Tockington Parish Hall during February 2026 half-term – but now is the time to get involved if you want to join in the fun on stage, behind the scenes, or both.

My Fair Lady tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower girl, and Professor Henry Higgins, an expert in phonetics. Eliza dreams of working in a flower shop, and asks Higgins for elocution lessons, leading Higgins to wager that he will teach her to speak 'like a duchess' within six months. This is a comedy that works at many levels, featuring a host of well-known songs, including 'Wouldn't it be Loverly?', 'With a Little Bit of Luck', 'The Rain in Spain', 'I Could Have Danced All Night', 'On the Street Where you Live' and 'Get Me to the Church on Time'.

The stage musical was written by Lerner and Loewe (also famous for Brigadoon and Paint Your Wagon), and the original 1956 production starred Julie Andrews and Rex Harrison. It was later adapted for the famous 1964 film starring Audrey Hepburn. My Fair Lady was based on George Bernard Shaw's 1913 stage play Pygmalion.

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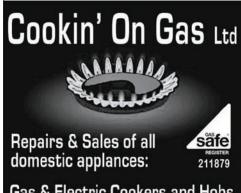




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The Parish Players is the local amateur dramatic group based in Olveston Parish. Getting involved is a great opportunity for people of all ages to take part in a creative journey while having a lot of fun at the same time. Back stage skills and helping Front of House by looking after our wonderful audience members are just as important as being on stage. If you get involved, you will meet lots of new friends along the way.

If you'd like to take part in this year's show, come along to Olveston and Tockington Parish Hall (Upper Tockington Road, BS32 4LQ) on Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm, to learn more ahead of the auditions on Thursday 9th October. Please also come along, or email us, to ask about joining our backstage team. Rehearsals will then continue on Monday and Thursday evenings (other than October half-term and the Christmas holidays) until show week in February half-term. Performances will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th to Saturday 21st February 2026 inclusive (write the dates in your diary now!). Tickets will go on sale in January.

You can contact us via *secretaryparishplayers@gmail.com* or, alternatively, keep an eye on our Facebook page at *www.facebook.com/OlvestonParishPlayers*.

Olveston and Tockington W.I.

WI members are going to be busy in the next few days as we have both a stall and a competition at our meeting on Tuesday September 9th. The stall is in aid of our charity this year - Made a Mark - a wonderful local charity that helps bereaved children. Please bring garden produce or anything you've made yourself that you're happy to sell.

The competition is to make a toilet roll cover (not necessarily a Regency lady!) but something out of cardboard, silver paper, cake icing, Plasticine and/or any other material you can think of that will make a cover for a toilet roll. Perhaps clay would be the material to use, as we are then having a talk from Clare Stephens, a ceramicist. I'm sure it will be fascinating to see her mould the clay into her chosen shapes, and I imagine some of us will long have a go.

The following day a group of us is going to enjoy fish and chips while sailing round Bristol Harbour on the Matthew. WI afloat!

More details, as ever, from me, Angela Green, on 615222.

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News from Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Simon Edwards

You may recall that Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church has wrestled with the future of our buildings for some time. After much prayer and discussion, the Church Council has decided to close the Chapel and the Hall at Olyeston and will seek to sell¹ the site with the assistance of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit.

This has not been an easy decision, and we have struggled with it for many years. The reality is that we do not have the people or financial resources to carry out a major redevelopment scheme at Olveston, nor to manage property

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¹ The Church Council are the Managing Trustees, but do not own the building. We are therefore not guaranteed to receive the proceeds of the sale but would need to apply for these; this decision is therefore not concerned with releasing capital but attempting to safeguard the future of the church.





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in both Olveston and Tockington. Without this significant change, there would be no Methodist Church in Olveston or Tockington as we would have to close all of our property in a few years' time as we cannot afford two sites.

