



Dear Friends,

I do hope you are all having a blessed Lent and maybe enjoying fresh and life-giving opportunities for deepening your faith in readiness for Holy Week? The unfurling of spring around us, brings with it a sense of newness of life, doesn't it? I'd like to share with you a sense of new life and hope which I experienced this week. As often is the case, it involved seeing something afresh through the eyes of children.

Becky, our new Children and Families Worker, and I had the privilege of leading our monthly Family Tea Time Service on 1st March. We decided to take the theme of The Lord's Prayer. I found a wonderful version of Jesus teaching on prayer from The Big Bible Storybook. It uses the form of a conversation between Jesus and his friends as they seek to know more about how to pray. In this lovely version Jesus sums up his teaching by encouraging his friends to 'Ask for God's help to live for him all through each day'. We then acted out different aspects of a day, from waking up, eating, going to school, etc. We realised that The Lord's Prayer can carry us through a whole day, helping us put God first, ask for help with all that we need or struggle with, and to keep us walking in God's ways.

This simple acting out of a day, allowing The Lord's Prayer to speak into every aspect of our lives, enabled us to think about prayer with a freshness and joy.

It reminded me that the prayer is a shared prayer. No my or me in sight! It is all our and us! This truth has challenged me to think of people and situations I might want to incorporate into my prayers before I pray The Lord's Prayer each day. Maybe family, friends, neighbours, our church family, communities around the world that are facing struggles?

We ended the service by praying The Lord's Prayer with simple actions. Using our bodies made the words come alive even more and reminded us that to pray this prayer is more than just words. Why not have a go and make your own simple actions up at home? It could breathe new life into our praying!

May God breathe a springtime of newness into our daily prayers this Lent! Children invariably show us the way!

Every blessing,
Tessa

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed be Your name,
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power
And the glory are Yours
Now and for ever.
Amen.



Please note, there will not be a Family Tea Time Service in April as this falls on Easter Sunday. However, all of our Easter Sunday morning services will be family friendly and everyone is very welcome to come along.

Upcoming Services

Sunday 8th March

- 10am - Refresh - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley led by Roy Ludlow & Bob Williams
- 10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Katie Jackson
- 10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Tim Hawkings

Monday 9th March

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

Tuesday 10th March

- 2:30pm - Holy Communion – Wiltshire Heights, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

Wednesday 11th March

- 6pm - Compline - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Tessa Mann

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday

- 10am - Holy Communion - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley led by Rev Katie Jackson
- 10am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Paul Batson
- 10:30am - Refresh (café-style) - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Tessa Mann

Monday 16th March

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

Wednesday 18th March

- 6pm - Compline - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Tim Hawkings

Sunday 22nd March

- 10am - Together in Worship - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley led by Rev Paul Batson
- 10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Keith Charnley
- 10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Katie Jackson



Holy Week in our Benefice

Please join us
for our Easter
services



Monday, 30th March 2026

- 10am-12pm – Quiet Morning
St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

Tuesday, 31st March 2026

- 6pm - Taize
St Peters' Church, Monkton Farleigh

Wednesday, 1st April 2026

- 8pm - Tenebrae
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April 2026

- 7:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service
St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

Good Friday, 3rd April 2026

- 10:30am - Good Friday Children's
Workshop
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
- 11am - Walk of Witness (BACT)
Westbury Gardens, BOA
- 2pm - The Final Hour
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
St James' Church, South Wraxall

Saturday, 4th April 2026

- 8:30pm - The Vigil
St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh

Easter Sunday, 5th April 2026

- 10am - Holy Communion
St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
St James' Church, South Wraxall
St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh
- 10:30am - Holy Communion
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FRIDAY 3RD
APRIL
10:30AM - 12PM

JOIN US FOR EASTER THEMED
ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, GAMES,
MUSIC & HOT CROSS BUNS.

CHRIST CHURCH
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ON AVON
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STAY, OR DROP OFF* YOUR
CHILDREN WHILE YOU JOIN
THE GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF
WITNESS FROM WESTBURY
GARDENS AT 11AM

*Please email Becky Strike at childrenandfamiliesnboa@gmail.com
for a registration form



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PRAYER GROUP

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH, 6PM
STARTING WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

We are looking to start an online prayer group to pray
for the many children and families across our benefice.
If you would like to join us or find out more, please
email Becky Strike at
childrenandfamiliesnboa@gmail.com

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **22nd March**. Please send any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office
at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Monday 16th March**.

