

NEWS & VIEWS

Useful Numbers:

Village Hall Booking Secretary: Jean Fenwick 875073 or
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St John the Evangelist
Priest in charge: Rev Preb John Andrews 01934 830208

Churchwardens: Julia Bush 873554
John Ball 874077

Church Floodlighting: David Pugh 874278

Village Flag Flying: Marianna or Robin 340323 or
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Altar Guild Secretary: Marianna Mackay 340323

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

June

- 1 Simon Pascoe
Tyler Silvester
- 3 Joshua Middleton
- 5 David Porch
Margaret & Brian Cook wedding
anniversary
- 9 Lois Webb
- 10 Thomas Finlay Hibbs
- 11 Naomi Brain
Wendy Papasolomontos
- 13 Lynn Bye
Bradley Harris
- 18 Ian Pascoe
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- 23 Robin Mackay
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anniversary

St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

St. John's Altar Guild

June Rota

The volunteers for this month are Hazel
Limage and Caroline Holden.

Marianna

Churchyard Spring Clean-up

The evening of **Thursday 11th June** has been selected and everyone is invited to come along and help prepare the Churchyard for the Best Kept Village Competition. Meet from 6.00pm – bring your own tools and invite a friend or neighbour.

Church Tower Floodlighting

The church was floodlit on:
Tuesday May 5th in celebration of the
pearl wedding anniversary of Sarah
and Tom Clark.

Church News

May Family Service

It was a truly beautiful May morning for Kenn's Family Service, sunny and clear with the promise of a hot afternoon. As it was the Sunday after Ascension Day, Celia's talk was about how the disciples and other people who knew Jesus would remember him. After the service the grown-ups had coffee and chat, and the youngsters could run about in the sunshine. Hooray!

Christian Aid

Thank you, thank you thank you!

Kenn raised just over £510 in the Christian Aid house to house collection this year. Absolutely brilliant! Thanks to everyone who contributed.

ALSO thank you so much to John and Jenny Croxton, Celia Andrews and Robin and Marianna Mackay for collecting the envelopes. Every year I'm daunted by the task, then I see the adverts on TV about the things Christian Aid does with the money, then stalwart folk from Kenn help with the collecting and suddenly it all falls into place. People in the developing world, in the main, only want the same things we do. They want to be able to house, wash, feed and educate their children, and have a job so that they can keep their family. That's what Christian Aid wants, too.

Julia

The Village Flag was flown on:

Tuesday, May 5th for Tom and Sarah Clark's pearl wedding anniversary

and on:

Thursday, May 28th to greet the safe arrival of Amelia Jane Elizabeth Court, a daughter for Mike and Lisa.

STOP PRESS!!!



Young People of Kenn



On Saturday June 20th there will be an Open Day to demonstrate what is happening at Kenn Sunday Club. There will be craft, music, puppet making, cookie decorating, quizzes and more.



Come and join us in the New Room (by the church car park) from 11 am until 3pm. Grown-ups who might like to help will be made most welcome.

Celia, Helen and Julia.



Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Well it worked! The 'miraculous' turning of wine into water by Kenn Sunday Club.

People kindly brought, or sent, bottles of wine to the Christian Aid Coffee Morning. These were then given out and the recipients kindly donated so much in thanks for the gifts of both wine and cakes that we were able to send enough money for three Community Taps in Nicaragua under the charity's Present Aid scheme.

Sunday Club members and leaders are very grateful to all who supported the event in any way.

Celia Andrews

New Room Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning in the New Room at the church will be on **Saturday, June 20th from 10am** until midday.

Grace is always on the look out for likely lasses and lads to take on the running of a coffee morning, but perhaps not everyone knows how to go about volunteering for it. You don't have to be a churchgoer, you just need to nominate a charity and be able to brew a decent cup of tea. Simple. It's a great way to meet other villagers.

Give Grace or John Griffin a call on 872948 and they'll assign you a day and tell you what you need to know. If you need a helping hand with your first attempt then one will be found for you. What's stopping you...?



