

NewsLink

12th October - 25th October 2025



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

Dear Friends

Over the coming month, at all four of our churches, we will be thinking about the theme of generosity in all its many forms, and so I want to take this opportunity to say thank you. Thank you for all that you do and offer to the life of the church and wider community. You are a blessing and I give thanks for each and every one of you.



Thank you for the many ways you serve: from toddler groups to coffee mornings, breakfasts and teas to prayer groups. Thank you for the work with our schools and for your support of the teatime service. Thank you to those who decorate our churches with stunning flowers and to our musicians who lead us in worship week after week. Thank you for the pastoral visiting and the support of our services at Avon Park and Wiltshire Heights. And I can't forget to mention the constant supply of cakes (my ongoing aim is to sample every single one!).

Thank you also for your financial generosity which enables our churches to continue to be warm, welcoming spaces and all our buildings to be fit for purpose as we seek to serve our communities. Particularly at this time, we give thanks for the restoration of Winsley Church Hall and the kitchen and toilet project at Christ Church.

Without your generosity, church life would look very different. As much as I would like to get round to every single one of you to thank you personally, that may not be feasible so I need your help. Over the course of October, I would like to encourage each of us to share the thanks around the benefice, and to do this I invite you to think of who in the church family you could say thank you to on behalf of us all.

As we give thanks for all the generosity that goes on, I also invite us all to prayerfully reflect on our own personal giving of time, talents and money. It may be that our circumstances have changed and what we can do or what we can offer is no longer what it was or we may be feeling a call to something new. If either of those resonates with you, then I and our Church Wardens would love you to come and talk to one of us about it. Equally, this is true of our financial situations too, as these things never stay static, so this season is an opportunity to review our monetary giving and consider if this can/needs to be adjusted.

As we seek to grow as churches, we are dependent on generosity of giving and if you are in a position to increase this, even by a small amount, then it really will make a difference. To do this, you can either approach the Parish Giving Scheme directly or speak to your treasurer, Diane or Bridge, who will be able to offer support. Equally, if you would like to begin to give regularly to the life of the church or offer a one off gift then you can either find out how to do so on our website or contact Kate, our benefice administrator, who will put you in touch with the respective treasurer.

But I finish how I started, in saying THANK YOU. You are precious and I am so glad God brought you to our benefice family of St Nicholas', St Peter's, Christ Church and St James'.

***I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you,
I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel'***

Philippians 1:3

Every blessing
Katie

Upcoming Services

Sunday 12th October

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

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

3pm - Refresh (Thanksgiving for the Church Hall) - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley, led by Rev Katie Jackson, Cedric Pierce and Penny Pierce

Monday 13th October

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

Sunday 19th October

10am - Harvest Service (joined by Methodist Church) - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Katie Jackson

10am - Harvest and Thanksgiving Service - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Tessa Mann

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

Monday 20th October

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

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

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.

Christ Church Harvest Flowers

Many thanks to the people who came to help decorate Christ Church for Harvest Festival and to those who donated flowers, fruit, greenery and money which all helped to make the church look very special. It was much appreciated by everyone at church on Sunday and I'm grateful to everyone who was involved. Valerie Isaacs

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for my lovely cards, prayers and generous leaving gift as I step down from being Children and Families Worker. It is so kind of everyone and I feel very blessed as I move on. I have enjoyed reading all the messages and words and plan to use the money for something special and memorable - yet to be decided! It has been so wonderful working alongside you all and so many families and pleased that we are remaining local and part of our Church family in other ways. Thank you so much for all your love and prayers. I send my best wishes to you all and thank you again.

Love Zoe

Ministry Team:

Rector: Rev Katie Jackson (01225 722230)
Rev Tessa Mann (309374)

Lay Pastoral Assistants:

Stephen Pike (782537), Denise Davies (863678)
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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

Sunday 12th Oct - 9-11:30am - **South Wraxall Village Breakfast** - South Wraxall Village Hall
Tuesday 14th Oct - 7pm - **Nature Chain Talk** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
Wednesday 15th Oct - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
Wednesday 15th Oct - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Wednesday 15th October - 7pm - **Men's Group Social Evening** - Winsley Village Club
Thursday 16th Oct - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Friday 17th Oct - 12-3pm - **Soup's Up** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
Saturday 18th Oct - 7pm - **Skittle's Night** - Mount Pleasant Centre, Bradford on Avon
Wednesday 22nd Oct - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
Wednesday 22nd Oct - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Wednesday 22nd Oct - 3pm - **Poetry Tea** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
Thursday 23rd Oct - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon



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 along with the Scouts on Saturday 1st November.
If you can lend a hand please come along with tools.
Refreshments will as usual be provided.

