CHURCHILL & LANGFORD

LOCAL NEWS

Churchill Parish Council serving the community of Churchill and Langford villages

www.churchillpc.org.uk

DECEMBER 2026



Welcome to the December newsletter. Updates from the Parish Council Meeting

From your Parish Council

To discuss the plot of land on Pudding Pie Lane owned by Crest Nicholson and consider purchasing the plot.

The council noted that the plot of land had been withdrawn from auction for a second time. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Crest Nicholson to ask for a meeting at their head office to discuss the plot of land on Pudding Pie Lane.

To receive matters for information.

Councillor J Murray raised grave concerns on the impact of the new build outs on Church Lane to the community and users of St Johns Church. The clerk will send a letter reflecting the views that Councillor Murray expressed from local residents and Church Warden to North Somerset Council.

Councillor Ronicle will respond to North Somerset Council regarding traffic issues in Langford.

Councillor Alleyne advised that the environmental report relating to the Monoghan Mushrooms application had not been provided. He attended a Remembrance Service at the Methodist Church; Councillor J Comley attended a service at St Johns and Councillor J Bush attended the service at the war memorial in St Mary's.

Councillor R Jeacocke sent a report to officers at North Somerset Council regarding the excessive number of build outs on Church Lane.

Councillor Comley requested that the Parish Plan be added to the finance agenda. The SLR signs on the A38 are having technical issues and are being dealt with. A resident has asked if Skinners Lane could be made one way and the sign at the entrance to Skinners Lane from the A38 relating to its use for 'local traffic only' could be made more specific to Churchill as people from a wide area use it as a rat run. Councillor Comley explained to the resident that the question of making it one way had been raised before and had not been progressed by the PC or NSC as there are advantages and disadvantages making it one way from either direction, and changing the sign was unlikely to change present driving habits. The PC is aware of the issues with Skinners Lane for residents and pedestrian traffic due to it being so narrow and busy.

Councillor Comley commented on his report to the PC of the option of developing a new village hall/community hub to reflect the growing local community, rather than the current plan to extend existing facilities. The consensus was that as the plans for the extension had been voted on and agreed and are at an advanced stage and, in the main, similar facilities are already available in the parish albeit on separate sites, that the meeting supported the current plan. Although the notion of a major new development might be considered within the next 5 years.

Councillor D Johnson reported that the Reading Rooms had applied to the National Lottery to improve the kitchen and add a conservatory/porch. They have been successful and work will begin in the next 12 months.

Councillor M Baker requested that the EV charging points are added to the Zapp Map and that if the consideration for noiseless fireworks could be added to the next agenda.



Full Council meets on the second Monday of each month at the

Market Kitchen, Ladymead Lane, Churchill. You are welcome to attend.

Sally Diaz, Parish Clerk

Make the most of parish life

Grow something of your own, or help care for the paths we share.





We will remember them





On Sunday 8 November, Cllr Gary Alleyne represented Churchill Parish Council at the Community Remembrance Service at Churchill Methodist Church on Front Street.

Minister Andrew Bell led a solemn and comforting service. Two children from the congregation gave readings, a reminder of how we pass on the tradition of remembrance to the next generation.
After the two minutes' silence, a wreath was laid in the chancel on behalf of the Parish Council and the wider community to honour those who lost their lives in conflict.

Thank you to everyone who took part and came together to remember.