Christian Aid - Community Tap

**KENN VILLAGE HALL
BUMS, TUMS & THIGHS**

With Sizzle Summerell
EACH TUESDAY 7.15pm
£3 (bring a mat)



Kenn Village Hall

Monday 1st June 7.30 pm
Kenn Parish Council Meeting
everyone welcome

Drum and Monkey

Tuesday 2nd June
12.noon Village Lunch
Everyone Welcome

Kenn Village Hall

Wednesday 10th June 7.30 pm
Kenn Women's Institute
Everyone welcome.

Ray has not been well, so there'll be a bit of a rain-check where the "Summer Evening Walks" are concerned.
We all wish Ray a speedy and complete recovery.

DRUM AND MONKEY
Every Wednesday
Quiz Night

St. John the Evangelist
Thursday 11th June

Evening Working Party to
prepare our Churchyard for
the

***Best Kept Village
Competition***

Come along and help tidy your
family graves, or if you have
none, help someone else.

Bring your own tools
The Social Event of the Year

Clevedon Salerooms

Thursday 18th June 10.30 a.m.
**Specialist Antique, Fine Art
and Collectors Items**

**Coffee Morning at the
New Church Room**

Saturday 20th June
10am until midday

**Don't forget! You can still pick
up your**

**North Somerset Times and
Clevedon Mercury at The
Drum and Monkey
From Thursday lunchtime**

Advance Warning....

The 1100th Anniversary of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Celebration Saturday 4th July in
and around Glastonbury Abbey.

Kenn Village Hall Sunday 5th July 7.30pm

Concert with **Richard Baker**

Tickets £7.50

(£5 children under 16)

from

Liz Jaehme 07703 163590

or

Margaret Cook 01275 870275

Chaseside, Kenn Sunday 13th September Yatton Moor Mission Circle FAMILY FUN DAY

BBQ - bring and cook your
own!

Sports - Rounders – Games
Cream Teas available

20th September Harvest Supper

at

Kenn Village Hall following
Harvest Evensong

Tickets will be available
from Jenny Pascoe and
Marianna Mackay

Wednesday 15th July
(not 16th)

8.00 pm at Chaseside

Kenn and Kingston

Kombine

Meeting to discuss an event
for later in 2009

come along with ideas

13th October
Marianna's Fashion Show

Fantastic clothing bargains!

Fabulous show!

Better start saving!

*Tickets (£4) will be available from
Marianna Mackay*

THE VILLAGE MARKET

The May Village Market was held on the second Saturday of the month as usual.

Although it was less busy than previous Markets, money was raised by the cake/preserve stall for the Yatton Moor General Fund and the Smile Train Project.

Money was also raised from the Bric-a-brac table and the book stall for the Bristol Oncology Centre and CLIC.

We welcome your continued support, please join us on June 13th for our next Market and help us with our fund raising while you buy your produce and gifts.

Saturday 27th June
10.00 am – 12 noon

BRUNCH

KENN VILLAGE HALL

Tickets are on sale
from John & Grace
01275 872948
Family Ticket £15
Adults £5

Children (under 12) £3
Plant and Book Stalls

Proceeds will fund a
Flower Festival in
Kenn in July 2010

KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

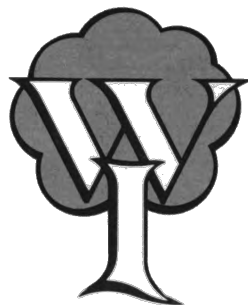
The resolution for the Annual General Meeting in the Albert Hall was debated at the May meeting and the delegate was asked to support it. This year there is only one resolution and it is a very important one. It says 'Honey Bees play a vital role in the pollination of food crops and in our environment. In view of concerns about the accelerating decline in the UK honey bee population, this meeting urges HM Government to increase funding for research into bee health'.

The thoughts of what could happen if we lost our honey bees are too awful to contemplate.

Mrs. Margaret Adams spoke very amusingly in verse of the life of a farmer's wife. Her talk was very much enjoyed. The Group Meeting held in Kenn was also a success. About eighty people attended. The speaker demonstrated how she learnt to play the bagpipes. Her efforts could probably be heard all over the village. Nigel and Derek also entertained us with some well-loved poems and monologues.

Wedding bells are ringing for two of our members who are being married in June. We send both couples our love and congratulations.