Social Events Across the Benefice

Friday 6th Mar - Serving at 12:30pm - **Soup's Up** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
Saturday 7th Mar -10-12pm - **Christ Church Café with Bishop Andrew** - Christ Church, BOA
Wednesday 11th Mar - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
Wednesday 11th Mar - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Thursday 12th Mar - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Thursday 12th Mar - 3pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Saturday 14th Mar - **Kindness Festival & Forgiveness Project** - Christ Church, BOA
Wednesday 18th Mar - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
Wednesday 18th Mar - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Thursday 19th Mar - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Thursday 19th Mar - 3pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Friday 20th Mar - Serving at 12:30pm - **Soup's Up** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Christ Church Café



A MORNING WITH BISHOP ANDREW

SONGS, POEMS
AND
REFLECTIONS

SATURDAY
7TH MARCH
10AM - 12PM



ALL
WELCOME

SIP, SIP SUCCESS!

We are so delighted to share that we had a wonderful celebration tea party at Christ Church on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd February.

Around 300 people from across the community and beyond, filled the beautiful church as we joined together for refreshments, music and lots of fun!

It was a truly fitting way to mark the completion of events for the Discover Christ Church! Project. Special thank you to all who helped at the event, everyone who came along and to our many funders for making this all possible. It may have marked the end of the project, but it is just the beginning of an exciting future ahead for Christ Church.

Well done everyone!



In collaboration with the
Bradford on Avon Kindness Festival

The FORGIVENESS PROJECT

Founding Patrons: Archbishop Desmond Tutu
& Dame Anita Roddick

"Our mission is to restore and humanise both ourselves
and our communities...through storytelling"
The Forgiveness Project



Stories of Forgiveness Exhibition

Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1SJ
Saturday 14th March - Friday 20th March
10am-4pm

(N.B. on Monday and Wednesday the exhibition closes at 1:30pm)

Drawing together voices from South Africa, America, Israel, Palestine, Northern Ireland and England, the exhibition examines forgiveness as a healing process, a path out of victimhood and, ultimately, a journey of hope.

Christ Church Kindness Café
Saturday 14th March

10am - 3:30pm



A first chance to view The Forgiveness Project exhibition and enjoy refreshments with others.

SAVE THE DATE!



Sunday 26th April -
South Wraxall Village Breakfast

Saturday 2nd-Monday 4th May -
Monkton Farleigh Scarecrow Trail

Saturday 20th June -
Monkton Farleigh Village Fete

EASTER FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

As we look forward to Easter, we would like to decorate the Church for the festival!

We would be very grateful for your support in doing this and ask you to consider making a small contribution towards the costs involved.

Envelopes for donations with a gift card can be found at the back of Church by the noticeboard. The gift card, if you wish, can be used to write a message of appreciation or in memory of someone special and the cards will be displayed with the flowers. Valerie Issacs



NORTH BRADFORD & VILLAGES MEN'S & LADIES' GROUPS

**Wednesday 18th March 2026 - 7pm
St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley**

REVISITING FIVE OF THE GREAT SPEECHES OF THE 20th AND 21st CENTURIES

Bob Williams and his team of familiar Winsley voices will be discussing some of the world's pivotal speeches delivered between 1940 and 2008.

Supper will be fish and chips.

Bring your own drinks or buy from the Social Club.

All men and ladies in the four parishes, whether church members or not, are warmly invited.

Please book with Paul Billingham as soon as possible (pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)

THE REAL EASTER EGG FROM THE MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE CO.

These wonderful fair trade chocolate Easter eggs include a book of the Easter story & fun activities!

Please contact Mary Hewetson by
20th March, at
maryhewetson49@gmail.com or
01225 722210.



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 6th February

Friday 20th February

Friday 6th March

Friday 20th March



MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES AT CHRIST CHURCH

For those attending church on Mothering Sunday, the church likes to mark the day with a small gift of spring flowers and greenery.

We plan to make the posies on

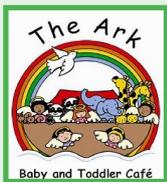
Friday 13th March - 10am

in church, when we will have spring flowers and greenery available.

We would be delighted if you would like to come and help. Refreshments will be provided.

Valerie Isaacs

Baby & Toddler Group Christ Church



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

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

Hilary - 01225 782527

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 Winsley Church Hall



**2nd & 4th Wednesday of
month 10:30 - 11:30am**

Toys & games, coffee & cake for adults, squash & healthy treats for children followed by a bible story.

Mary - 01225 722210

PILGRIMAGE 4 PALESTINE POETRY FROM PALESTINE

Sunday 8th March 2026

3.30-4.30pm:
Children's poetry
workshop with The
Hands Up Project &
poets from
Gaza/West Bank

Readings by:
Poets from Gaza &
the West Bank
Alaa Alqaisi
Nick Bilborough
Peter Oswald
Alaa Shqair
More TBC...

6pm: Iftar
7-9pm: Poetry
performances, talks,
Q&A

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