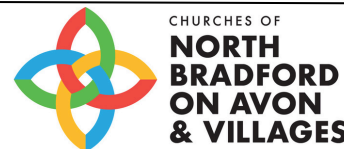


# NEWSLINK



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

28th June – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Rev Katie Jackson

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## Dear Friends

Last week I attended the final residential for the leadership programme designed to encourage clergy to lead churches in ways that enable work with children, young people and families to grow in both numbers and depth. The course has been inspiring, challenging and practical and now that it has come to an end, I thought it would be good to share a few key reflections with everyone (there are many more which I am still mulling over).

‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.’

(Matthew 18:3)

To what extent do we see ourselves as a child and seek to grow our childlike faith? There is so much we can learn from children (Sunbeams and The Ark remind me of this whenever I am able to get there). Children bring trust, joy, wonder, curiosity and playfulness (to name just a few) in abundance. Do we see these things in our walk with God, or has our ‘adulthood’ overshadowed some aspects of this, both personally and as a church?

As adults we learn from children as much as they learn from us. Which begs the question, how can we, as a church, operate in a way which celebrates the idea that however young or old, we are fellow pilgrims? One way could be to consider how we can continue to develop an intergenerational approach to our services so that they are not purely designed for adults, or for children, but for everyone. We are beginning to see this unfold in our monthly Teatime Service and new style Refresh service at Christ Church, but there may be more opportunities that arise as we step forward and out in faith.

Which leads me to my second reflection...it's good to play! Don't panic, I am not suggesting anything radical, but to play means to use our imaginations,

to try new things and not worry if they don't go according to plan, to occasionally be a little bit messy around the edges. I am sure I am not the only parent who, at the end of the day, used the wonderful words ‘tidy up time’ and then would work through what could be tidied away and what needed to stay out because to tidy it away would have resulted in destroying or putting out of sight something that was precious. We regularly had home-grown dens of some variety left under our dining table or in the middle of the sitting room, because we knew it would bring just as much joy the next day as it had this day.

And that's true with church too. As we play, as we try different things, we need prayerful discernment to work out what needs to be tidied away (new or old) and what should be left out and used again. It may look a little messy around the edges for a while, but I think this is all part of the process of discerning the next steps for us both as individual churches and as a benefice.

And my final reflection for now, is to give thanks for our schools ministry. It was a joy to listen to the teaching that I received around schools ministry whilst thinking that we are already getting up to so much of this in our benefice. Foundation governors, Open the Book, collective worships, inviting and welcoming schools into our churches, seeking to find ways to support the life of the school...are all wonderful ways of us saying to our school communities ‘you are important to us’.

In all these things and much more beside, we are seeking to **‘make Jesus known’**. Although my course has now come to an end, I am sharing these reflections in the hope that the conversation will continue here in our benefice. And please don't forget, you are warmly invited to pray for our ministry to children, youth and families every month with others (if you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch with our Children & Families Worker, Becky Strike).

Every blessing  
Katie

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

10am - **Petronal Festival Holy Communion** - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Katie Jackson

10am - **Together in Worship** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley led by Rev Tim Hawkings

10:30am - **Holy Communion** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Paul Batson

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

10:30am - **Holy Communion** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Paul Batson (rearranged from last week)

6pm - **Compline** - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Tessa Mann

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am - **Benefice Service** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Katie Jackson & Cedric Pierce

4pm - **Family Teatime Service** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley led by Becky Strike

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

10am - **Holy Communion** - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Katie Jackson

10am - **Refresh (café-style worship)** - Winsley Church Hall led by Bob Williams and Roy Ludlow

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

## Two Weddings, Two Baptisms and Two Fetes

Last weekend was a time of joy and celebration across the benefice. On Saturday we were incredibly blessed to have two couples choose to get married with us: one at St James and one at St Nicholas'. With wedding bells ringing and beautiful flowers in place, Rev Katie married the couples surrounded by their closest family and friends. Congratulations to both newlyweds as they begin their married lives together.

While the weddings were taking place Winsley School had their summer fete, and Monkton Farleigh had the return of their village fete in the grounds of Monkton Farleigh Manor. Both events were joyful occasions and gave a chance for the communities to come together and celebrate.

On Sunday afternoon Rev Tessa was delighted to welcome a family to Christ Church for the baptism of their two young children, with the added excitement of it being one of their birthdays too!

What a weekend!