At the June meeting Mr. F. Quinney will speak on Clevedon wildlife. Visitors are always welcome so do come along if the subject interests you.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held in the **Village Hall on Monday 1st June at 7.30 p.m.**

On the agenda is another part of North Somerset's Local Development Framework. This one is about Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation. North Somerset has to find about 36 residential pitches and 10 transit pitches. The ideal size of a site is 10 pitches. At this stage in the process North Somerset are asking for suggestions of suitable sites. The consultation ends on June 22nd. The next stage which takes place in September/October 2009 will be a consultation on a Pre-Submission Document and will include specific sites. Some will remember the last such exercise when Kenn was allocated two sites!

Many thanks are due to all those who took part in the great village clean-up. We are grateful to Robin, who did all the organising and to Robin and Marianna for the hospitality afterwards. It only remains to be vigilant and remove all the litter that is blowing about before the judges come in June and July.

All villagers are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and there is an opportunity to speak if you so desire. Please come along.

Ann Holtham

Richard Baker Concert - a date for your diary

Following Richard's stunning success at the Royal Albert Hall on 4th April, where he received a standing ovation, he tells me that there's only one venue to better the Albert Hall and that's Kenn Village Hall!

So he will be performing again for the pleasure of Kennites and friends on Sunday, 5th July, 2009, at 7.30pm.



He will be performing many pieces in his own inimitable style of piano playing. There will a number of guest performers appearing with Richard as well. But most importantly, there will be another 'sing along' when we all get the chance to give our vocal chords a bit of exercise! We couldn't have a Kenn Concert without such a sing along!

Tickets £7.50 and £5 for students under 16, available from Margaret Cook, West Haven, 01275 870275 and Liz Jaehme, Carpenters Farm, 07703 163590 or 01275 343211.

Licensed bar available.

Liz Jaehme

VILLAGE CLEAN UP

On a May Saturday a group of committed villagers of all ages turned out to help clean up our village. Unfortunately there were considerably less than usual due to a number of factors. But we still managed to collect a large quantity of bottles, cigarette and crisp packets, sweet wrappers, sandwich containers (and why do people store their McDonald's packaging and drop it in Kenn, many miles from a McDonald's Restaurant?!).

This year we obtained tabards and green sacks from Keep Britain Tidy which had the advantage of making us more visible.

My thanks to all who turned up. Everybody worked very hard and was duly rewarded with bacon and sausage baps at Church Path Cottage. Thanks also to James Griffin for the use of his vehicle to carry away the many bags of unwanted rubbish.

Please remember to pick up any rubbish you see and let's all try to **Keep Kenn Tidy**.

Robin Mackay



Harvest Supper

Sunday 20th September

This year's Harvest Supper will be held, as usual, in the Village Hall.

All the expected components will be there; delicious roast dinner with all the trimmings, and wonderfully tempting calorie-filled puddings.

It is always a memorable evening, when a large part of the community gathers to celebrate living in such a special village.

Tickets will be on sale from Marianna and Robin or Jenny and Simon at the beginning of July.

Fashion Show

Last year's Fashion Show was another resounding success and Marianna has decided to invite the same people back with their inexpensively priced but very fashionable clothes.

The same Master of Ceremonies will be there to present a thoroughly professional and entertaining commentary as the models display the various garments. Come along and have a glass of wine (or two!) and grab a bargain for your wardrobe.

The show will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 7pm in the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale from Marianna soon - proceeds to:



Bird News

There is a general feeling that our summer visitors - Swallows, House Martins and Warbler species - have arrived in smaller numbers this year, whereas our residents, particularly Wrens and Robins, seem to be plentiful. Despite a couple of poor breeding seasons Blue Tits and Great Tits seem to be as abundant as ever; "our" Blue Tits are feeding young as I write (May 23rd). The Cuckoo appears to be virtually extinct locally. I have neither heard one nor met anyone who has. The suggestion is that our migrant birds are encountering difficulties in or during their journeys to and from their wintering areas in Africa.

Along the sea wall small parties of Whimbrel have been passing through and there were also a few Wheatears - two as late as the 22nd. Lapwings and Redshanks were displaying over tilled fields (planted with maize) in Kingston Seymour and it will be interesting to see if they can nest successfully .