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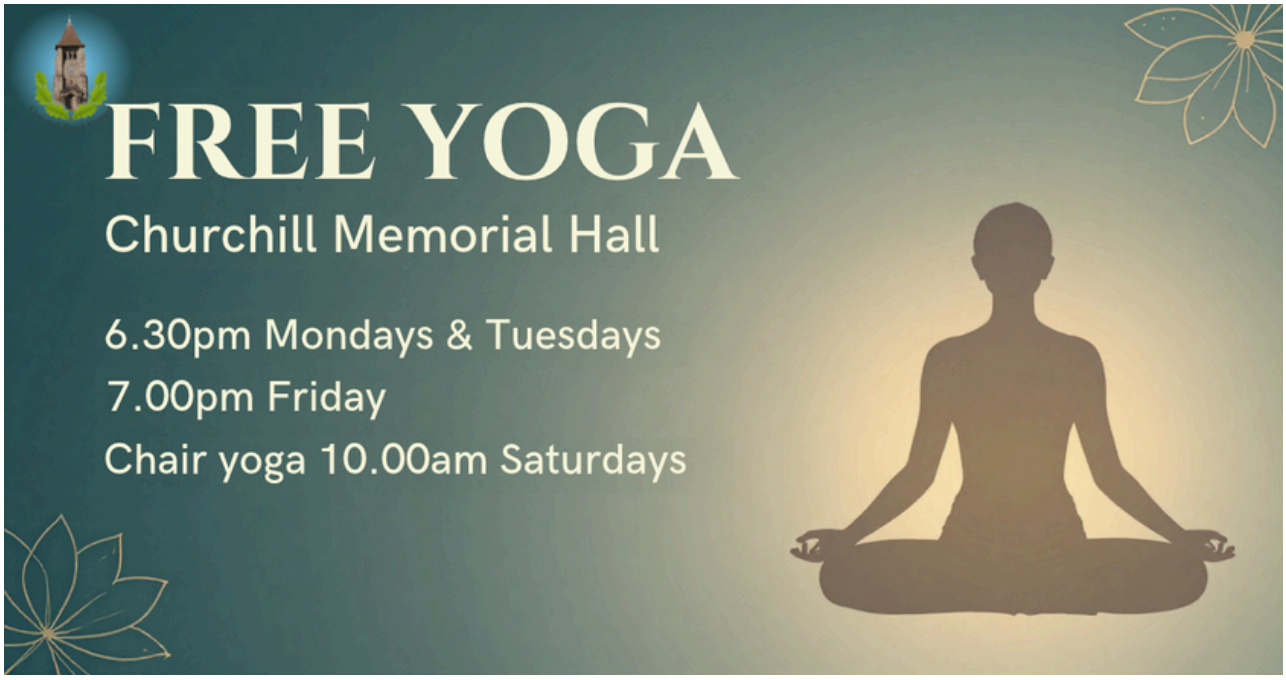

Wrington Vale Rotary Club

Bobs Ukraine Journey – News - Bob and two fellow Rotarians, Richard and Paul have just departed on his ninth trip. We wish them a safe journey. More news next month!
So many thanks for your generous donations – see below*.

Somewhere to Go WSM

We were very pleased to renew our acquaintance with Somewhere to Go through Ellie Lloyd, Head of Charity Services. This is a charity that we have supported for many years. It has special needs at Christmas!
Somewhere to Go is a humanitarian charity that provides a safe sanctuary for homeless and vulnerable people, offering a vital lifeline 365 days a year. The charity has been operating for 26 years. Through its unwavering commitment, Somewhere to Go continues to transform lives, providing hope, practical support and a pathway to a brighter future for some of the most vulnerable members of the community.
Their shop on the Boulevard generates around 45% of the funding needed to support their work. The organisation has one full-time member of staff and around forty part-time staff and volunteers.
Around 2,500 clients use the charity's address service, which is a vital facility for people experiencing difficult and uncertain circumstances. In 2026 to date, some weeks ago some 712 people had accessed their services.
Clients particularly value the rough sleeping outreach service, which includes washing and drying sleeping bags.
There is an ongoing need for donations of clothing, toiletries, toothpaste, gloves, boots, coats and sleeping bags.
The charity shop also accepts donated items for resale, including quality televisions.
After Christmas we will be collecting Trees for their benefit as in previous years.



STG Ellie Lloyd - Head of Charity Services (l), our Angie Biggs, Mary Usher- Clark, Trustee of STG and President Francis.

* Support for Ukraine: Rotary Club of Wrington Vale Trust Account: Sort Code: 30-90-89 Acc. No. 35838468 Ref. Ukraine. Every penny donated will go directly to this cause.



Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Churchill and Langford

Autumn signals a busy part of the year, with lots going on locally and in Westminster.

Last month, one hugely joyous occasion was a gathering of hundreds of local Squirrels, Beavers, Rainbows and Cubs at Puxton Park, celebrating their organisations' special birthdays.

It was great to attend the Dairy Show at the Bath & West Showground, and speak in the NFU marquee about food security, labelling and the many challenges facing our farmers.

On a more solemn note, I joined the Samaritans' Dawn Walk from Weston-super-Mare's Grand Pier to Uphill, where we watched the sun rise. The Dawn Walk is a very special event, and the Samaritans an amazing organisation with brilliant volunteers. I know there are a number of local volunteers: thank you for all you do.

My colleague Daisy Cooper MP, Lib Dem Deputy Leader and Treasury Spokesperson, came and spoke about Government decisions affecting rural businesses, especially hospitality, leisure and tourism, answering lots of questions posed by local business leaders in the audience.

In Parliament, it was a pleasure to be present as our Bishop of Bath & Wells, Michael Beasley, joined the House of Lords. I also attended the Somerset Eel Recovery Project exhibition, which I hope to introduce to local schools so young people learn how important this species is.