Any questions, contact John at
jbma40@btinternet.com

South Wraxall Village Breakfast

We invite you to join us at the **South Wraxall Village Hall on Sunday 12th October, 9-11:30am** for a relaxing morning with family & friends.



As usual, we will be serving a Full English Breakfast, which also includes toast, homemade marmalade, tea, coffee & fruit juice.

All the profits go towards the upkeep of St James's Church.
You are welcome to take pot luck and turn up on the day.
However, it does help us to know how many people to expect if you reserve your table by emailing **southwraxall@outlook.com**

Parish Giving Scheme

Many people from our congregations give via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) for which we are very grateful as it is an easy and tax-efficient way to donate money to the church. Thank you!

This note is just to say that we have been advised that the PGS is launching a new website in October, and that during the changeover the website will not be available. Regular payments and donations will not be affected but it will not be possible to set up or change a donation during the changeover period. We understand that the current website will be taken down at 15.00hrs on 13th October and that the new site will be launched on 30th October.

Those of us who give regularly via the PGS should have received an email from them about this.

Cedric Pierce

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



CHRIST CHURCH CAFÉ

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 at least two volunteers each day to make sure this runs smoothly. If you would like to help with this, please get in touch with Verity via the Office nboabenefice@gmail.com or 01225 865046.

In aid of
St Nicholas' Church Funds

POETRY TEA

Enjoy sandwiches and tea while
listening to an amusing
assortment of poems about the
Animal World!

**WEDNESDAY 22ND
OCTOBER - 3PM**
Winsley Church Hall



No need to book, just come along

CHRIST CHURCH FUNDRAISER

SKITTLES NIGHT



SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER - 7PM
**MOUNT PLEASANT SOCIAL CLUB
BRADFORD ON AVON**

Join us for a fun evening of skittles
and great company,
including a light finger buffet and tombola
No cost to play but donations welcome

Bottle donations (of any kind)
greatly appreciated for the tombola
- contact the Benefice Office
nboabenefice@gmail.com

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 **Mind Wiltshire**

COMMUNITY RESOURCE TALK
A talk by Wiltshire Mind: a leading mental health charity

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES FACING YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

The talk will focus on the challenges faced by
secondary aged children and their families.

There will also be opportunity in the Q&A to ask
about wider mental health issues that may affect
anyone in our community.

FREE TO ATTEND BUT DONATIONS WELCOME. ALL DONATIONS TO WILTSHIRE
MIND (AFTER COVERING MODEST CHURCH EXPENSES)

Any questions, email rmcourses@gmail.com

**St. Nicholas Church, Winsley
Thursday 23rd October 2025
7-9pm**

ALL ARE WELCOME

NORTH BRADFORD & VILLAGES MEN'S GROUP
Wednesday 15th October - 7pm
Winsley Village Club
(please note change of date and different venue)

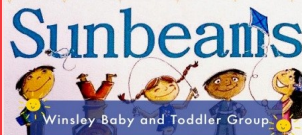
CENTURY OF BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER IN WINSLEY

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)

 **Sunbeams**
Winsley Baby and Toddler Group

Parent & Toddler Group
Winsley Church Hall
**2nd & 4th Wednesday at
10:30am**

Our next Sunbeams will be 22nd October

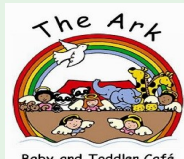
For more details please contact
Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210

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



Baby and Toddler Café

 **COVENTRY
Building Society**

Fraud and Scam Awareness Coffee Morning

Coventry Building Society will be visiting "The Hub" in Bradford
on Avon for their coffee morning to share useful information
around Fraud and Scams.

We will discuss.....



The Fraud Picture
Identifying Fraud
Types of Scams
Could it happen to me?
Take 5 to stop Fraud

**Friday 17th October 2025
10am - 12pm**

Hot drinks and biscuits will be available
Please pop in during the times above to speak to Amy about
anything Fraud and Scam related.
The Hub, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1LS

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.



A Remembrance

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

Howard Goodall's
Eternal Light Requiem

Sung by Canzona
Musical Director
David Bishop

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **26th October**. Please ensure any relevant contributions are sent
to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Monday 20th October**.