John Croxton found a Spotted Flycatcher in Littlewood on the 23rd - I expect it will move on quickly, but it is a scarce bird in our area nowadays.

Finally, the bitterns are giving splendid views at Ham Wall NNR near Glastonbury - sightings of this rare and usually elusive bird are pretty much guaranteed.

Trevor Riddle
01934 835208



Lapwing (*vanellus vanellus*)



Bittern (*botaurus stellaris*)



Spotted Flycatcher (*muscipapa striata*)

More Bird News

I have just spent a time in Southmead Hospital; one of the things that impressed me was the wonderful dawn chorus that occurs every morning around the hospital. Blackbirds get the singing started at about 4am followed by other birds - of course, it never gets dark as the hospital has lights on all night.

Jean and I have been entertained as we sit in our living room by a pair of starlings which are continually carrying food to their young that have been born under the tiles of the old chapel opposite.

Miles saw a small flock of goldfinches feeding on grass seed in the large field behind the village hall—this is unusual at this time of the year.

For the first time in living memory no swallows have nested in the old cowshed at Stonehouse Farm.

RVN



Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)

Moor News...

This is excellent - not only do I get to put the magazine on paper (a rare privilege with which I am astounded to be trusted... Margaret clearly doesn't remember the last time she gave me magazine space....) but I do actually have something vaguely relevant to add!!

We walk, usually on Dartmoor, sometimes on Exmoor, occasionally in the Brecons, most weekends these days. We lose weight, we get fit, we get wet...

And we see things. Last year we saw a badger snuffling around, not 20 feet away from us, at 2.30 in the afternoon. We watched for fully 15 minutes while he did his nocturnal stuff in broad daylight.

And we hear things - and this is the relevant bit - four weeks ago we were on Dartmoor around Sittaford Tor and heard our first cuckoo. A fortnight ago we were back near the same place, and two cuckoos were giving it their all from opposite sides of the valley. They kept it up all day. So we *knew* it was spring.... The skylarks were everywhere with their wonderful rolling songs, bumble bees bumbled happily in the gorse (which smells of coconut, we decided...) and all was well with the world.

(Except - in sympathy with the correspondent about the dog-poo - we always know that we're getting back near "civilisation" when we have to start watching our step.....)



A reminder that we will leave spare copies of the Neighbourhood Watch magazines in a box at the village market for those of you who do not have it delivered.

A message from Richard Stamp,
PCSO Support Officer

Telephone Scam

Please be aware that scammers have been targeting residents in the South West with a phone scam that claims they need to pay a bill to BT.

Calls to Consumer Direct typically claim that the unsolicited phone call is from BT about an unpaid bill, often between £30 - £75.

When challenged the caller attempts to demonstrate his control by disconnecting the phone line for a few minutes.

They may then call back asking for payment claiming the consumer had been sent the bill and it must be paid immediately or the phone line would now be disconnected. It seems the payment goes to an online company.

Callers have described the conmen as 'glib' and 'having an answer for any of your questions and suspicions'.

Consumer Direct (and BT) advise consumers never to give out any personal and banking details over the phone unless they are absolutely certain who they are dealing with.

BT also confirm that in any event they would never make calls such as these.

As always, if you are unsure, please call Consumer Direct - 08454 040506 to report such calls.

Thank you.

Richard Stamp.
01934 638300

richard.stamp@avonandsomerset.police.uk

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on

0845 456 7000

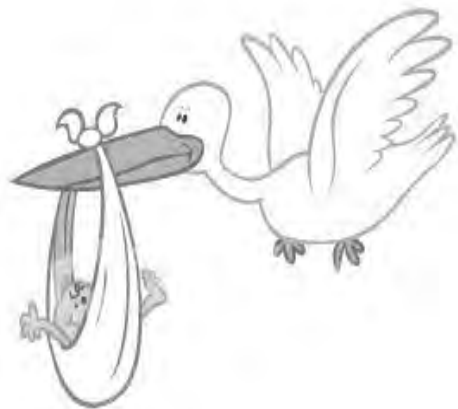
or you can call anonymously to the independent charity:

CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the www.mynhw.co.uk website.



Jan Bedford



Maximilian Andrews

was born on Friday, 1st May 2009, weighing in at 9lbs.