## 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

## Baby & Toddler Groups



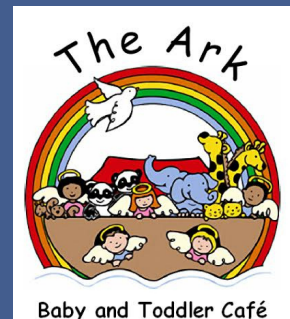
Sunbeams meet at Winsley Church Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in term time.

10:30am - 11:30am

Contact Mary Hewetson

01225 722210

Last session of term - 8<sup>th</sup> July



The Ark meet at Christ Church in Bradford on Avon on Thursdays in term time

10am - 11:30am

For more details contact

Hilary - 01225 782527

Last session of term - 16<sup>th</sup> July

## Tea at St James



Afternoon Teas served  
in St James's Church

South Wraxall

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026

2pm-5pm

Sandwiches – cakes – tea – coffee – soft drinks

Proceeds to support the upkeep of St James's church.

## Social Events across the Benefice

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

2-5pm – **Afternoon Teas** – St James' Church, South Wraxall

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

10am – **Kettle's On** – Winsley Church Hall, Winsley  
7pm – **Men's and Ladies Group** – Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

10am – **The Ark** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon  
3-4pm – **BOA Youth Drop In** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

10-12pm – **Christ Church Café** – Christ Church,  
Bradford on Avon

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

3pm – **CanZona Summer Concert** – St Peter's Church,  
Monkton Farleigh

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

10am – **Coffee & Company** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon  
10:30am – **Sunbeams** – Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

10am – **The Ark** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon  
3-4pm – **BOA Youth Drop In** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

11-2pm – **Christ Church Fete** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 3pm

CanZona returns to  
St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh

with a programme reflecting 250 years of American independence

Followed by tea and cakes  
Retiring collection for church funds

## A Special Thank You

On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed Bluebird Care to Christ Church to deliver some training for us on Dementia Awareness. The particular focus of the training was to think about how we welcome people with dementia, as well as their carers, into our churches. We thought about **sight, sound and space** as key considerations for when people arrive at church and what practical adjustments we can make to ensure we are doing all we can to make church a safe and comfortable space. A big thank you to Bluebird care, and to Rev Tessa and Rev Paul for organising. Also to the clergy team for serving a delicious cream tea afterwards!

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## Living in Love & Faith



Just a reminder that our **Living in Love and Faith** course starts on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 7-9pm in St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley. This is open to everyone and Katie encourages you to come along. It aims to help us think more deeply about what it means to be human and how to live in love and faith.

The course will run over 5 Thursday evenings in July:  
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th



**NORTH BRADFORD AND VILLAGES MEN'S AND LADIES' GROUPS**

**Wednesday 1st July 2026  
7pm in Winsley Church Hall**

**SUMATRA MUD VOLCANOES**

Geologist Richard Swarbrick will explain the formation of mud volcanoes, which are found in many parts of the world but, unlike better-known magmatic volcanoes, do not involve an eruption of molten rock or lava.

Supper will be an Indian Curry (wide selection of dishes)  
BYO drinks or buy from Social Club.

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

Book with Paul Billingham asap (pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)



**Christ Church  
Café**

**FIRST SATURDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
10AM - 12PM**



**ALL WELCOME**

**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



**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

**GARDEN  
BBQ**

KATIE AND ROB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A GARDEN BBQ AT THE RECTORY



**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 1PM**

THE RECTORY, 6 MILLBOURN CLOSE,  
WINSLEY, BA15 2NN

FOOD (BURGERS, SAUSAGES AND VEGETARIAN EQUIVALENT) WILL BE PROVIDED BUT PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO DRINK, AND IF YOU HAVE ONE, A CHAIR SUITABLE FOR THE OUTDOORS.

PLEASE LET KATIE KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COME AND ALSO IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC FOOD REQUIREMENTS.

WE REALLY HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT!



**Time for Tea**



**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
2-4PM**

**WINSLEY CHURCH HALL**

*Please come along for tea, cakes and scones.  
An afternoon for all ages.*

*Everyone welcome*

**NewsLink**

Our next NewsLink will be on 12<sup>th</sup> July.  
Please send any contributions to  
nboabenefice@gmail.com  
by Monday 6th July.

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Rev Tessa Mann (309374)

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Penny Pierce (723284)

**Christ Church:** Margaret Thompson (571305)  
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