It was great to welcome members of 'Wilder Youth' from across Somerset who came to Parliament, and was a good opportunity for me to hear about all the fab work they do with Somerset Wildlife Trust. I also welcomed another group of young people on an Insight Day, where they toured Parliament, spent time with my team, watched a debate and took part in a workshop. If you are aged 18 to 23 and think you'd like to join me for a day in Westminster, please let me know.

I met with Housing and Planning Minister, Matthew Pennycook, to talk to him specifically about the High Court's 'Yatton decision', and impress upon him the national significance of the decision to build on the Yatton Batch site. I am due to meet him again soon to raise other concerns about the planning system brought to me by constituents.

I asked Ministers about:
* the Child Maintenance Service unjustly writing off arrears - ignoring the Ombudsman's rulings;
* the Church of England's mandatory duty to report child sexual abuse;
* military planning for withdrawing RAF support for Saudi Arabia;
* reducing bills by decoupling electricity prices from the wholesale gas price;
* adding the test for Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD) to the newborn baby heel prick test at a cost of 17 pence;
* undertaking a review into what went wrong with Defra's Sustainable Farming Incentive scheme, so the same mistakes don't happen in 2027;
* sky-high Business Rates charged to hospitality, leisure and tourism businesses;
* the lack of access to NHS dentists in the South West;
* stopping fire engineers - paid by building owners - signing off dangerous cladding as 'safe'.

I've spoken in debates on:
* the potential merits of recognising the production and serving of cask ale as an 'Intangible Cultural Heritage';
* the performance of the Royal Mail;
* protecting access to helipads at hospitals in planning legislation to stop inappropriate development affecting flight paths;
* compensation for Equitable Life policyholders;
* questioning 'no comment' interviews, the use of suspended sentences and automatic licence revocation in cases where drivers cause death by dangerous or careless driving;
* during Baby Loss Awareness Week, making sure parents' concerns during labour and birth are taken seriously.

My next most local 'surgeries' are listed below. Please call me or visit my website - www.tessamunt.co.uk - for the full list.
Friday 4th December from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**
Saturday 12th December from 15:00 to 16:00 at **The Coffee Bank, Winscombe**
Monday 14th December from 09:30 to 10:30 at **The Community Café, Congresbury**

Your green space. Your views.

Churchill Parish Council is exploring whether to take on responsibility for maintaining and managing Broadoak Green from North Somerset Council as part of local devolution.

We have been told that the area can look uncared for, and that we may be best placed at a local level to ensure it's looked after. What do you think?

24p
a month

Taking on this responsibility would mean Churchill Parish Council would need to cover maintenance costs. We have worked this out to be about 24p a month for a Band D household.



Broadoak Green's central residential green is located within the Broadoak estate in Langford, North Somerset (BS40), bordered by Broadoak Road, Larch Close, and Birch Drive.

No decision has been made. Before considering this further, we would like to understand what residents value about the green and their views on the Parish Council taking responsibility.

SCAN ME

Please complete our short survey by December 31st.

Scan the QR code or visit https://forms.gle/Yp6E2JDqaKZ7ATbL7.

Prefer to share your views on paper?

Fill out the form on the next page and return it to The Market Kitchen.

What is your connection to the green?

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ I live overlooking or directly beside the green.
- ☐ I live nearby.
- ☐ I use or visit the green.
- ☐ Other: please tell us.

What do you value about the green as it is now?

Is there anything you would like to improve, or anything you particularly want to keep as it is?

This could include how the green is used, cared for or maintained.

In principle, would you support Churchill Parish Council taking on responsibility for maintaining and managing the green?

☐ Yes. ☐ No. ☐ Not sure. ☐ I would need more information.

Anything else you'd like us to know?

For updates, please leave your email address to join the newsletter

Please return the form to ***The Market Kitchen*** *Ladymead Ln, Langford, Bristol BS25 5NH*

Festive events



Pull on your festive fancy dress and walk, jog or run a sponsored 2km route around Charlton Farm Children's Hospice.

Sunday 6 December 2026 | Charlton Farm, Wraxall

Children's Hospice South West welcomes supporters of all ages. Enjoy a festive event village, children's activities and entertainment, fancy dress competitions and a finisher's medal for everyone taking part.

Your fundraising will help provide care and support for local babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, alongside their parents and siblings.

Booking: follow the details on the poster. The organisers have advertised 350 places,

Shine Holiday Club

This festive period, Shine Holiday Club are running two days of activities for children aged from Reception to Year 6 at Churchill Academy.