We have also come to realise that dealing with property has long distracted us from the important task of sharing the love of God in the community, and we trust that God will lead us forward. We believe that by focusing our activities on Tockington Chapel and the Wesley Rooms, and by applying to use a portion of the proceeds of the Olveston sale to improve our facilities, we can continue to serve both communities with renewed focus and energy. We do not know how long it will take to sell the buildings, but it is likely to take upwards of twelve months. Our Church will continue to use Olveston Chapel and the Hall until we have a firm sale date, after which, we will move all our activities to our Tockington premises.

It is important to note that Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church, as a community of faith, will continue to be present, we are simply closing one part of our property.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak to us about this, please contact either Maggie or Simon.

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Thornbury Art Club

St Mary's Church Hall, Eastbury Rd, Thornbury, BS35 1DR

23rd September Club Night with Paul Oakley.

This evening Paul will show us the practicalities of creating an oil painting using a palette knife – a technique which will be new and interesting to many. It should be a fascinating evening. Paul is a self-taught artist and has a studio in a former cricket pavilion which overlooks the Marlborough Downs and Pewsey Vale. He likes to paint en plein air and is inspired by landscapes he experiences on his travels. He paints with oils in an impressionist style.

As usual, we'll have a short break during the evening for free tea, coffee, and biscuits. This will give us an opportunity to catch up with each other after the summer break and of course say hello to our visitors. There will also be some time to chat to the artist and ask questions.

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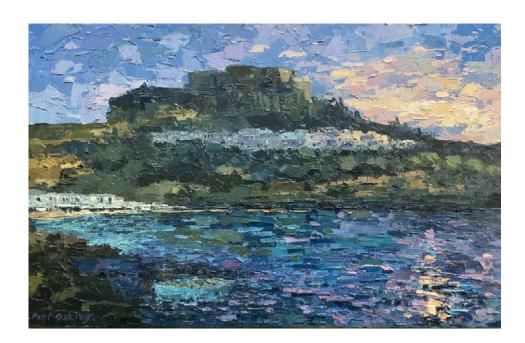
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St. Mary's Music, Thornbury



We are greatly looking forward to the visit of the internationally acclaimed vocal group The Gesualdo Six to St. Mary's, Thornbury, on Friday September 19th.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it has been necessary to bring forward the starting time of the performance. **The concert will now begin at 7.00pm.**

We hope that this will not cause any inconvenience.

Tickets cost £17 and are available on-line at: *ticketsource.co.uk/stmarysmusic* or from the church, or from Horders Stationers.

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Cover Stories



I recently looked back at the covers we have used for Meeting Point during the years I've been editor. It is true that mostly we have photographs of local scenes – and we are very grateful to all the lovely local photographers who are willing to share their images. However, I noticed that about once or twice each year we use a painting provided by a local artist, and it is good to have the

variety these artworks provide.

Marelin Orr-Ewing

In August 2024 a painting of The Swan at Tockington, above, by the late Rosemary Wilson, was chosen. In August 2021 our cover was Hollyhocks at Port Farm, below, by the late J Crossley. I like the fact that a horse and rider are about to turn into the driveway and head back to the stables behind the farm.



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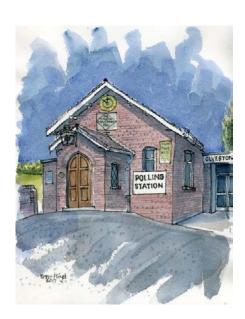


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The painting, above left, of The Old Post Office, Olveston, by Brian Arkell, was on the cover in June 2021. On the right, the Parish Hall doing its duty as a polling station was painted by Peter Floyd and used in July 2024.



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At the bottom of the previous page is a painting of Olveston in the snow. It was our cover for January 2021 and was by the late Ingrid Jeckells.



In August 2022 we used this painting by Adrian Holmes of Elberton House viewed from the footpath. Adrian kindly offered the proceeds from the sale of the painting to go to a charity of our choice. We were really happy to be able to donate this money to the Art Department at Marlwood School.

Please, if you are a local artist with a painting that you think would make a good cover, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

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The Thornbury and District PROBUS club still meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month, but now we also enjoy lunch at Thornbury Golf Club.

