

NewsLink

26th October - 8th November 2025



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

Dear Friends

As we continue in the season of thankfulness, I wanted to mention and give thanks for the new things that are springing up in the life of the benefice and the wider church.

Firstly we have had the announcement that the Right Rev Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London, will become the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Sarah served in this diocese for many years and her background in nursing alongside her faithful trust in Jesus will hopefully give her all the gifts, skills and attributes that she needs to take this next step of faith. This is also a huge step for her, the church and for women's ministry and as such I appreciate that not everyone may be as thankful as I am. However, whatever our own personal views, I hope we can all join together in praying for her and her family and for the wider church and Anglican communion over the coming months.

Closer to home, it was a real joy to walk into Christ Church last week and see the font unwrapped and the internal metal dividers removed. Whilst we are waiting for the final few things to be completed (not least the plumbing) it is wonderful to begin to see what all the hard work and generosity has resulted in: a versatile, beautifully crafted space which can be used for worship, welcome and hospitality. It won't be long until we have our afterschool and monthly Saturday cafés up and running so please keep an eye out for the details and come along when you can. We hope that these cafés will provide hospitality, friendship and care for those in the local community.

St Nicholas is also venturing into new territory with an opportunity for those who we already have relationships with through Kettle's On, Soup's Up and Sunbeams, to explore faith in a warm, safe and relaxed manner (which will naturally include refreshments and cake!). Exploring Faith will be three short sessions which will consider the themes of Love, Peace and Hope. Please do pray for those who will be leading this and those who may come along.

And finally I want to thank all four of our PCCs. I can honestly say that I have felt a real energy and desire in all of them to seek to find new ways to make Jesus known. It feels like we are in exciting times, the phrase that comes to my mind is 'God is on the move' and I look forward to seeing what this leads to in the months to come.

Once again, thank you, none of the above would be possible without you. Please continue to pray for the whole benefice and all that is going on.

Every blessing
Katie

*Katie will be on leave from Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October. Tessa will be covering for anything urgent.
Kate in the Benefice Office will be on leave on Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th October.*



**Making
Jesus
Known**

Upcoming Services

Sunday 26th October

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

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

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

Monday 27th October

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

Wednesday 29th October

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

Saturday 1st November

3pm - A Service for the Loss of Loved Ones - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley led by Rev Paul Batson & Penny Pierce

Sunday 2nd November

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

4pm - Family Teatime Service - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Tessa Mann

Monday 3rd November

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

Wednesday 5th November

6pm - Compline - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Tessa Mann

Sunday 9th November

10am - Remembrance Sunday - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Katie Jackson

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

10:40am - Remembrance Sunday - Winsley War Memorial led by Rev Tessa Mann

10:50am - Remembrance Sunday - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Tim Hawkings

A Service for the Loss of Loved Ones



SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2025
3PM - ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, WINSLEY

ALL WELCOME
FOLLOWED BY TEA & CAKES IN THE CHURCH HALL
SERVICE CONDUCTED BY REV PAUL BATSON AND PENNY PIERCE

During the Service for the Loss of Loved Ones, we will read aloud the names of those we would particularly like to remember. If you would like the name of any loved ones read out, please email Kate at nboabenfice@gmail.com with details.

Remembrance Services

Sunday 9th November 2025

All services will have an Act of Remembrance and observe a two-minute silence at 11am.

10:00am St James' Church,
South Wraxall

10:30am Christ Church,
Bradford on Avon

10:40am Winsley War Memorial

10:50am St Peter's Church,
Monkton Farleigh

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)

Benefice Office:

Kate Davies (865046) nboabenfice@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)

Social Events Across the Benefice

Saturday 1st Nov - 10am - **Autumn Churchyard Clear Up** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley
 Wednesday 5th Nov - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
 Wednesday 5th Nov - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Thursday 6th Nov - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Friday 7th Nov - 12-3pm - **Soup's Up** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
 Saturday 8th Nov - 7:30pm - **BOA Choral Society Concert** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Sunday 9th Nov - 7:30pm - **Canzona Remembrance Concert** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley



ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH AUTUMN CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP

Saturday 1st November 10am - 12pm

We are having our Autumn clear up in the churchyard and hall car park with the Scouts on 1st November.

If you can lend a hand please come along with tools.

Refreshments will as usual be provided.

Any questions, email John jbmab40@btinternet.com

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Anne Hilton will be placing an order for Christmas cards from The Children's Society. There are some beautiful designs available and all sales raise valuable funds for the charity. For details speak to Anne at Christ Church or email nboabenefice@gmail.com

**The
Children's
Society**

A THANK YOU FROM DAPHNE

I would like to give my sincere thanks to all those who have supported me over the last four months in so many ways, including through prayer, visiting me, shopping for me, providing meals or giving me gifts.

