

# NewsLink

25th January - 7th February 2026



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

Dear Friends

*Jesus said 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'.  
Matthew 19:14*

The phrase 'children are our future' is a very common one, but for Jesus this phrase is replaced with another one - 'children are our present'.

The welcome Jesus gives to children is the same as to adults, and in fact he sees them as having an innate spirituality, which we as adults can learn from. Sometimes in churches there can be a temptation to think that children are either there to be entertained whilst adults worship, or there to learn. But I think when we do this, we miss the point that Jesus is trying to make.

We are all pilgrims together. Some of us may be further along the journey than others, but we all bring what we have and children, more often than not, bring trust, wonder, joy, unconditional love and, I believe, a prophetic voice. When I lead collective worship in our schools or listen to the voice of a child, I am both delighted and challenged at their ability to speak about situations in a way that adults often shy away from.

So what does this mean for our churches? As a benefice, do we see children as Jesus does and do they experience the welcome of Jesus through us? Thanks to the wonderful work that Zoe did as our Children and Families Worker, we have so many brilliant connections and opportunities to share our faith with children and their families, we also have welcoming children's areas in churches, and a commitment to enable children to be children (in whatever shape that looks like) in worship.

But this is a journey, and we have not reached the finish point yet, although we have arrived at a wonderful new marker. I am delighted to announce that Becky Strike has been appointed as our new Children and Families Worker. Becky brings with her a wealth of experience in engaging with children and families in the community (seen in the past three years in her work with the Discover Christ Church! project), in addition to a strong desire to share Jesus with others. Tessa and I are looking forward to working closely with Becky over the coming months to explore what this next phase in the journey might look like, seeking to cherish what is already in place but also explore what might be. I hope you will join with me in welcoming Becky and praying for her, her wonderful family and also the role she is taking on within the ministry team.

And as we pray, I hope we will continue to ask ourselves the question: do we as a church see children as Jesus does, and if not, what do we need to do about it?

Every blessing,  
Katie

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday 25th January

10am - Together in Worship - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley  
10am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh  
10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

### Monday 26th January

4:30pm - Christian Meditation - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

### Wednesday 28th January

10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

### Sunday 1st February

10am - Benefice Service - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh  
4pm - Family Teatime Service - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

### Monday 2nd February

4:30pm - Christian Meditation - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

### Wednesday 4th February

3pm - Avonpark Holy Communion - Avonpark, Limpley Stoke  
6pm - Compline - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

### Sunday 8th February

10am - Refresh (Café-style Worship) - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley  
10am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh  
10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon



Next Service 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

## FAMILY TEATIME SERVICE

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

A short, child-focused service followed by tea

ALL ARE WELCOME



## Christ Church Café

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
10AM - 12PM

COFFEE & CAKE

MUSIC

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ALL WELCOME



Discover Christ Church! bluebird care IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Christ Church CE VC Primary School Dementia Action Alliance

## CONVERSATION & CRAFT

CHRIST CHURCH, BRADFORD-ON-AVON

### WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY

1.30PM - 3PM

DELICIOUS CAKES HOT DRINKS FRIENDLY CHAT

GAMES & QUIZZES VARIETY OF CRAFT

Free community event - all welcome

With grateful thanks to our funders

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#### **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)

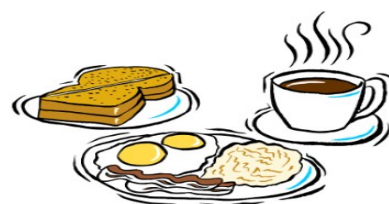
### Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 28th January - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley  
Wednesday 28th January - 1:30-3pm - **Conversation & Craft** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon  
Thursday 29th January - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon  
Thursday 29th January - 4pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon  
Wednesday 4th February - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley  
Wednesday 4th February - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon  
Thursday 5th February - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon  
Thursday 5th February - 4pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon  
Friday 6th February - Serving at 12:30pm - **Soup's Up** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley  
Saturday 7th February - 10-12pm - **Christ Church Café** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon  
Sunday 8th February - 9-11:30am - **South Wraxall Village Breakfast** - South Wraxall Village Hall

### **South Wraxall Village Breakfast - Sunday 8th February 9-11:30am**

We invite you to join us in South Wraxall Village Hall for our first Village Breakfast of 2026.

Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with family and friends whilst being served a Full English Breakfast, which also includes toast, homemade marmalade, tea, coffee and fruit juice.



Breakfast will be available from 9am until at least 11:30am. Our profits go towards maintaining the fabric of St James's, our village 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](mailto:southwraxall@outlook.com)



### **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**

**Serving at 12:30pm**

**Friday 5th December**

**Friday 16th January**

**Friday 6th & 20th February**







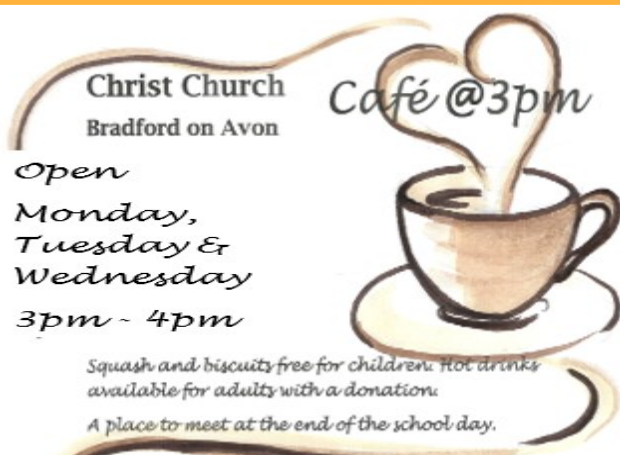
**Parent & Toddler  
Group  
Winsley Church  
Hall**

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

**Our next Sunbeams will be 28th January**

All are invited to bring along their babies, toddlers & children. There will be tea, coffee & scrumptious cake for adults & squash & healthy treats for children followed by a bible story.

For details, contact Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210



**We need more café volunteers, if interested please contact Verity via [nboabenfice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenfice@gmail.com)**

# KETTLE'S ON

**Community Café**



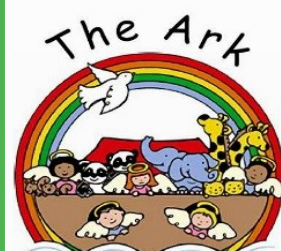
**1ST & 3RD  
WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH  
MONTH**

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HALL  
10AM-12PM**

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

**Parent & Toddler  
Group  
at Christ Church**

**Thursdays in term  
time  
10am - 11:30am**



Come along with your little ones for fun with toys, story, songs, craft & snacks.

Contact Hilary on  
01225 782527

# Coffee and Company

Wednesdays 10:30am

Last of month with Holy Communion first

Join us at Christ  
Church for  
morning coffee and  
some wonderful  
company



**All Welcome**

Knitting Optional



# BOA youth DROP-IN

**Discover Christ Church!**  
DISCOVER CHRIST CHURCH



**Christ Church  
Bradford-on-Avon  
Every Thursday, term-time only  
From 3pm - 4pm**

- Enjoy hot chocolates, snacks & games
- Activities with a heritage twist
- Safe, warm and welcoming
- Space to relax and chat

**All are welcome!**

For more info, email [becky.strike@discoverchristchurch.org.uk](mailto:becky.strike@discoverchristchurch.org.uk)



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday 7th March - Christ Church Café with Bishop Andrew**

**Saturday 20th June - Monkton Farleigh Village Fete**



## NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **8th February**. Please send any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at [nboabenfice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenfice@gmail.com) by **Monday 2nd February**.