



Dear Friends,

Everyday Faith

I do hope you have had the opportunity to attend and be blessed by our Everyday Faith themed services over the summer?

I have found these services to be a wonderful source of encouragement and refreshment. Isn't it inspiring to hear stories of everyday lived out faith – both joys and challenges?

Many people have expressed how moved they have been to hear a variety of voices across our churches. Thank you to everyone who has responded to the invitation to share something about their everyday faith. You have blessed us all!

Sometimes it is really hard to put the lived reality of our faith into words. We feel inadequate or think that other people know way more than we do or are better Christians than us! Culturally we often are nervous to talk about our faith and what it means to us. We might feel suspicious of those who bring God into every conversation, especially in public! Jesus of course warned against those who used faith to show off about how pious they are. Jesus' worst criticisms were directed towards religious leaders, who so often fell into the trap of focusing on religious observance rather than everyday faith and trust in God.

Yet, when people share with open, humble and honest integrity, it is truly wonderful and helps us all grow in our faith. Again and again Jesus' encounters with people invited questions, honesty and the opportunity for fresh understanding and steps of faith to be taken. All his parables and miracles are rooted in everyday experiences in the lives of those around him – the land, work, money, food, health, power, families etc. Jesus longed for faith to touch every aspect of everyday life.

I find the prayer said in the Church of England Morning Prayer Liturgy really helpful in its simplicity at the start of each new day:

***As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you,
now and for ever.
Amen***

Each new day – everyday is a gift. May our everyday faith in God, in the midst of whatever circumstances we are facing, radiate light and hope in our homes, work places and communities. May we be honest to God in our prayers and our conversations with others, as we live out our lives, day by day.

With every blessing,
Tessa



Upcoming Services

Sunday 31st August

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

10am - Holy Communion - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Tessa Mann

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

Monday 1st September

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

Wednesday 3rd September

6pm - Compline - St James' Church, South Wraxall, led by Rev Tessa Mann

Sunday 7th September

10am - Benefice Service (Farewell & Thank You to Zoe) - St James' Church, South Wraxall, led by Rev Katie Jackson

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

Monday 8th September

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

Tuesday 9th September

2:30pm - Wiltshire Heights Holy Communion - Wiltshire Heights, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

Wednesday 10th September

3pm - Avonpark Holy Communion - Avonpark, Limpley Stoke, led by Rev Katie Jackson

Sunday 14th September

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

10am - Refresh - St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley, led by Rev Keith Charnley

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



HARVEST SERVICES

ST PETER'S CHURCH
MONKTON FARLEIGH
SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER - 10AM

CHRIST CHURCH
BRADFORD ON AVON
SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER - 5PM

ST JAMES' CHURCH
SOUTH WRAXALL
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER - 10AM

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH
WINSLEY
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER - 10AM

ALL WARMLY WELCOME



CHURCHES OF
NORTH
BRADFORD
ON AVON
& VILLAGES

Next Service 7th September

**Teatime Service
for all the Family**

First Sunday of Every Month
4pm
St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

A short, child-focussed service followed by tea

All very welcome

Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 3rd September - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Wednesday 3rd September - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Wednesday 3rd September - 7pm - **Men's & Ladies Group** - '80 Years On - Remembering the End of the Second World War' - Winsley Church Hall

Wednesday 10th September - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Thursday 11th September - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Saturday 13th September - **Ride & Stride** - All churches open for visitors



Heather Hawkings and Linds Batson are taking part as a Team in this year's Ride and Stride, raising money for WHCT and St Nicholas Church. We would very much appreciate your support. Donations can be made via our joint JustGiving page (link below) and we are also very happy to receive donations in cash.

Thank you
Heather and Linds

You can donate to our JustGiving page by clicking here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/linds-and-heather-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

'Who Let The Dads Out?'

Eric Legg-Bagg and myself are exploring the **possible launch**, in the next few months, of a '**Who Let The Dads Out**' group, on a three session pilot basis, to be held in St. Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley.

'Who Let the Dads Out' is a well established initiative which has proved its value in supporting dads with pre-school children by offering a safe and hospitable space once a month on a Saturday morning. This support is found to be very welcome as it is provided at a time when the demands on family life are in many ways at their greatest.

You can read more here: Who Let The Dads Out? - Care for the Family

www.careforthefamily.org.uk/support-for-you/faith-in-the-family/support-for-churches/wltdo/

In order to gauge whether there would be enough support from members of our church community to provide the **volunteers needed** to establish a group Eric and I would welcome **expressions of interest** following which we will arrange a meeting to explain more and seek to establish a plan to launch the group. As you would expect, volunteers for this group will require safeguarding checks.

Please reply by the end of September to -

Eric: ericandjean56@btinternet.com or Richard: rmcourses@gmail.com or speak to us at church.

Richard Mann

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)

Benefice Office:

Kate Davies (865046) nboabenefice@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)

**NORTH BRADFORD & VILLAGES
MEN'S & LADIES GROUP**

**Wednesday 3rd September - 7pm
Winsley Church Hall**

**80 YEARS ON – REMEMBERING
THE END OF THE
SECOND WORLD WAR**

Phillip Bush will mark the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ Days by recounting stories from the final year of the War, paying a tribute to those who took part.

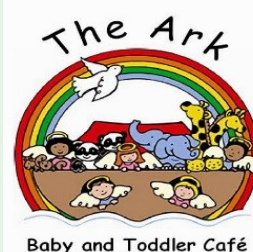
Supper will be fish and chips.
Bring your own drinks or buy from the Social Club.

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

Please book via Paul Billingham as soon as possible (pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)

Parent & Toddler Group

**Christ Church
Bradford on Avon**



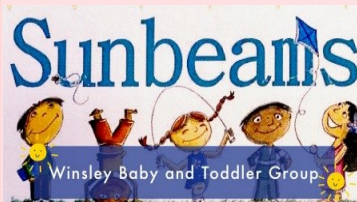
Every Thursday in term time

10am - 11:30am

Starts back Thursday 11th September

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



**Parent & Toddler
Group**

**Winsley Church
Hall**

2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10:30am

Our next Sunbeams will be 10th September

For more details please contact
Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210

SERENATA GUITAR TRIO

JOHN MILLS - COBIE SMIT - RICHARD MILLS



“SERENATA - THE AUTUMN 2025 CONCERT”

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, WINSLEY, BA15 2LH

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 3PM

Serenata return to present a new selection of pieces from Haydn, Faure, Ravel and music from Sweden

Admission £10 at the door (cash preferred)
Proceeds will be shared between St Nicholas' Church and Serenata

Refreshments available following the performance

KETTLE'S ON

Community Café



ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HALL

10AM-12PM

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

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **14th September**. Please ensure any relevant contributions are sent to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Monday 8th September**.