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Our members come from all walks of life, and we complete the lunch with a speaker or presentation on a wide range of subjects. *Yanks in Bristol* by Oliver Davey is next up on September 3rd and in the pipeline, we have *Life in the Shadow of a Dictator*, *Artificial Intelligence*, *Life as a Church Warden*, *History of Hearing Aids*, *Rolls Royce*, *Engineering at Southmead Hospital* and many more. Why not join us as a paying guest, to experience one of our lunches and talks?

If you are interested and would like to find out more about us, please contact Stan Rodliffe (07774 725 274/ stan.rodliffe@gmail.com).



Thornbury u3a Coffee Morning

Alveston Methodist Church Hall, Alveston, BS35 3RA 10.30 – 11.30 Saturday 6th September

Thornbury and District u3a is holding another coffee morning in Alveston Methodist Church Hall. Members and non-members are welcome. Some u3a groups will be represented and will be happy to answer questions. There will also be refreshments. Please do come along to meet other people and have a coffee and chat.

For further information visit our website: *Thornbury u3a* or for membership enquiries please email *membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Thornbury Choral Society

Rehearsals for the new 2025/26 season of Thornbury Choral Society begin on Monday, September 8th at 8.00pm, preceded by the AGM at 7.30pm. As usual, the rehearsals will be held at the United Reformed Church, Thornbury.

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Revd Dr Simon Edwards Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

A few weeks ago, I returned to the bible college where I studied for my undergraduate degree. As I wandered about the site, I could not help but remember the days when I was an undergraduate there over twenty years ago. I remembered people and events. I remembered that the college doors were locked every night at 10.30pm and the creativity needed to get in when you ended up locked out late at night. A rush of nostalgia filled me, 'ah' I thought 'the good old days...'. Nostalgia is easy to fall into, and sometimes it is a nice, comfortable, thing as we reminisce with friends and family. Sometimes of course, nostalgia can move us to say that it was better in the old days, or some variation of that.

Firstly, I think nostalgia is rooted in our experience of life, we tell the stories because they remind us of who we are and what we are about, so that we might make sense of the present. Secondly, nostalgia can become a form of lament. Sometimes we want to acknowledge what we feel we have lost, the things that have changed, and the things that we wish we could recapture. Change is a natural part of life, and it is often challenging. There will great change and challenge for Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church in the coming months.(I have written about this elsewhere in the magazine.)

Faith tells us that amidst change and challenge, the love of God remains a constant. Throughout our life, as we look backwards or forwards, as we are filled with joy or lament, as we journey through the unexpected things of life, God is present. Through it all, God holds us in love and calls us to journey onwards to new life.

Perhaps then we should enjoy some nostalgia, enjoy telling our stories, not simply to wallow in 'how good it used to be'. Rather, we remind ourselves who we are and what we are all about, to lament the things we have lost, and look forward to all that is to come.



Tockington Methodist Chapel

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Church News

ST MARY the VIRGIN. OLVESTON

Sept 7th	10am	Holy Communion		Rev David Lloyd
	6pm	1662 Evensong	Choir	Rev David Lloyd
Sept 14th	10am	Harvest Festival	Choir	Rev David Lloyd
Sept 21st	10am	Morning Prayer	Choir	Janet McBride
,	6pm	Holy communion BCP		Rev Ann Lloyd
Sept 28th	10am	Holy Communion	Choir	Rev Ann Lloyd
	6pm	Reflective Evening Prayer		Janet McBride

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CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Sept 14th	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Moss
Sept 28th	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

Sept 14th	3pm	Harvest F Evensong	Festival	CHORAL	Rev David Moss
Sept 28th	3pm	Evensong wi	th Holy Co	ommunion	Rev David Moss

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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Sept 14th	5pm	Harvest Service	Judith Heybyrne
Sept 28th	9am	Morning Prayer	Judith Heybyrne

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Sept 14 th	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Christine	
			Jones	
Sept 21st	10am	Tock Ch	Local arrangement	
Sept 28 th	10am	Tock Ch	Harvest Festival led by Rev Simon	
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Diary Dates for September

Information believed to be correct at going to press.

