

NewsLink

20th July - 2nd Aug 2025

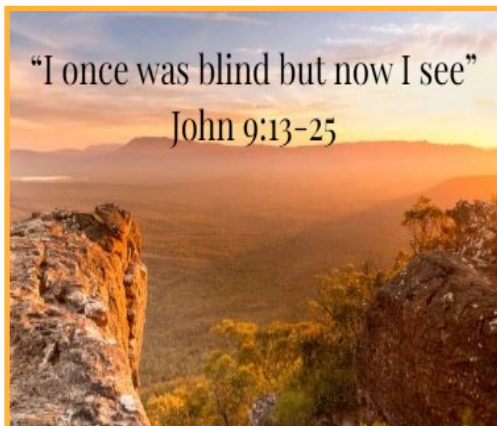


CHURCHES OF
**NORTH
BRADFORD
ON AVON
& VILLAGES**

Dear Friends

In our Sunday services this month we are exploring the theme of everyday faith, having the opportunity to hear the everyday faith story of someone from the Bible and the everyday faith story of someone in our church family. I hope you have been as encouraged by the stories shared as I have. It has been wonderful to hear the difference a relationship with Jesus makes to daily life as well as learn a little more about each other and what our lives look like between Monday and Saturday. My thanks to all those who have been involved so far, and to those who will be sharing over the coming weeks.

I wonder if sometimes as Christians we overcomplicate things. When we persuade ourselves that we need to have an answer to all of life's difficult questions it can result in us avoiding sharing our faith or experiences at all. At 4 Churches Forum on Monday we read the story of the blind man who was brought before the Pharisees and asked difficult questions. The simplicity of his answer was striking, he didn't try to answer the things he didn't know or wasn't sure of, he just answered what he knew 'I once was blind but now I see' (John 9:13-25).



We all have a story of how our faith makes a difference to our daily lives. It is a story that belongs to us and is ours to share as we feel able. It may be that there is someone you know who would benefit from hearing a little bit of your story; perhaps because they are facing a similar situation to one that you have, or because they are in need of understanding, reassurance, or even a good laugh! This isn't about forcing our stories on people, but rather, as we have found in our churches since we started this series, it's about encouragement and hope. After all, this is as much about everyday faith as it is about holding onto faith everyday.

Encouragement and hope are things that everyone is in need of. And we will never find out the impact our story might have on someone else's life, unless we are brave enough to share it!

Every blessing,
Katie

Dear Friends

It is with great sadness, but delight for Zoe, that I need to share with you that Zoe will be leaving her post as our Children and Families Worker at the end of August to return to the world of teaching. Zoe pioneered this role within the benefice and has brought so much to the life of our churches and schools; it has been a joy for Tessa and I to minister alongside her. I am sure you will join me in thanking Zoe for all that she has done and it goes without saying that she will be sorely missed. We will be arranging a proper thank you and farewell for Zoe, so please keep an eye out for the details, but for now I hope you will join me in praying for Zoe and her family as they all prepare for her move back into teaching.

Katie

Upcoming Services

Sunday 20th July

10am - Holy Communion - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Katie Jackson
10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Keith Charnley
10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Tessa Mann

Monday 21st July

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

Sunday 27th July

10am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Katie Jackson
10am - Sunday Service - Winsley Methodist Church
10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Paul Batson
4pm - Pet Thanksgiving Service - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Katie Jackson and Rev Tessa Mann

Monday 28th July

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

Wednesday 30th July

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

Sunday 3rd August

10am - Benefice Service (Outdoor) - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Katie Jackson & Rev Tessa Mann - please bring a chair!
4pm - Family Teatime Service Treasure Hunt - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Tessa Mann & Angela Symonds



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Pet Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 27th July - 4pm

St James' Church, South Wraxall

All pets welcome – furry, feathered, scaly, big or small!
If you are unable to bring a pet, you are welcome to bring a photograph instead.
Please bring a chair or rug, and please ensure all animals are suitably contained or harnessed.

The poster features illustrations of a brown horse, a golden retriever, a black and white dog, a black cat, a white rabbit, a green turtle, and a clownfish in a blue bowl.

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.**

Winsley Church Hall Painting Work - July and August



The work starts 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

Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 23rd July - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

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

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

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

Wednesday 6th Aug - 5:30pm - **Men's Group Country Walk & Pub** - Meet Winsley Church Hall

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

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 and drinks.



All welcome

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

NORTH BRADFORD AND 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)



CANZONA CONCERT

Sunday 3rd August 2025 - 3pm

St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh

CanZona sing music for summer pleasure followed by tea and cake

Retiring collection for church funds
All welcome!

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



LOOKING FOR NEW SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Churchfields the Village School, in Monkton Farleigh and Atworth, are in need of new Foundation Governors, whose role is to uphold Christian Distinctiveness on behalf of our diocese.

Churchfields is ideal for local church members who would like to help the children learn about Jesus and his teachings. It is a very friendly village primary school where love, friendship and compassion are at its heart.

If you would like find out more about what is involved, please get in touch with Rachel Exley on email: rachelexley@hotmail.co.uk.



WILDERNESS WORSHIP

SCHOOL
YEARS 7-13
WELCOME!

13 SEPTEMBER 2025
2:00- 7:00pm



THOULSTONE PARK
Chapmanslade, BA13 4AQ

An opportunity to gather with other young people from churches across Wiltshire for an afternoon of activities, games, BBQ, worship and hearing from the Bible

TICKETS
£15



BOOK WITH YOUR
CHURCH HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/2tdmne9r>



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.



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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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **3rd August**. Due to holiday, this edition will be sent out slightly earlier. Please ensure any relevant contributions are sent to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **27th July**.