

NewsLink

3rd - 16th May 2026



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

Dear Friends

In our Sunday services over the past few weeks we have been exploring the theme of walking with Jesus. My thanks go to those who have shared some of their stories, they have been a wonderfully encouraging reminder of how Jesus continues to meet and journey with us today.

As I was thinking about this, my mind turned to footprints. They are such a visual reminder of how we all leave an imprint on the world. Sometimes the footprints that we see are large, deep and stand out in the soil or sand. Other times, they can be small, light and hard to spot. I love it when I see an adult and a child's footprint alongside each other, the best place to spot these is often the beach, unless you have been playing a game with a toddler in the mud! But both tell a story and I am sure we would agree that children's footprints, although smaller and lighter, are precious in their own right.

As we think about what it means for us to walk with Jesus, I see in my mind a mixture of larger and smaller footprints running alongside each other.

As we know only too well, the footprints we are currently leaving on the natural world are deep and have long lasting consequences which are damaging and destructive. What a difference a lighter, smaller footprint would have. This is a space when we need to have the footprint of a child and tread lightly on the immensely beautiful world God has created for us to enjoy.

But at other times, our footprint needs to be firm and solid and leave a lasting impression. Jesus lived a life of compassion and love, speaking out against injustice, raising up the weak, vulnerable and outcast. If we are to follow in his footsteps, then we are called to do the same. It is in these times when our footprints need to be large and deep and I am so thankful for the many ways we see this in our benefice: Kettle's On, Sunbeams and the Ark, breakfasts, cafes and youth drop-ins, the quiet pastoral care that goes on, and the current project of working out what it means to be dementia friendly churches.



There are also times though, when we feel tired and weary, and may even struggle to place one foot in front of the other. I believe it is in these times that we need to remember or be reminded that we are not walking alone. The poem Footprints in the Sand is a conversation between an individual and God where the important question of where God is during times of hardship and pain is explored and this is what is said:

'My precious child, I love you and will never leave you. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you'

Sometimes we can feel all alone, but as those who have shared some of their stories in our churches over the past few weeks have testified, walking with Jesus is not about us setting out independently by ourselves but rather it is about Jesus coming alongside us to lift us up, carry us when needed, and provide us with what we need to leave small or large Jesus' sized footprints on the world.

Every blessing,
Katie

Upcoming Services

Sunday 3rd May

10am - Benefice Service - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Katie Jackson

4pm - Family Teatime Service - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley led by Becky Strike & Rev Katie Jackson

Wednesday 6th May

3pm - Avonpark Holy Communion - Avonpark, Limpley Stoke led by Rev Katie Jackson

6pm - Compline - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Katie Jackson

Saturday 9th May

2pm - Centenary Service for St Nicholas' Stained Glass Window - St Nicholas Church, Winsley led by Rev Katie Jackson

Sunday 10th May

10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Tessa Mann

10am - Refresh (café-style worship) - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley led by Rev Katie Jackson

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

Monday 11th May

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

Tuesday 12th May

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

Thursday 14th May

6pm - Ascension Day Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Katie Jackson

Sunday 17th May

10am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Tim Hawkings

10am - Holy Communion (John Joy talk on Sudan) - St Nicholas Church, Winsley led by Rev Paul Batson

10:30am - Refresh (café-style worship) - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led Rev Katie Jackson



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

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

During May we have our APCMs. Please see below for details. All welcome.

St James' Church
Sunday 3rd May –12pm

St Peter's Church
Wednesday 6th May - 4:30pm

St Nicholas' Church
Sunday 10th May - 11:30am

Christ Church
Sunday 17th May - 12pm

**St James' Church, South Wraxall
under the protection of
God's creation**



Photo: Dave Wyper

Conversation and Craft

We had a wonderful Conversation and Craft on Wednesday 22nd April decorating bug houses with a year 5 class from Christ Church School. This was the first session following the completion of the Discover Christ Church! Project, and we are looking forward to many more to come.



