

NewsLink

8th June - 21st June 2025



CHURCHES OF
**NORTH
BRADFORD
ON AVON
& VILLAGES**

Dear Friends

This Sunday, churches around the world will be celebrating Pentecost (also known as Whit Sunday) as we remember and give thanks for the sending of the Holy Spirit.

'Suddenly the sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them'. (Acts 2:2-4)

I wonder what imagery comes to mind when we hear these words. How easy is it to tame these into a nice gentle breeze and a single flame from a match? We know that the Holy Spirit can be soft and quiet...we only need to look at some of the fruits of the Spirit, patience, gentleness, self-control, to see that.

But on this occasion there was a blowing of a violent wind and what appeared to be tongues of fire. These suggest wild powerful forces. For me, it brings to mind memories of listening to a storm or standing round a bonfire watching the flames dance as they light up the sky. If it does for you too, what does this say to us about the Holy Spirit?

I love the fact that the Holy Spirit is both untamed and dynamic but also soft and gentle. There are so many situations in the world, and closer to home, where we may long to see the dynamic nature of the Spirit transform situations. But in our personal, individual encounters with others what a joy it is to see the fruits of the Spirit at work. To see love, kindness, peace, gentleness, self-control, evident in our homes, neighbourhoods, villages.

Whether it is the dynamic nature or the quieter side, the Holy Spirit was poured out so that those first disciples and disciples through the ages, including us today, are equipped and enabled to go and 'Make Jesus Known'. On Sunday we come to the end of our 10 days of prayer (Thy Kingdom Come), but why not, if it feels right to do so, keep praying for those 5 people and seek opportunities to make Jesus known to them in word or deed.

Every blessing,
Katie



THY KINGDOM COME | Day 11: Pentecost

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Upcoming Services

Sunday 8th June

10am - Refresh - St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley, led by Alison Wells & Zoe Yeomans
10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall, led by Rev Katie Jackson
10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

Monday 9th June

4:30pm - Christian Meditation, St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev. Paul Batson

Sunday 15th June

10am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh (joint with St James') led by Rev Tessa Mann
10:00am - Holy Communion - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Tim Hawkings
10:30am - Refresh - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Katie Jackson

Monday 16th June

4:30pm - Christian Meditation, St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev. Paul Batson

Sunday 22nd June

10am - Together in Worship & Baptism - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Katie Jackson
10am - Morning Prayer - St James' Church, South Wraxall (joint with St Peter's) led by Linds Batson
10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Keith Charnley

Memorial Stained-Glass Window to Constance and Sydney Webber St Nicholas Church

The beautiful stained-glass window in St Nicholas' Church commemorates two members of the Webber family, Constance and Sydney, of Turleigh House (now Turleigh Manor) who died as young adults. Last week Richard Mann met Charlotte Cashman, one of Sydney's eight surviving grandchildren, who visited the church and was delighted to see the stained-glass window for the first time.

Charlotte explained that Constance Webber, an accomplished musician, died on Christmas Eve 1913 at only 21 years old; hence the depiction of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music. On the left of St Nicholas stands St George, patron saint of England. This memorialises her brother Captain Sydney Littleton Webber, a career soldier who fought and was injured at Ypres in WW1. Tragically Sydney died in an accident in India in 1924, aged 32 leaving his wife Rose and two young daughters, Pamela and Joan.

Constance and Sydney's parents, Dr William Littleton Webber and Jessie Webber nee Rothwell, dedicated this window in June 1926 to the memory of their beloved children.

More information can be found at
www.winsleyatwar.wordpress.com/names/sydney-littleton-webber/

Richard Mann



*The words along the bottom of the window read:
**To the glory of God and in memory of Constance
Webber Aug 1892 - Dec 1913 and Captain Sydney
Littleton Webber DCLI Oct 1891- Feb 1924***



Sydney Littleton Webber with his daughters Pamela and Joan (Charlotte's mother)

Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 11th June - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Parent & Toddler Group - St Nicholas' Church Hall
Wednesday 11th June - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church
Thursday 12th June - 10am - **The Ark** - Parent & Toddler Group - Christ Church
Wednesday 18th June - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Coffee Morning - St Nicholas' Church Hall
Wednesday 18th June - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church
Wednesday 18th June - 1:30pm-3pm - **Conversation & Craft** - Christ Church
Thursday 19th June - 10am - **The Ark** - Parent & Toddler Group - Christ Church

SOUTH WRAXALL AFTERNOON TEAS

It's time again to invite you to join us for **Afternoon Tea in St James's Church** and churchyard) in South Wraxall for a tempting selection of delicious cakes, savouries and drinks.

