

Doynton Parish Pump

Christmas at Holy Trinity church: December 21st, 6.30 p.m.: Carols by Candlelight – please bring a candle in a suitable holder. **Christmas Eve, December 24th**: meet at the Cross House Inn at 6.30 p.m. for a Nativity walk around the village, followed by a short, family-friendly service in the church. **Christmas Day**: Morning Worship at 10.00 a.m. (to be confirmed).

The BigGive Christmas Appeal will double donations to charity made between 2 and 9 December. The charities that will benefit include **our local foodbank, North Bristol and South Glos.** (see <https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a05WS000006dKRiYAM>). The foodbank has also posted a list of its 12 most wanted items this Christmas: see <https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk/christmas-wish-list/>.

The next meeting of the **Memory Café at Doynton** will take place on **Thursday December 4th**, 2-4 p.m. at Doynton village hall, where festive fun awaits! Anyone living with dementia or memory loss is welcome to attend with a family member or carer. You can find us on Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton” or text us on 07817 311001. **The first meeting of 2026 will take place on January 8th** (not 1st), and the theme will be “armchair fitness” – which we will all need after the excesses of the holiday season!

Doynton Village Market has gone into Christmas mode: we are taking orders on Christmas cakes and other goodies, but don't leave it too late! At our next market on **December 6th**, there will be fresh home-produced lamb, and on the 20th any lamb left over will be available frozen. Our last market of the year will be on **December 20th**, where we will be serving a complimentary tea or coffee and mince pie. No market January 3rd or 31st, but we hope to see you on **January 17th**, and we are back to normal in **February (7th and 21st)**. We wish all of you a very merry Christmas and happy new year, with heartfelt thanks to all of our customers for your support during 2025. It is your presence that helps make the market what it is, and we know a lot of you so well, we think of you as friends; this is one of the reasons we do what we do.

The **Warm Wednesdays community café** will take a break on December 24th and 31st. See you again on **January 7th 2026**, 10.30–12.00 in the village hall!

Come along to **Summers Field community orchard on Tuesday January 13th**, 6.00 p.m., where we will be celebrating the ancient

English tradition of wassailing, to scare away evil spirits and produce a good apple harvest for next year. All welcome – dress warmly and bring along a torch and something to make a noise!

The Emersons Green Running Club race team is returning to Doynton on **Sunday February 8th** for the 10th edition of the **Doynton Hard Half Marathon**. We'll be guiding 750 runners around fields, up hills and through streams to experience what has become a popular event in the South-West cross-country running calendar. If you're able to spare a few hours on Sunday 8th, we're always looking for volunteers – please contact Pete on 07793 619684 or email [dhhm\[at\]emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk](mailto:dhhm[at]emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk). For more details, see www.doyntonhardhalfmarathon.co.uk.

The next **seed swap and plant sale** will take place on **March 14th** in Doynton village hall. Please donate seeds, seedlings, bulbs, etc., as well as garden equipment (tools, large ceramic or plastic pots, gardening books, etc. – all in good working order please).

Doynton and Wick WI: the November meeting was our AGM, where Sue Hickmore was elected as our new President. Many thanks to Tina Holbrook for her amazing 10 years in the post. Tina and her committee reported on the events of the year. The rest of the evening was spent on home-grown craft activities – arrangements of Christmas greenery, Christmas cards and felt ornaments, and remarkably authentic-looking marzipan fruits [*yum! Ed.*]. The meeting on **December 10th** will be a Christmas meal at the Cross House, Doynton, 7.00 p.m. – remember your Secret Santa present (max. value £5.00) and cash for the charity collection. On **January 14th** (7.30 p.m.), the WI will decamp to Wick Chapel for an evening of entertainment from our very own Ben Stokes.

Visit the **Doynton village website**, www.doyntonvillage.org, for news of upcoming events, Doynton history and useful local links. To publicize a Doynton event, email [doyntonvillage\[at\]live.co.uk](mailto:doyntonvillage[at]live.co.uk).

No excuses: Friends of Summers Field will be holding their **autumn feast and barn dance** on **Saturday November 14th 2026**. Please save the date and come along and support us if you can.

*The Pump will be spending the holiday season
wassailing all over the town. Happy Christmas
and see you in February!*