

# NewsLink

14th September - 27th September 2025



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

Dear Friends

***‘Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth’  
(Psalms 96:1)***



What makes your heart sing? Perhaps it's being with family and friends or enjoying your favourite activity or sport. Maybe it is knowing that in Jesus we are loved, restored and forgiven.



This month we are focusing on creation. For many, the natural world is an easy place for our hearts to sing. In the wildlife we see, the flowers we enjoy, the sunsets and the sunrises, or simply feeling the fresh air on our faces. With my holiday still in my head, one of the places that makes my heart sing, is on a Cornish beach, watching the waves and enjoying the unspoilt coastline.

But as much as we would like our hearts to sing all the time, sometimes it can feel hard. We might be facing something that is immensely painful and hard to bear, or feeling the weight of the situations being faced around the world right now. Thinking of the natural world, we know that creation is also groaning due to the years of neglect and mistreatment caused by humankind.

But this psalmist speaks of a NEW song, suggesting, I think, that things can and should be different. Each day is a fresh start, with new hope and possibility. With this in mind, I wonder what our new song might look like...It could be offering hope and love to someone who is facing a hard time, it might be taking better care of ourselves, remembering that God treasures everyone, including us. Or it could be seeking ways to change our lifestyles or actions to better care for the created world that God has blessed us with.



Singing a new song requires action or a change. It might only be or seem a small thing but if the whole earth were to sing a new song, imagine the impact it could have.

Every blessing  
Katie

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday 14th September

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

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

### Monday 15th September

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

### Sunday 21st September

10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall, led by Rev Martin Webster

10am - Together in Worship - St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley, led by Rev Katie Jackson

10:30am - Morning Prayer - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Stephen Pike

### Monday 22nd September

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

### Wednesday 24th September

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

### Sunday 28th September

10am - Harvest Service - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, led by Rev Katie Jackson

10am - Holy Communion - St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

5pm - Harvest Service - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Tessa Mann

### Morag Donaldson's Funeral

This will take place on Tuesday 16th September 2025, 2pm at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh

## **HARVEST SERVICES**

**ST PETER'S CHURCH**  
MONKTON FARLEIGH  
SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - 10AM

**CHRIST CHURCH**  
BRADFORD ON AVON  
SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - 5PM

**ST JAMES' CHURCH**  
SOUTH WRAXALL  
SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - 10AM

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH**  
WINSLEY  
SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - 10AM

**ALL WARMLY WELCOME**

### Monkton Farleigh

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Monkton Farleigh Village Coffee Morning on Friday 19th September will be the Macmillan Coffee Morning when all the proceeds will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

**Friday 19th September - 10am**  
**Monkton Farleigh Village Hall**

Please help by attending and/or providing a raffle prize so that a significant amount may be raised.

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

### Too many apples?

Julian House in Bath are very happy to take any donations of unprepared fruit for their kitchen at their Manvers Street Hostel. If you have fruit that you would like to donate, please contact them on 01225 311991.



## Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 17th September - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Wednesday 17th September - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 18th September - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Friday 19th September - 10am - **Macmillan Coffee Morning** - Monkton Farleigh Village Hall

Wednesday 24th September - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Thursday 25th September - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon



Heather Hawkings and Sue Roberts 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 JustGiving page (link below) and we are also very happy to receive donations in cash.

Thank you, Heather and Sue

To donate via JustGiving page click here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/linds-and-heather->

## CHRIST CHURCH

Once we have the kitchen and facilities fully open and up-and-running at Christ Church, the PCC would like to open a café every weekday (except Thursdays when we have BOA Youth Drop In) between 3pm and 4pm. We already have young people calling in daily at this time and would like to extend our hospitality to others on the school run.

We need to have at least two volunteers each day to make sure this runs smoothly. If you feel you would like to help with this, please get in touch with Verity via the Church office [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) or 01225 865046. A rota will be drawn up to enable the Café to be open during school term time. We would love to be able to reach out to our community in this way and appreciate any offers of help.

## 'Who Let The Dads Out?'

We are exploring the **possible launch** of a 'Who Let The Dads Out' group, on a 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.

**Info here:** [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/support-for-you/faith-in-the-family/support-for-churches/wltdo/](http://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, we would welcome **expressions of interest** after which we will arrange a meeting to establish a plan to launch the group.

Please reply by the end of September to -

Eric: [ericandjean56@btinternet.com](mailto:ericandjean56@btinternet.com) or Richard: [rmcourses@gmail.com](mailto:rmcourses@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)

### **Benefice Office:**

Kate Davies (865046) [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto: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)



## Harvest Festival Flowers at Christ Church

We plan to decorate the church for Harvest Festival on Saturday 27th September from 10am. The colour scheme is autumnal colours and donations of flowers and foliage would be gratefully received. If you would like to come and help with the flower arrangements, you would be most welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Any questions please ring Valerie Isaacs Tel: 612351



## SERENATA GUITAR TRIO

JOHN MILLS - COBIE SMIT - RICHARD MILLS



### "SERENATA - THE AUTUMN 2025 CONCERT"

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, WINSLEY, BA15 2LH

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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*

## NORTH BRADFORD & VILLAGES MEN'S GROUP

**Wednesday 15th October - 7pm**

**Winsley Village Club**

(please note change of date and different venue)

## CENTURY OF BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER IN WINSLEY

Michael Cottle, Secretary of the Village Club, will give a talk and a practical demonstration, using the Club's historic billiards table.

A buffet will be provided by the Club, with drinks available from the Bar.

All men 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)

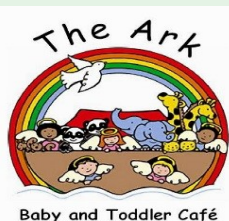
## Parent & Toddler Group Christ Church Bradford on Avon

**Every Thursday in term time**

**10am - 11:30am**

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



## KETTLE'S ON

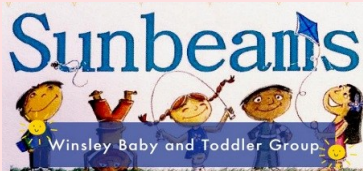
Community Café



**1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>  
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 & Toddler Group Winsley Church Hall

**2nd & 4th Wednesday at 10:30am**

**Our next Sunbeams will be  
24th September**

For more details please contact  
Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210

## BENEFICE OFFICE SEEKS NEW DESK!

In preparation for moving the Benefice Office into Christ Church, we are looking for an office desk (approx. 150cm wide) and a tall, single width lockable filing cabinet.

If anyone has either item that they no longer need and are looking to rehome, please contact the benefice office on 01225 865046 or nboabenefice@gmail.com

## NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **28th September**. Please ensure any relevant contributions are sent to the Benefice Office at [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by **Monday 22nd September**.