These verses from Psalm 118 speak for me -

I'm thankful to God as well, in whose hands I rested.

In my anguish I cried to the Lord.

The Lord is with me. I'll not be afraid.

The Lord's right hand has done mighty things.

The Lord has indeed done mighty (even miraculous) things as my leg is almost completely healed.

Thank you everyone, Daphne

PRAYER BEARS NEEDED

For each child that is baptised with us, we gift them a lovely colourful 'Prayer Bear' which are made with love by our wonderfully talented knitters across the benefice.

We are now in need of more bears so if anyone would be able to knit some we would be incredibly grateful. Please contact the Benefice Office for the knitting pattern.

nboabenefice@gmail.com



**Be a Star
and donate
a gift**



**Could you help us make Christmas special
for children who may have little or nothing
under the tree on Christmas morning?**

**If YES, please bring brand-new, unwrapped gifts for children aged 0-18 to
any of our four churches during opening times from
Monday 10th – Thursday 27th November.
There will be a collection box in each church.**

Gift ideas for children and young people

0-3 yrs: soft toys, colourful and fun educational toys, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys

3-5 yrs: books, dressing up clothes, cars, dolls, action figures and soft toys, colourful, fun educational toys, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles, footballs;

5-9 yrs: dolls and action figures, educational games and toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, word search, crosswords, sports equipment and clothing;

9-12 yrs: games and toys, sports equipment and clothing, stationery, books, T-Shirts, gloves/scarves/hats;

13-16 yrs: books, toiletries (non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves/scarves/hats/accessories

If you'd like to make a financial donation, please use this QR code or visit
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thesalvationarmychristmas-2025-430>



The Salvation Army, Castle Street, Trowbridge, BA14 8AR
Call us on 01225 752 459

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The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters, 1 Chiswick Park, London SE1 8FJ.

FREE VISITS TO SALISBURY CATHEDRAL FOR PARISHIONERS



Did you know that although there is normally a charge to visit Salisbury Cathedral as a tourist, parishioners who are on a parish electoral roll within the diocese are able to visit free of charge? Simply download and complete the form via the link below, get it countersigned by a PCC member and take it with you on your first visit.

[Application-for-a-Salisbury-Cathedral-Diocese-Card.pdf](#)

You will be given a Salisbury Cathedral Diocese Pass valid for the duration of the current electoral roll. The pass will be valid in the Cathedral and Chapter House during normal opening hours but does not cover special events etc when a separate charge is made.

Attending services of course is free to everyone.

Cedric Pierce

Discover Christ Church! bluebird care IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Christ Church & VC Primary School Comenta Action Alliance

CONVERSATION & CRAFT

CHRIST CHURCH, BRADFORD-ON-AVON

AUTUMN 2025 ✕ **1.30PM - 3PM**

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER
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DELICIOUS CAKES

HOT DRINKS

FRIENDLY CHAT

GAMES & QUIZZES

VARIETY OF CRAFT

Free community event - all welcome

With grateful thanks to our funders

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.

BCS Bradford Choral Director Alan Burgess

REMEMBRANCE

A concert of music by British composers including John Rutter Requiem

Christ Church, Bradford on Avon BA15 1SJ
Saturday 8th November at 7.30

Tickets: £15 (students £10) Available from Ex Libris bookshop, choir members, or on the door

A Remembrance

7:30pm on 9 November
at St Nicholas' Winsley

Howard Goodall's
Eternal Light Requiem

Sung by Canzona
Musical Director
David Bishop

No ticket required but there will be a retiring collection with profits split equally between Canzona and St Nicholas' Church

Parent & Toddler Group
Winsley Church Hall

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 10:30am

Our next Sunbeams will be 12th November

For more details please contact
Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210

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 on 01225 782527

Everyone is welcome to join us for

"SOUP'S UP"

Delicious homemade soup with roll and butter
Warm desserts and custard with tea and coffee

Winsley Church Hall
12-3pm
Friday 17th October
Friday 7th & 21st November
Friday 5th December

NORTH BRADFORD & VILLAGES
MEN'S & LADIES VILLAGES GROUP

Wednesday 12th November - 7pm
Winsley Church Hall

THE LAND OF SUNSHINE, SIXES AND CIDER

More tales from Old Somerset. Tim Hawkings will be taking another light-hearted look at his home county.

Supper will be a selection of Domino's pizzas and a salad.
Bring your own drinks or buy from the Social Club.

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)

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **9th November**. Please send any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Monday 3rd November**.