All details of how to book are found here;

Shine | Churchill Academy Festive Holiday Clubs


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CHRISTMAS
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COME AND JOIN US at
CHURCHILL SKITTLE CLUB
Ladymead Lane • CHURCHILL
On Tuesday 8th December 2026
Doors open 7.00pm — Eyes Down 7.45pm
To reserve a table contact: Sue on 01934 852178

Churchill MUSIC

Sun. 6th December 3pm

St.John's Church, Churchill
BS25 5QW

My My My Delilah

CarmenCo



Emily Andrews, flute & Voice,
Francisco Correa & David Massey, guitars

A riotous concert-play in which the notorious femme fatale Delilah, gets to tell her side of the famous story! Packed with virtuosic live music, sharp comedy and unexpected twists, My My My Delila is a witty, exhilarating mix of classical music, storytelling and comedy that audiences will never forget

Tickets: £16.00; £20.00; U 18's £1
From: Ticketsource; violet@churchillmusic.org.uk;
or 07900 810483 or on the door
More info: 01934 853518

churchillmusic.org.uk Charity No 1121866

COMMUNITY EVENTS / DECEMBER 2026

Churchill Methodist Church

Christmas crafts, lunches and time together



Thursday lunches

Thursdays3&10December | 12.30pm

£5 per person

Share lunch and a chat at the church.

3 December: soup and a roll, a hot or cold pudding, and tea or coffee.

10 December: Christmas lunch.

Contact the church for enquiries.



Christmas Craft Bonanza

Saturday 5 December | 10amto3.30pm

Free entry and parking
Local crafts, gifts, produce and refreshments. Free children's crafts and quiz in the morning. Treasure hunt and story, 11.10am to 11.30am. Adult craft workshops all day in the Reading Room.

At the church and Reading Room. Quiet half hour, 9.45am to 10.15am; Oasis quiet room all day. Access ramp.

Presented by the church and Reading Room. All proceeds to Springboard Opportunity Group, supporting children and families with SEND.



Baby & toddler group

Mondays7& 14 December | 9am to 11.30am

Try the group for free
Play, chat, craft and sing, with Christmas activities for little ones.

A friendly group in a bright hall with plenty of toys, snacks, a cuppa and cake.

Easy parking. Breastfeeding welcome.

Church events organised by Churchill Methodist Church
Front Street, Churchill, BS25 5NG
churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

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Churchill Methodist Church

Space to reflect, sing and celebrate



Blue Christmas service

Sunday 6December | 4pm

A calm, reflective gathering
Christmas can feel difficult for many reasons. Everyone is welcome to this reflective service of poems, readings, music and prayers, offering space for peace and hope.

Videos will be shown. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. A quiet breakout room is available in Oasis.

Easy parking and an access ramp. Stairs to the church gallery are steep and narrow.



Candlelit Carols & Nativity for All

Sunday 20 December | From 3.30pm

All generations welcome
3.30pm: torchlit carols outside Cottage Homes, Front Street, then walk to church. Bring a torch and dress warmly. A quiet half hour is also available in church, 3.30pm to 4pm.

4pm: candlelit carols and nativity, with readings, wax candles and videos. **5pm:** refreshments in the hall.

Oasis quiet room, easy parking and an access ramp. Gallery stairs are steep and narrow.



Christmas Eve: Ready, Set, Pause

Thursday 24December | 11.30pm

Candlelit communion service
Pause at the end of the Christmas preparations with a traditional, reflective service. Sing traditional and modern carols and welcome Christmas Day together.

Wax candles will be used. Everyone is welcome to receive communion or to decline, as they feel comfortable.

Bring a torch and dress warmly. Easy parking and an access ramp. Stairs to the church gallery are steep and narrow.

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Help with everyday technology



Find your people

Singing, conversation and a chance to get together locally.

FRIDAYS

Sing for Fun

1.30pm to 2.30pm, St Mary’s Church, Langford.

For anyone who wants to feel better through singing. Contact Jan Murray: info@churchillmusic.org.uk

MUSIC & WELLBEING

Trinity Singers

Based in Churchill, Trinity Singers perform a varied repertoire of sacred and secular music at concerts, services and events.

Explore the choir and find out more: trinitysingers.co.uk

THIRD WEDNESDAY

Churchill 2000 Ladies Group

A relaxed group of around 14 members, formed after Churchill WI closed in 2000. It meets 11 times a year at 7.30pm in the Reading Room opposite the Methodist church.

Enjoy speakers, meals out, garden visits and entertainment, with tea and biscuits. New members are welcome. katieandshelagh@btinternet.com

A helping hand with travel

Getting to appointments

The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society connects volunteer drivers with people who need help getting to hospital appointments.



