

NewsLink

3rd - 16th August 2025



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

Dear Friends

As I think about moving back into teaching in September, I was asked to reflect on the last 5 and a bit years and share some highlights of being Children and Families Worker with you all. I wondered if I might need many more pages to fit them all on as there are so many!

Suffice to say it has truly been a blessing and joy to work with you all and the children and families within our 4 churches and 3 schools. It is such a team effort all round, as the Benefice has become such a thriving and active place to be. Thank you to everyone for your part in this amazing ministry and for all the great fun, support and special memories I will take with me.

Highlights have included times where children, families, the church and the schools have all worked together to achieve amazing things. I can think of Experience Church in 2023, church services filled with parents, church members and a whole school singing together. Open the Book being established in our schools and Advent Teas filled with laughter, mulled wine and a hive of crafting chaos and warmth before Christmas. And so many more!

**“For the Lord is good and his
love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues
through all generations.”**

Psalm 100:5

Highlights also include the big little moments that are also very special: getting to know many of you who volunteer with our toddler groups, holiday clubs, services and events (without minding the odd messy activity and unusual story props!), the time for connecting with parents and carers, enabling families and children to connect with each other in a safe and caring space, answering thoughtful questions from children after a collective worship are but a few!

Through all our endeavours it is with the Grace of God, love and prayer that make it happen and through which we work to make it all that it is. As I move on, my prayer is that whatever God has in store next for this work within our churches, it will be just as exciting, joyful and more than we can ever imagine.

With love,
Zoe

Upcoming Services

Sunday 3rd August

10am - Benefice Service (Outdoor) - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Katie Jackson & Rev Tessa Mann - please remember to bring a chair!

4pm - Family Teatime Service Treasure Hunt - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Tessa Mann & Angela Symonds - please remember to bring a blanket or chair!

Monday 4th August

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

Wednesday 6th August

6pm - Compline - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Tessa Mann

Sunday 10th August

10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

10am - Refresh - Winsley Church Hall, led by Roy Ludlow & Bob Williams

10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Paul Batson

Monday 11th August

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

Sunday 17th August

10am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Tessa Mann

10am - Holy Communion - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Paul Batson

10:30am - Refresh - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Alison Wells



Outdoor Benefice Service - St Peter's

Sunday 3rd August - 10am

Weather permitting, the August Benefice Service will take place outside in St Peter's Churchyard, so please **bring along a chair or blanket.**



Family Teatime Service



Sunday 3rd August at 4pm
St Nicholas' Churchyard, Winsley

You are invited to come along with a picnic and blanket as we will be in the churchyard

All very welcome



Pet Thanksgiving Service

We had a wonderful pet thanksgiving service at St James' Church last Sunday with all creatures great and small; including a 15 week old puppy and a horse!

Thank you to everyone who came along and to all at St James' for this wonderful service.



Rev Katie will be taking a summer break 6th-23rd August and Tessa will be covering for anything urgent.

Kate in the Benefice Office will be away 30th July - 7th August.

Social Events Across the Benefice

Sunday 3rd Aug- 3pm - **CanZona Concert** - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh

Wednesday 6th Aug - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Wednesday 6th Aug - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Wednesday 6th Aug - 5:30pm - **Men's Group Country Walk & Pub** - Meet at Winsley Church Hall (or at the New Inn, Westwood at 7pm)

Sunday 10th Aug - 2-5pm - **South Wraxall Afternoon Teas** - St James' Church, South Wraxall

Wednesday 13th Aug - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

AFTERNOON TEAS IN SOUTH WRAXALL

Sunday 10th August 2-5pm

Join us for Afternoon Tea at St James' Church in South Wraxall for a tempting selection of delicious cakes, savouries & drinks.

We always appreciate any offers of help with baking, serving & washing up!

All very welcome!



CanZona

sing music for summer pleasure,
followed by tea & cake!

Sunday 3rd August 2025 - 3pm

**St Peter's Church,
Monkton Farleigh**

Retiring collection for church funds

All very welcome!

Wool needed for Christmas knitting!

If you have any spare oddments, half balls etc in any colours that are no longer needed, please put them in the box at the back of St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. It is candles this year. If you would like a copy of the pattern to knit some, please email Zoe at zyeomans3@gmail.com

Ministry Team:

Rector: Rev Katie Jackson (01225 722230)
Rev Tessa Mann (309374)

Lay Pastoral Assistants:

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

Children's and Families Worker:

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

NORTH BRADFORD & VILLAGES MEN'S GROUP

COUNTRY WALK & PUB MEAL

Wednesday 6th August - 5:30pm

A gentle country walk (about two miles, one very short climb and a few stiles) followed by dinner at the New Inn, Westwood.

Meet at Winsley Church Hall car park at 5:30pm, or at the New Inn around 7pm for the meal at 7:30pm

The New Inn's menu

www.thenewinnwestwood.co.uk

All men in the four parishes, whether church members or not, are warmly invited.

Please book via Paul Billingham by **Saturday 2nd Aug** with choice of starter & main (pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)

Winsley Church Hall

Painting Work - July and August

The work started on Monday 28th July and involves external preservation until 8th August, followed by internal painting 11th to 22nd August. Activities can continue in the hall during the external work.



Church Services

The church hall will be used as usual for the Refresh Service on Sunday 10th August.

Kettle's On

- Wed 6th August - will still be in the church hall
- Wed 20th August - will be in St Nicholas' Church

The hall toilets will generally be available for activities held in the church.

John Van Griethuysen

TROWBRIDGE STREET PASTORS

There has been a Street Pastors Initiative operating in Trowbridge since 2009, where they have been out on the street late at night, listening and helping, and they are currently looking for more people to join their team. One of the great privileges of being a Street Pastor is that they are on the front line between the world and God's Kingdom and meeting people on *their* patch. It is an opportunity to show people God's love in action.

If you would like to know more then please contact the Coordinator, Julia Wade, on 01380 870137 or email trowbridge@streetpastors.org.uk

Cedric Pierce from St Nicholas' Church is part of the Trowbridge Street Pastors team, so please also feel free to contact him if you would like to find out more - cedric@thepierces.me



KETTLE'S ON

Community Café



**1ST & 3RD
WEDNESDAY
OF EACH
MONTH**

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HALL

10AM-12PM

COFFEE, TEA, CAKE AND CONVERSATION.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
BRING YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS AND
THOSE NEW TO VILLAGE.



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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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **17th August**. Please ensure any relevant contributions are sent to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Sunday 11th August**.