Congratulations go to the proud parents Vicky and Matthew, to the even prouder grandparents Celia and John and great grandmother Eileen.

Abigail now has a cousin.

Maximilian was actually present at the Kenn Easter Vestry meeting-although in a more anticipatory sense....

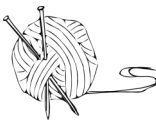
STOP PRESS - we are all delighted to welcome, safe and sound, Amelia Jane Elizabeth Court, a daughter for Mike and Lisa, born (we think) May 27th.

This month's magazine has been put together by Hazel - errors and omissions are entirely her fault. Contact her on **349535**, hazel.limage@kennvillage.co.uk or knock on the door of **BRAM RIGG** - the yellow house by the flag pole. Letters to the editor, mumbblings, rants, concerns, recipes, jokes, history, flora, fauna, events, for sale and wanted, personals - all contributions are welcome, especially from first-timers! Huge thanks to everyone for getting their articles in on time, and to the entire Griffin clan for post-production work and distribution. (Don't worry - Margaret is back in August..!!)

Knitting and Crocheting - or whatever.....

Several ladies have asked me about learning to knit in an informal village-y sort of way, rather than coming on days when I have "students" here. No problem. Email me, ring me, knock on the door or speak to Kate Hatcher (another non-knitter). We'll get a bunch of us together, knit hats for sailors (and other things for other people, too...) If you want to learn to spin your own wool to knit with, that's fine too. All we have to do is get together in the first place...

Hazel



Kenn-cycle - the village chat group

Well, what can I say? My first attempt at a Yahoo Group for the village failed at the first hurdle - firewalls and spam protection meant that invitees didn't get invited; some invitees didn't like the look of doing anything with a monster like Yahoo; some (that's you and me, Sheila!) signed up like proper troopers. So, we abandon Yahoo - watch your in-boxes for the next attempt at cyber-communication in Kenn....

Hazel

Verging on Village Vandalism?!

What is it about the "Verges of Kenn" that seems to bring out the good in people, but also the not-so-good?!



For many, it was uplifting to see the first spring daffodils popping their heads up along Kenn Street and alerting to us to the promise of warmer weather.

But for some people, it meant free flowers for picking on Mothers' Day!! How valued would the poor mum who received "stolen" flowers on Mothering Sunday have felt!!

The May cleanup of litter and detritus always smartens up our village, but it also highlights just how many dog-owners and dog-walkers in the village seem not only happy to allow their dogs to foul our verges and pavements, but don't clear up their dog's excrement after.

It's not a difficult one, this, is it? We teach our children to use a toilet, and would not dream of leaving that kind of waste on someone else's verge. We don't empty our toddlers' potties into the ditches. We keep it all at home, contained and cleaned up afterwards. What a shame that an evening walk down the Street in the fading sunshine is marred by the sight (and smell) of piles of dog waste. What a shame that the owners who use the doggy bin supplied for their use are tarred with the same brush as those who don't....

Anon, by hand

(A single dog mess contains approximately one million microscopic eggs of toxocariasis - Ed).

Letters to the Editor

Sir - Mother loved the daffodils. Could we put in a request for some early tulips next year?

sincerely, I Stolem

Sirs - when I was a lad the cuckoos didn't hang about in those namby-pamby European places sunning themselves and looking at the ladies. They were proper cuckoos, and just got on with it. I mean to take this up with my MEP as soon as I've finished asking him about his expenses.

sincerely, Brigadier Hatter

Sir, I am sick to death of complaining about the litter bin in Kenn. I drive out into the country of a weekend specifically to feed mouldy bread to the ducks and empty my car into the bin, only to find that others have got there first! If it weren't for the fact that my car has windows out of which I can throw stuff I'd have to take my rubbish home with me.

sincerely, I Litter

Sir - in reply to your correspondent (*letters, May 23rd*) I had to clean my moat because I thought that the disk I had lost with the names and bank details of the entire population on it had fallen in.

yours, Rt Hon F Urlined

Sir - I've lived in Kenn for nearly 50 years and have just discovered a socialist!! So much for climate change! I always knew they weren't extinct.

yours, A T Hun

Calendar reproduced by popular demand for those who have lost theirs and don't have that interweb thing for getting a new one.