1 Mon	Monday Movies	7pm	StM
- ///	Alveston Gardens Association talk	7.30pm	JHA
2 Tues	Over 60s Coffee morning every Tues	10-12pm	DGCL
	Citizen's advice every Tues	10-12pm	TTH
	Thornbury Art Club painting studio,	1.30-	SMCH
	every Tues	4.30pm	
	WRBL	7.30pm	DGCL
3 Weds	Table Tennis every Weds	7pm	OPH
4 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers Market	9am	
	Coffee shop, every Thurs	9.30-1pm	StM
	Good afternoon, Choir, every Thurs	1-3pm	URC
	Thornbury Art Club painting studio,	1.30-	SMCH
	every Thurs	4.30pm	
5 Fri	Tockington Community Café	10-12pm	TMC
	Haven Memory Café, every 1st and 3rd	10.15-	URC
	Friday	11.45am	
	Tea and Chat	2.30-4pm	OC
	Presentation: Wildlife Encounters	7.15pm	URC
6 Sat	Park Run every Sat	9am	MPF
	Thornbury u3a coffee morning	10.30am	AMC
	Alveston Village Fair	12pm	Field
	Concert - The Feria Orchestra	7.30pm	StM
8 Sun	Litter picking	10am	OPH
8 Mon	Severn Vale flower club demo	1.30pm	SMCH
9 Tues	Thornbury Memory Café every 2 nd &	10.15-	TMH
	4 th Tues	11.45am	
	Olveston & Tockington WI	7.30pm	OPH
11 Thurs	Coffee shop, every Thurs	9.30-1pm	StM
13 Sat	Thornbury Art Club, outdoor grp	10am	SMCH
	Tockington Village Harvest Fayre	2-4.30pm	Tock
	Autumn Quiz Night	7.30pm	StM
18 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers Market	9am	
	Coffee shop, every Thurs	9.30-1pm	StM
19 Fri	Concert - The Gesualdo Six	7pm	StMT

20 Sat	Classic Car Breakfast Meet	10am	StH
	Concert - Risca Male Choir	7.30pm	CTK
22 Mon	Severn Vale Flower Club, practice	1.30pm	SMCH
23 Tues	Thornbury Art Club night	7.30pm	SMCH
24 Weds	Alveston Local History Society talk	7.30pm	AMC
25 Thurs	Coffee shop, every Thurs	9.30-1pm	StM

Looking forward to October:

17th Friday - Thornbury u3a New Members' Welcome Meeting 3.30-4.30pm - SMCH

KEY: AMC - Alveston Methodist Church, AMH - Alveston Methodist Hall, AOSH-Almondsbury Old School Hall, CS - Castle School, CTK - Christ the King, DGCL - Daldry Gardens Community Lounge, ECVH - Easter Compton Village Hall, EVH - Elberton Village Hall, FVH-Falfield village Hall, JHA - Jubilee Hall, Alveston LVH - Littleton Village Hall MSch - Marwood Schoo MPF - Mundy playing fields OC - Oasis Church, Old Down, ODE - Old Down Estate OMC - Olveston Methodist Church, OMH - Olveston Methodist Hall, OPH - Olveston Parish Hall, OPS-Olveston Primary School QAMP - Queen Alexandra Memorial Pavilion, Old Down RHVH - Rockhampton village hall. StH - St Helen's Church, Alveston. StHSc - St Helen's School StM - St Mary's Church, StMB - St Mary's Berkely StMT - Thornbury St Mary's Ch, SMCH - St Mary's Church Hall Thornbury, TGC - Thornbury Golf Club, TCC - Turnberries, TMC - Tockington Methodist Church, TMH - Thornbury Methodist Church Hall, TTH - Thornbury Town Hall, URC - United Reform Church LVH - Littleton Village Hall

Contact details for any clubs or organisations in the Meeting Point area can be found in the Meeting Point Directory on the community website: www.olvestonandaust.com. If you would like to update your organisation's details, please email: meetingpointsecretary@olvestonandaust.com

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