



Dear Friends



New year is often a time for resolutions and a resolve to look forward to new possibilities and hopes. But it can also be a moment to reflect back on the year that has just gone.

2025 undoubtedly had its challenges and difficulties, both personal and global, and for some of us we might be very pleased to write the year off and see the end of it. But I hope that whatever 2025 looked like for each of us, there were also some precious moments to hold on to: perhaps of unexpected joy, or prioritising time with someone we love, or simply enjoying this beautiful corner of Wiltshire that we live in.

At our four churches forum this week, we took the opportunity to reflect back over some of the joys and fruits of the past year and we have much to be thankful for. Our family teatime service, starting a conversation about being dementia friendly churches, our lent groups and Winsley's exploring faith course, ever-growing relationships with our schools, the completion of building projects and developing community outreach are just a few of the things mentioned.

So as we look into 2026, let's do so with as much confidence as we can muster, not confidence in our own abilities but in Jesus. In the letter to the Hebrews we are reminded that we continue to have one constant in life. *Jesus, is the same yesterday, today and forever* (Hebrews 13:8). So let's give thanks for all that was good last year, offer to God all that we carry that we wish had been different, and trust in Jesus for the year to come.

*Heavenly father, whose years never fail
and whose mercies are new each returning day
as we step into this new year, help us to place
our lives, our hopes and our intentions
into your loving hands.*

*Grant us the grace to walk closer with your Son, Jesus,
and remain open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Heal our wounds, strengthen our faith
and help us to trust in you.*

Amen

Every blessing,
Katie

Upcoming Services

Sunday 11th January

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

Monday 12th January

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

Tuesday 13th January

2:30pm - Wiltshire Heights Holy Communion - Wiltshire Heights, Bradford on Avon

Sunday 18th January

10am - Holy Communion - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall
10:30am - Refresh (Café Style-Worship) - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Monday 19th January

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

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



Next Service 1st 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

CONFIRMATION

I have recently had a few people express interest in being confirmed. Confirmation is a special service when a person affirms the promises that were made on their behalf when they were baptised as a child and commits their life to following Jesus. During the service the local bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.

If this is something you would be interested in, please get in contact with me and we can chat some more about the service and the preparations for this.

Katie



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Valentine Thornhill (862552)

Monkton Farleigh: Rachel & Colin Exley (851485)

Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 14th January - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Thursday 15th January - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 15th January - 4pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 15th January - 7:30pm - **Nature Chain Talk** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

Friday 16th January - Serving at 12:30pm - **Soup's Up** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Wednesday 21st January - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Wednesday 21st January - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 22nd January - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 22nd January - 4pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

As we reflect upon all that took place over Advent and Christmas, I offer my sincere thanks to all who worked so hard and gave their time so generously.

To all those who prepared our churches so beautifully with flower arranging, decorating, cleaning, and gardening; the Welcomers who so warmly greeted people to our services and ensured they arrived safely into church; the readers, intercessors and incredible musicians, the hospitality teams for endless cheer and refreshments; the toddler group helpers who hosted wonderful Christmas parties; our talented knitters who created a knitted candle for each child to take home to put on their own tree; and our dedicated ministry team.

The apostle Paul tells us that we are one body with many parts. This was seen in all its beauty over this busy time.

Thank you, Katie



Christ Church Café

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
10AM - 12PM



COFFEE & CAKE



MUSIC



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

ALL WELCOME



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



Free community event - all welcome

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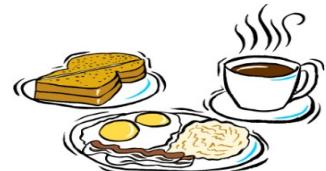
The Pilgrim Trust
Bradford-on-Avon
Preservation Trust

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.

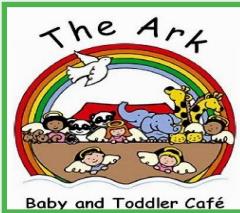
Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with family and friends whilst being served a Full English Breakfast, which also includes toast, homemade marmalade, tea, coffee and fruit juice.



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

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

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



We need more café volunteers, if interested please contact Verity via nboabenfice@gmail.com

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



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

With grateful thanks to our funders



Parent & Toddler Group



Winsley Church Hall
2nd & 4th Wednesday at
10:30am

Our next Sunbeams will be
14th January

For details, contact
Mary Hewetson on
01225 722210



Ponds



Creating &
maintaining a home
for wildlife

by Connor Stapleton-Goddard,
Freshwater Delivery Manager

15th January 2026
St Nicholas Church Winsley
7.30pm



Free Entry, all welcome
Donations towards heating etc welcomed



NewsLink
The next edition of NewsLink will be on **25th January**. Please send any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenfice@gmail.com by **Monday 19th January**.