Everyone is very welcome to join us as we want to encourage people of all ages to join the fun!
Our next session is Wednesday 13th May.
We hope to see you there!

Becky Strike (Children & Families Worker)

NewsLink

The next NewsLink will be on **Sunday 17th May**. Please send any relevant contributions to nboabenefice@gmail.com by **11th May**.



CHURCHES OF NORTH BRADFORD ON AVON & VILLAGES

In Partnership with bluebird Care

Christ Church CE VC Primary School

Dementia Action Alliance

Conversation and Craft

Join us for fun crafts, cakes, and chat for people of all ages
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1SJ

Upcoming Dates
April 22, May 13,
June 3, June 24

1:30pm - 3pm
All are welcome

Social Events Across the Benefice

Saturday 2nd May - 10am -12pm - **Christ Church Café** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Saturday 2nd - Monday 4th May - **Monkton Farleigh Scarecrow Trail** - Monkton Farleigh
(Refreshments served on the Saturday in Monkton Farleigh Village Hall)

Wednesday 6th May - 10am-12pm - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Wednesday 6th May - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Wednesday 6th May - 7pm - **Men's Group Curry & Board Games Evening** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Thursday 7th May - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 7th May - 3pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Wednesday 13th May - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Wednesday 13th May - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Wednesday 13th May - 1:30pm - **Conversation & Craft** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 14th May- 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 14th May - 3pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Friday 15th May- 6pm - **Canzona Concert 'Spring into Summer'** - St James' Church, South Wraxall



Churchfields The Village School
PTA & St. Peter's Church present

Monkton Farleigh Scarecrow Trail

2 - 4 MAY 2026
Nursery Rhyme theme!

Refreshments & stalls at
Monkton Farleigh Village Hall 10am - 4pm on
SATURDAY 2nd MAY
BBQ • HOT/COLD DRINKS • BAR • PIZZA
RAFFLE • STALLS • ICE CREAM • CAKES

Scarecrows on display Saturday, Sunday & Monday
Please note refreshments only available Saturday

FREE PARKING & DOG FRIENDLY!

Maps £3 or x4 family bundle: £10
Available from Monkton Farleigh village hall on 2nd May (Cash or card)
Buy in advance from both Churchfields School sites
& St Peter's Church Monkton Farleigh (cash only)



Churchfields
PTA & St. Peter's Church present

Christ Church Café

SATURDAY 2ND MAY
10AM - 12PM

COFFEE & CAKE

MUSIC

CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES

ALL WELCOME



Sung by local choir Canzona

SPRING INTO SUMMER CONCERT

A collection of songs
old and new

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2026 - 6PM
ST JAMES' CHURCH, SOUTH WRAXALL