Your collection day is a Monday						
	Green Waste	Recycling	Green Waste	Recycling	Green Waste	Recycling
Mar-09	2	9	16	23	30	
Apr-09		6	15 (Wed)	21 (Tues)	27	
May-09		5 (Tues)	11	18	26 (Tues)	
Jun-09		1	8	15	22	29
Jul-09	6	13	20	27		
Aug-09	3	10	17	24	1 Sep (Tues)	
Sep-09		7	14	21	28	
Oct-09		5	12	19	26	
Nov-09		2	9	16	23	30
Dec-09		14	21	30 (Wed)		
Jan-10		12 (Tues)	18	25		
Feb-10		8	15	22		
Mar-10	1	8	15	22	29	
Apr-10		7 (Wed)	13 (Tues)	19	26	
May-10		4 (Tues)	10	17	24	

Recycle Week 2009 (- from the North Somerset website).

National Recycle Week 2009 runs from Monday 22 to Sunday 28 June. This year the theme is 'let's waste less...' and we are encouraging residents to try something new in an effort to go greener and cut back on the waste we all produce.

From recycling more of everyday items like glass and plastic, to minimising food waste or composting at home, there are lots of ways to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill.

Recycling in North Somerset is easy. You can do it using your green box, or by taking materials to the recycling banks or the recycling centres.

Recycling has benefits for everyone now and for future generations. It is estimated that current UK recycling saves more than 18 million tonnes of CO2 a year - the equivalent to taking five million cars off the road.

We will be running a series of events in recycle week for you to come and find out more:

- Weston-super-Mare, Morrison's on Wednesday 24 June, noon - 6pm
- Portishead, Co-op on Thursday 25 June, noon - 6pm
- Nailsea, Tesco on Friday 26 June, noon - 6pm
- Clevedon, Morrison's on Saturday 27 June, noon - 6pm

If you would like more information about recycling or recycle week then please contact Streets and Open Spaces on 01934 888 802.

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2009

HOLY DAYS IN JUNE

1st Sunday 7th TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion Claverham*
8:00am Holy Communion Kenn*
 9:30am Parish Communion Yatton
 9:30am Patronal Communion Cleeve
 11:00am Family Service Kingston Seymour
 6:00pm Evensong Yatton*

2nd Sunday 14th FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ST. BARNABAS

8.00am Holy Communion Yatton
 9.30am Family Communion Yatton
 11.00am St. Barnabas Patronal Festival
 at Court de Wyck Claverham
11.00am Holy Communion Kenn
 6.00pm Evensong Kingston Seymour*
 6.30pm Holy Communion Cleeve

3rd Sunday 21st SECOND AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion Claverham*
 9.30am Parish Communion Yatton
 9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
 11.00am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour
 2.30pm Holy Baptism - Yatton
 Oliver Hunter & Henry Chaplin -
6.00pm Evensong Kenn*

4th Sunday 28th THIRD AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion Yatton
 8.00am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour
 9.30am Parish Communion with
 Prayers for Healing Yatton
 9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
 10.00am Family Service Claverham
**11:00am Family Service and Holy Baptism -
 Jasper Brooks - Kenn**
 6:00pm Evening Worship Yatton Methodist
 Church

Monday 1st Visit of Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

8.30am Holy Communion Yatton

Thursday 11th CORPUS CHRISTI

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve
 7.30pm Sung Holy Communion, Yatton

Wednesday 24th BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

10am Holy Communion Yatton
 11am Holy Communion Claverham

Monday 29th PETER THE APOSTLE

8.30am Holy Communion Yatton

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Daily:

8.30am Morning Prayer Yatton (not Sat. or
 Holy Days)

Every Wednesday:

10am: Holy Communion Yatton

1st Wednesday:

11am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour*

3rd Wednesday:

11am Holy Communion Kenn*

4th Wednesday:

11am: Holy Communion Claverham

Every Thursday:

9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve

7.30pm: Holy Communion Yatton

1st & 3rd Wednesdays:

2.00pm: First Steps Yatton

* Book of Common Prayer

Service information from John Andrews

