

NewsLink

6th July—19th July 2025



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

Dear Friends

At St Nicholas' the other week we talked about the parable of the prodigal son, and as I listened to what was shared, it reminded me once again that we should never underestimate the power of a warm and heartfelt welcome. It sits at the heart of the gospel story, and as people who have received the grace-filled welcome of God, we need to continue to do all we can to share that same extravagant welcome to others. And we are doing it! It has been really wonderful to have heard visitors around the benefice share how welcomed they have been made to feel, in each of our churches and community events, so thank you.

I believe that the way we communicate is also part of our welcome so I am delighted to share with you that we now have a new website up and running. My thanks go to John Strike, for his time and skills in building it for us. I hope that you will agree that he has done an incredible job of it. But I also want to thank Kate and the team who have supported the project: Denise Button, Ann Chapman and Stephen Pike.

If you haven't already done so then you can visit the website by using this link:
www.nboachurches.co.uk

There are still a few additions and amendments to be made but I hope you will find it to be vibrant and very easy to navigate. One of my favourite aspects of it is the 'Church Life: What's On' page as it shows all that is going on across the benefice and highlights just what an active community of disciples we are. The other page I feel I should draw your attention to is the church diary (also found under Church Life) which is a useful tool to use if anyone wants to know if the church is free on a particular day and time.

In Romans Paul says:

***'Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God'.
(ESV translation, 15:7)***

As we give thanks for the welcome we have received in Jesus, let's continue to do all we can to extend His welcome to others, to his praise and glory.

Every blessing,
Katie



Upcoming Services

Sunday 6th July

10:30am - Benefice Service - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Katie Jackson

4pm - Family Teatime Service - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Zoe Yeomans & Rev Katie Jackson

Monday 7th July

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

Sunday 13th July

10am Holy Communion - St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

10am - Refresh - St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley led by Cedric Pierce

10am - 4pm - Heritage Celebration - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

4pm - Family Service - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Katie Jackson

Monday 14th July

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

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

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:

Friday 18th July

Sunday 10th August

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

**Discover Christ Church!**
COMMUNITY | DISCOVERY | RESTORATION

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





Search 'Discover Christ Church' on Facebook and Instagram or visit us at www.discoverchristchurch.org.uk

Building Work at Christ Church

The building work to create our new community space at Christ Church is progressing very well and the children at The Ark have enjoyed watching the builders at work over the past few weeks. Emery builders very kindly created a handy child height viewing window for the children to watch all the action.



If you are passing please do pop in to have a look or join us at our Heritage Celebration to hear more about our recent restoration work.

Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 9th July - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Parent & Toddler Group - Winsley Church Hall
Wednesday 9th July - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church
Wednesday 9th July - 7pm - **Men's Group Talk "A Voyage Round My Father"** - Winsley Church Hall
Thursday 10th July - 10am - **The Ark** - Parent & Toddler Group - Christ Church
Saturday 12th July - 7pm - **Heritage Celebration Conservator Talk & Canapes** - Christ Church
Sunday 13th July - 10-4pm - **Heritage Celebration** - Christ Church
Wednesday 16th July - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Coffee Morning - Winsley Church Hall
Wednesday 16th July - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church
Thursday 17th July - 10am - **The Ark in the Park** - Parent & Toddler Group - Sladesbrook Park, BOA
Thursday 17th July - 1:30-3pm - **Dementia Awareness Session** - Winsley Church Hall
Friday 18th July - 2-5pm - **South Wraxall Afternoon Tea** - St James' Church, South Wraxall



Understanding
DEMENTIA
and how you can help

Dementia awareness session

Winsley Church Hall

Date: **Thursday, 17 July, 2025**

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

Alzheimer's Support dementia awareness session aims to help you understand more about dementia; including the common causes, effects and tips on supporting people living with dementia in our community.

We suggest a donation of £10 on the day to cover the charity's cost. However, we realise times are hard, so please donate what you can - every contribution helps!

You can sign up by contacting the Benefice Office:
phone : 01225 865 046
email: nboabenefice@gmail.com



Winsley Church Hall - Painting Work

July and August

The work will start on Monday 28th July and involve external preservation (approx. 2 weeks) until 8th August, followed by internal painting (approx. 2 weeks) 11th to 22nd August. Activities can continue in the hall during external work.



Church Services

The hall will be used for the St Nicholas Refresh Service on Sunday 10th August.

Community Activities

The following arrangements have been made for the regular community activities during August.

- **Kettle's On** - Wed 6th August will still be in the church hall
- **Kettle's On** - Wed 20th Aug will be in St Nicholas Church
- The planned **Men's Group** talk in Aug "A Voyage Around My Father" has been moved forward to 9th July, and replaced with a walk and pub outing.

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

John Van Griethuysen

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **20th July**.

Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office nboabenefice@gmail.com by **14th July**.

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 AND VILLAGES MEN'S GROUP

Due to Winsley Church Hall undergoing its external and internal painting in August, the planned

"A Voyage Round My Father" by John Baxter

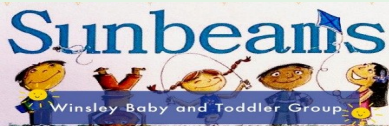
which will mark the 80th anniversary of VJ Day with an illustrated talk about his late father and his experiences as a Japanese POW will now take place on

**Wednesday July 9th at 7pm
St Nicholas' Church Hall**

with a curry meal beforehand (£10 per person)

This will be open to all Men and Ladies in the Benefice - booking in advance is essential for John to order the curry. This can be done by emailing him on jbmab40@btinternet.com (or texting 07957 911451 or phoning 01225 863072)
by Saturday 5th July at the latest

The August Men's Group will be a walk, details of which will appear in Newslink shortly.



**Parent and Toddler Group
St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley**

**Next Sunbeams - Wednesday 9th July 10:30am
Last Sunbeams until September**

For more details please contact
Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210



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.



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.

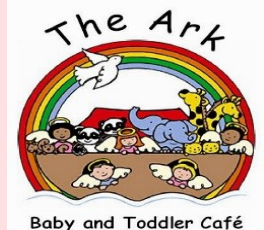
BRING YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS AND
THOSE NEW TO VILLAGE.

**Parent and Toddler Group
Christ Church, BOA**

Thursdays during term time
10am - 11:30am

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

Contact Hilary Pike
01225 782527 or thearkatboa@gmail.com



Churchfields
The Village School
Atworth Monkton Farleigh

**LOOKING FOR
NEW GOVENORS**

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.