FREE ADMISSION
RETIRING COLLECTION FOR ST JAMES' CHURCH

Do come for a glass of wine
afterwards in the Village Hall



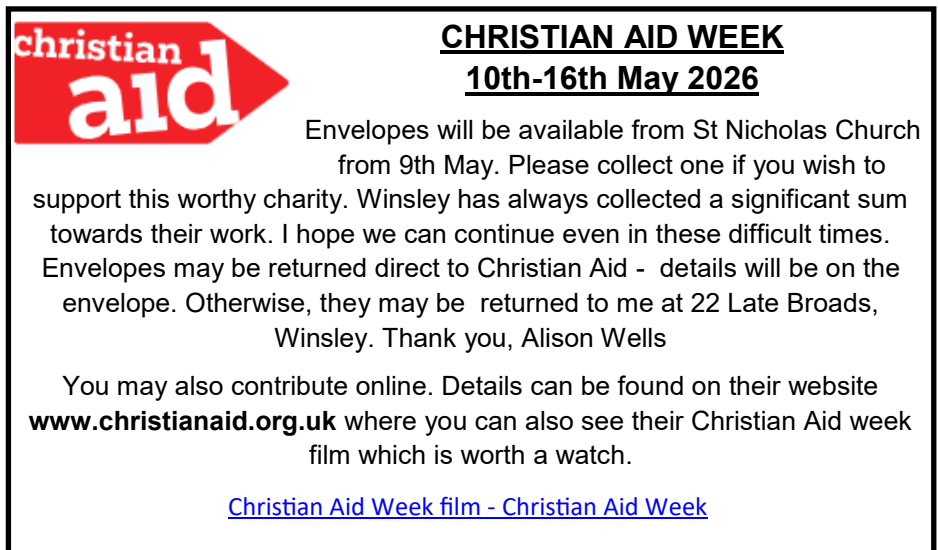
PLANT SALE

@ **13 Newtown, BoA**

Saturday 02 May &
Sunday 03 May 2026
11am - 3pm

All proceeds to:
The Christ Church community initiatives and looking after
this fine grade 2* church building:

Thank you for your support!



christian aid

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

10th-16th May 2026

Envelopes will be available from St Nicholas Church
from 9th May. Please collect one if you wish to
support this worthy charity. Winsley has always collected a significant sum
towards their work. I hope we can continue even in these difficult times.
Envelopes may be returned direct to Christian Aid - details will be on the
envelope. Otherwise, they may be returned to me at 22 Late Broads,
Winsley. Thank you, Alison Wells

You may also contribute online. Details can be found on their website
www.christianaid.org.uk where you can also see their Christian Aid week
film which is worth a watch.

[Christian Aid Week film - Christian Aid Week](#)

**NORTH BRADFORD & VILLAGES
MEN'S GROUP**

**Wednesday 6th May 2026 - 7pm
St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley**

**CURRY & BOARD GAMES
EVENING**

Mike Young will bring a selection of board games for us to try and play with different opponents.

Supper will be an Indian curry, with a wide selection of dishes.

Bring your own drinks or buy from Social Club.

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

Please book via Paul Billingham asap
(pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)

**CHURCHYARD SPRING
CLEAR UP**

ST NICHOLAS, WINSLEY

**Saturday 16th May
10am - 12pm**

All welcome. Please bring tools and a wheelbarrow if you have one.

John Baxter

Poppies at Christ Church

For Remembrance this year, Christ Church are creating a display of knitted poppies. If anyone is able to help with knitting, please contact Anne Hilton via the Benefice Office for the knitting pattern.



Forget-me-not Café

Free refreshments, home-made cakes, fun, good company



A friendly café for those living with dementia and their carers.



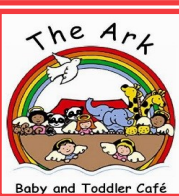
The first Thursday afternoon of the month 3 - 4:30pm
Winsley Church Hall

May 7th June 4th July 2nd August 6th

"looking forward to the next one" "delicious tea"
"really enjoyed ourselves"



Cafes are also held at Holy Trinity Bradford on Avon on the third Thursday morning of the month 11 - 12:30pm



**Baby & Toddler Group
Christ Church
Thursdays in term time
10am - 11:30am**

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

For more details contact
Hilary - 01225 782527

**WINSLEY ACORNS
PRE-SCHOOL
OPEN DAY...**

We still have some limited availability for September 2026.
...Come and find out what we are all about

Saturday 9th May 10-12pm
For More Information ...
Email: manager@winsleyacornspreschool.co.uk
Phone: 01225 865131

The University of Applied Sciences
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**Saturday 6th June - 6pm
St Nicholas' Church,
Winsley**

*Eco-poetry
Evening
with
Dr Helen Moore*



An evening with internationally acclaimed eco-poet Dr Helen Moore who will be reading from her two latest books.

The Last Lighthouse in Rising Seas, forthcoming from Palewell Press in May 2026, and river/run, an eco-poetic trilogy, (Cape Farewell Books, 2024).

This should prove to be an inspiring and thought-provoking evening.

Tickets are free. To book tickets visit
www.wildwatersfestival.com

Donations will be invited to cover modest church expenses and the rest will be sent to the charity River Action.

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**

Sunbeams



**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.

Next Sunbeams 13th May

Contact Mary Hewetson
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Deputy - Wendy Brown (862857)

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