

Doynton Parish Pump

Christmas in Doynton begins at the Cross House Inn at 6.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and continues with a short, informal family service in church, suitable for all ages. Everyone welcome! See elsewhere in this magazine for other Christmas services.

Doynton Village Market: Saturday December 8th, 10.30–11.30 a.m., in the village hall. Please place your orders for Christmas poultry, meat, cakes, puddings, etc. by that date: see the producer or the cashier at the market, or contact Elizabeth Crew on 937 3168. Collect your orders from the market on **Saturday December 22nd**. Our butcher is offering a 5% discount on all Xmas meat orders. The first market of 2019 will be on Saturday January 5th.

The **pop-up pub** will continue every Friday evening throughout December. We will be collecting for **Yate and Sodbury foodbank** – all donations gratefully received. The following items are particularly requested (remember that the recipients may not be able to cook easily): tinned minced meat with/without onions; Pot Noodles/Super Noodles; packet mashed potato; tinned tomatoes/passata; tinned mixed veg; jars of pasta sauce; jam (sorry, not homemade); biscuits; Angel Delight; laundry capsules/pods. Please bring your items to the pub and/or drop them in with Teresa Lander, Twain Cottage (tel. 937 4372).

Doynton Hard Half Marathon is back on Sunday 20 January 2019!! The route has changed slightly, and the race will start and finish at the playing field rather than the village hall. All car parking will be at Wick Quarry, with transport provided to and from Doynton. We really value the support of Doynton residents: if you are willing to act as a marshal, help with catering or bake a cake, please contact us at [dghm\[at\]emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk](mailto:dghm[at]emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk). See <https://bit.ly/2F3U2fm> for further details.

Telephone Box Gallery: Thank you for all the contributions made to fill the box with glorious poppies to help us reflect and commemorate for Remembrance Day. December marks a year since the Telephone Box became a gallery! This year's windows will be filled with the Christmas alphabet. Each day a window will be given a letter, along with a word that relates to Christmas, for example A = Advent, so please keep looking for the new artwork. We already have some of the windows ready to go up, but please send in any ideas for letters and for information on artwork sizing to emmalouise.roch@gmail.com. In January the box needs you, do you have an idea you'd like to share? We need something to brighten our January blues! Thank you all for the continued support.

WI news: The annual WI Christmas meal will take place at Avon Valley Railway, Bitton, on Wednesday December 12th. Meet at the railway at 7.00 p.m. Please bring a wrapped Secret Santa present (value approx. £5) and unwrapped socks/ gloves/ hats/ toiletries for donation to Julian House hostel for the homeless in Bath.

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

Sunday December 2nd, 6.30 p.m.: Service of Light **Advent celebration** in Holy Trinity church, followed by refreshments.

Fridays December 14th and January 11th: **village lunch** at Holy Trinity church.

Tuesdays 7.15 p.m. and Thursdays 9.30 a.m.: **yoga** in the village hall, tel. Sam (07734 201431).

Advance notice of the next **playing field quiz:** Saturday March 30th 2019, 7.30 p.m.

The Pump will be spending Christmas devising recipes for tinned mince. Back in February!