

Doynton Parish Pump

Holy Trinity Church: Stop press, in the hope you get your magazine early: **Sunday October 31st, 6.30 p.m.** a **special service** in remembrance of all who have died, especially during the pandemic.

Bishop Lee will visit St Bartholomew's, Wick on November 28th at 10 a.m. – all are very welcome.

Rector Tim Bell writes: the metalwork on the windows of Holy Trinity church is being painted to protect it from rust, which makes it expand and can eventually break the stonework. We will also be doing work on leaking guttering, potentially in the New Year. These projects and others maintain our historic building as the focal point of faith in the village. We are always very grateful for those who generously support the church and we aim to use their money wisely.

The **playing field quiz** scheduled for Saturday November 20th has been **cancelled** owing to the continuing high level of COVID-19 infections. We hope things will be better by the spring.

After the first successful **seed swap** event in 2021, a second event is planned for early 2022, including not just seeds, but all kinds of plants – seedlings, bulbs, tubers, flowers, herbs, potatoes, etc. Save your seeds and pot up spare plants and seedlings over the next few months – you can also donate any unwanted, unused/partially used seed packets. See <http://www.doyntonvillage.org/events/SeedSwap.html> for details.

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.

Doynton and Wick WI: a fascinating evening at the October meeting with Andy and Aidan of East Bristol Auctions. Online bidding has transformed the auctions industry – post a good photo and a compelling description and you can attract bids from all over the world. Members

brought along their treasures for expert appraisal, and found that some items were worth considerably more than they thought, although others were not ... November sees the annual general meeting and committee elections (new members welcome!). The speaker will be Jeanne Long of Happy Handbags – if you can, please bring an old handbag filled with toiletries for distribution to homeless women in our area. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday November 10th, 7.30 p.m.

Summers Field **Autumn Feast** on October 16th was a convivial occasion, just like things used to be in “the old days”. It was so nice to see the children running around playing – and so nice to be waited on after months of home cooking! The ploughman’s supper was delicious and beautifully presented, and the Toghill Ruby Red ale went down a treat. Di and Corinda took us through the juice pressing process and we all enjoyed the results. Look out for more orchard events over the coming months.

Please leave any tins or packets you can spare in the church porch for the **Doynton foodbank** and **North Bristol foodbank** – it’s going to be a hard winter for many families, with food and fuel prices rising sharply and the loss of the Universal Credit top-up.

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

Dates for your diary

Saturdays November 6th and 20th: 10.00 a.m.–11.00 a.m.: **Doynton Village Market** for local produce, craft items and more. Please adhere to social distancing and wear a mask, unless exempted. Food orders to Elizabeth Crew on 0117 937 3168 by Wednesday, please. Order early for Christmas!

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.