Journeys use drivers' own cars or a community minibus. Drivers will be DBS checked and enrolled as Society members.

Need help? Call Trevor on 01934 852589.

Donations for journeys

Destination	Donation
Southmead Hospital / Bath Royal United Hospital	£25
Bristol Royal Infirmary / South Bristol Hospital	£20
Weston General Hospital / Clevedon Hospital	£15
Churchill Surgery / Winscombe Surgery or Dentist	£10
Wrington Dentist / Yatton Surgery	£10

For journeys not listed, the organiser will agree the donation before the trip.

Shopping, outings and new connections

The Society runs two minibuses, with monthly shopping trips to Wells, Nailsea, Clevedon, Worle and Weston. Other trips and healthcare journeys may be available, subject to availability.

See this month's timetable below. To join, contact an organiser listed there. New organisers and drivers are welcome.

churchillpc.org.uk/local-services/mutual-aid-minibus-society/

CHURCHILL & LANGFORD MINIBUS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1st **AM** Weston* Mavis	2nd **AM** Cadbury Garden Centre* - Hazel **PM** Worle* Jennie	3rd **AM** Yatton & Churchill Community Lunches Angela	4th **AM** Wells Jennie
7th **AM** Flowerdown* Maggie		9th **AM** Nailsea Jennie	10th **AM** Worle & Churchill Community Lunches Angela	
14th **AM** Clarks Village* Ann **PM** Bristol* Hazel	15th **AM** Worle* Kim **AM** Clarks Village* Sharon	16th **AM** Wells Linda	17th **AM** Yatton & Churchill Community Lunches Angela	
21st **AM** Flowerdown* Ann	22nd **PM** Weston* Linda	23rd **AM** Summer Lane * Coffee Hazel		

Our area covers Churchill & Langford, Burrington, Shipham, Winscombe, Sandford and Banwell.
If you are interested in any of these trips, please phone the organiser, whose names and numbers are shown below. Membership is free and we ask for a small donation for each journey. They will let you know if seats are available. We will pick you up close to where you live.

The Society is grateful for the support of Churchill & Langford, Shipham, Winscombe and Sandford, Burrington and Banwell Parish Councils

Maggie – 07516 172683	Angela – 01934 707115
Mavis – 07739 608691	Kim – 07880 254722
Jennie – 01934 843758	Ann – 01934 822441
John – 07855 944049	Hazel – 01934 822053
Linda – 01934 853755 / 07871 478229	Sharon – 07981 064586

For any queries, please ring Trevor on 01934 852589

Find us on Facebook

*can also pick up in the Banwell area

Small acts. Local difference.

Good Neighbour Scheme

The VANS Good Neighbour Scheme is up and running. Its first client enjoyed a walk around their local community with a volunteer.

If you need help with a small task, or could offer some time as a volunteer, get in touch with the scheme.

Email: ians@vansmail.org.uk
Call: 01934 416486

Share an event on our noticeboards



The Parish Council updates six community noticeboards across Churchill and Langford.

Residents can advertise one-off events. Regular group notices and business advertising are not accepted.

Please send printed copies of your poster to:

The Parish Clerk
c/o The Market Kitchen
Ladymead Lane, Langford
Bristol BS25 5NH

The Council cannot print noticeboard posters on your behalf.

Your parish councillors

Your councillors give their time to support Churchill and Langford. Contact them with local concerns, ideas or questions about parish matters.



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Jeremy Comley
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Three Vacancies

Full profiles online

Contact details, council roles and registers of interests:
churchillpc.org.uk/parish-council/councillors/

Come and talk to us

Councillors are available from **7.10pm to 7.30pm before Parish Council meetings** at the Community Hall, Ladymead Lane, Churchill. You can also ask questions during the public session.

Parish Clerk: Sally Diaz 07399 523961 clerk@churchillpc.org.uk

Your parish. Keep in touch.

Questions, comments or local information?

Parish Clerk: Sally Diaz
clerk@churchillpc.org.uk
07399 523 961

Visit the parish website
churchillpc.org.uk
Find local news, community transport, support, activities and events.

Follow us on Facebook
facebook.com/churchillparishcouncil

Got a local event to share?

Help us spread the word. Send your event details to Becky:
comms@churchillpc.org.uk

Advertise your local business

Reach readers in Churchill, Langford and the surrounding area. A one-line listing can include your business name, the type of business and your contact details.

£60 for 12 months | £35 for six months

To book a space or ask a question, contact Sally using the details above.

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