

Doynton Parish Pump: Merry Christmas!

Holy Trinity Church: the annual **Carols by Candlelight** service will take place on Sunday December 19th (6.30 p.m.). Please bring a candle in a suitable holder.

Christmas Eve in Doynton: a short, family-friendly service. Meet at the Cross House Inn at 6.30 p.m. to sing carols, then in church.

Christmas Day service: 9.30 a.m.

On January 23rd 2022, **Bishop Viv will be joining us** for the 10 a.m. service All very welcome.

Doynton Village Market will be held on Saturdays December 4th and 18th (10 a.m.–11 a.m.) On December 4th, Wick Brownies will be selling their home-made Christmas decorations. Don't forget your last-minute orders for Christmas meat and poultry, mince pies and sausage rolls! – order at the December 4th market or contact the market controller, Elizabeth Crew, on 937 3168. The markets in January are on the second Saturday (January 8th) and the fourth Saturday (January 22nd).

Doynton Christmas card deliveries: post your village Christmas cards in the letterbox in Holy Trinity church porch from December 1st for delivery by hand on December 21st. Please add full address.

The **Doynton Hard Half Marathon is back** on Sunday January 23rd, and once again villagers will be selling cakes and hot drinks to the runners and their supporters to raise money for charity. We need helpers at Doynton playing field on the day to set up the tables and serve cakes and tea/coffee, as well as offers to make cakes – contact Jenny Bartram (jjbartram[at]btinternet.com) or Jill Ritchie jill.ritchie[at]globallearning.co.uk. Thank you!

A second **seed swap** event is planned for early 2022, including not just seeds, but also seedlings, bulbs, tubers, flowers, herbs, potatoes, etc. Please save your seeds and unused/partially used seed packets and

pot up spare plants and seedlings over the next few months: see <http://www.doyntonvillage.org/events/SeedSwap.html> for further details.

COP26: In mid-August, inspired by the national movement Stitches for Survival, 10 people in Doynton started knitting, sewing and crocheting panels with messages and artwork about the environment, to be displayed at the COP26 environment summit in Glasgow. The 12 panels were exhibited in Holy Trinity church, then taken up to Glasgow during the summit with hundreds of others, urging the COP26 negotiators to take bold and binding action together. These panels will later be repurposed into blankets for refugees and other communities who need them. Well done, crafters!

Doynton and Wick WI: The speaker in November was Jeanne Long of Happy Handbags. Jeanne collects handbags and fills them with toiletries for distribution to women in crisis. Members presented her with a pile of filled handbags for her future work. At the WI AGM, Tina Holbrook was re-elected President for another year. The next meeting, on December 8th, is our Christmas meal: please bring a Secret Santa present (value £5) and cash for donation to Julian House. The speaker on January 12th is Jean Burnett with “Jane Austen made me do it”. The competition is “the strangest Christmas present you ever received”, and there will be a sales table to find a new home for any unwanted gifts.

Please leave any tins or packets you can spare in the church porch for the **Doynton foodbank** and **North Bristol foodbank**.

Doynton village hall is open again for clubs and parties – to book, tel. 07986 636611 or email doyntonvillagehall@mail.com.

Dates for your diary

Thursdays 2.30 p.m., Cross House Inn: **Meet the Neighbours** for coffee and a chat – all welcome.

Thursdays, 7.15 p.m. in the village hall: **Zumba** fitness class, £5 adults, £2.50 under-16s. Contact Lucy on 07403 247764, or just turn up.