We look forward to welcoming you from 2:00-5:00pm on the following dates:

Thursday 26th June

Friday 18th July

Sunday 10th August

P.S. We always appreciate any offers of help with baking, serving and washing



DEMENTIA AWARENESS SESSION

We have a dementia awareness session planned for anyone in our four church communities. The session will be led by Annie Clayton from our local Alzheimer's Support Organisation. The session aims to help us understand more about dementia and how we can all support people living with dementia in our community. The session covers :

- the differences between normal aging and dementia
- the benefits of getting a diagnosis - what is dementia?
- the signs, symptoms and most common causes
- tips on how you can support people living with dementia in our community



Date: **Thursday 17th July 2025**

Time: **1:30 - 3pm**

Venue: **St Nicholas Church Hall**

Cost: **Alzheimer's Support invite a donation of £10 per person to cover costs. (We are hoping to subsidise this fee. If cost is a problem, please speak to Tessa)**

Who is the session aimed at? **Anyone and everyone concerned about dementia. We would love to have people from all four churches attending.**

If you would like to book a place, contact Kate in the office:

01225 865046 nboabenefice@gmail.com

We need a minimum of 12 and maximum of 30 participants, so book early!

For more information contact Rev Tessa Mann: 01225 309374 revtgm86@gmail.com

Ministry Team:

Rector: Revd. Katie Jackson (01225 722230)
Revd. Tessa Mann (309374)

Lay Pastoral Assistants:

Stephen Pike (782537), Denise Davies (863678)
Gill Fairhurst (867560), Daphne Cox (868224)
Elizabeth Bush (866624)

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Zoe Yeomans zyeomans3@gmail.com

Church Wardens:

Winsley: Richard Mann (309374) Penny Pierce (723284)

Christ Church: Margaret Thompson (571305)

Deputy - Wendy Brown (862857)

South Wraxall: Dave Wyper (865384)

Valentine Thornhill (862552)

Monkton Farleigh: Rachel & Colin Exley (851485)

Benefice Office:

Kate Davies (865046) nboabenefice@gmail.com

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FREE EVENT

HERITAGE CELEBRATION

CHRIST CHURCH, BRADFORD-ON-AVON

SAT 12th JULY FROM 7pm
SUN 13th JULY FROM 10am

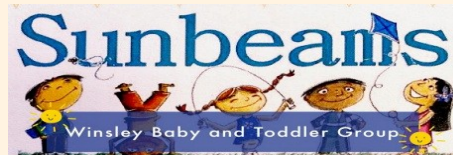
12th JULY - FROM 7pm
→ Conservator talk
→ Canapés & drinks

13th JULY - FROM 10am
→ Stone & wood carving
→ Stained glass expert
→ Blacksmith & forge
→ Archaeology activities
→ Millennium embroidery
→ Craft activities
→ Drinks & refreshments



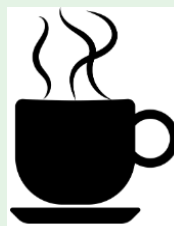
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Parent and Toddler Group
St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley
2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10.30am
Next Sunbeams is Wednesday 11th June
For more details please contact
Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210

KETTLE'S ON
Friendly café-style morning on **1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month**
Our next Kettle's On will be
Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 10am
St Nicholas' Church Hall



Parent and Toddler Group
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Thursdays during term time
10am - 11:30am



Baby and Toddler Café

Come along with your little ones for a fun time with toys, story, songs, craft and snacks to finish.

For more details, contact Hilary Pike
01225 782527 or thearkatboa@gmail.com

 Churches of North Bradford on Avon & Villages

Coffee and Company
Wednesdays 10:30am
Not on last Wednesday of the month



Join us at Christ Church for morning coffee and some wonderful company

All Welcome

Knitting Optional



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CONVERSATION & CRAFT

CHRIST CHURCH, BRADFORD-ON-AVON

2025 DATES  **1.30PM - 3PM**

WED 22 JAN	WED 26 FEB	WED 26 MAR	WED 14 MAY
WED 12 FEB	WED 12 MAR	WED 23 APR	WED 18 JUN

DELICIOUS CAKES  **HOT DRINKS**  **FRIENDLY CHAT** 

 **GAMES & QUIZZES**  **VARIETY OF CRAFT** 

Free community event - all welcome

With grateful thanks to our funders

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **22nd June**.
Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office nboabenefice@gmail.com by **16th June 2025**.