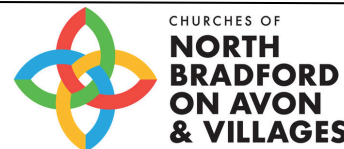


NEWSLINK



12th – 25th July 2026

Rev Katie Jackson

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Dear Friends

The season of summer sport is amongst us: football, cricket, tennis and the Tour de France are a few of the delights that sports enthusiasts can sit back and enjoy (or nervously watch from behind the sofa in some instances).

I am sure I am not alone in saying that I have particularly enjoyed hearing about Arthur Fery, a British wildcard at Wimbledon who has unexpectedly reached the semi finals. I love the fact that wildcards are an unknown or unpredictable factor in any event. The expectations on them tend to be low, in comparison to seeded players, and yet they can totally outperform and stun both other players and the crowds in attendance. We may remember the Croatian Goran Ivanisevic, who in 2001 became the first wildcard player to ever win a Men's Singles crown at Wimbledon.



As I have been celebrating Arthur Fery's journey so far it has made me think a little about how the idea of a wildcard has something to contribute to our journey as disciples. There is something to be said, I think, for reducing the sense of pressure and

expectation we place on ourselves, the "I must", "I should" kind of phrases, and instead invite the Holy Spirit to work within us in ways we may not even begin to imagine possible.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9, we are reminded that when we face our own limitations, Christ's grace steps in.

**'My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect
in weakness.'**

Another way to look at it could be to say 'less of me and more of you God'. If we place expectations on ourselves and our churches there is a temptation for us to take the driving seat. Whereas if we see ourselves as a wildcard, as someone who has been placed in Bradford on Avon, Winsley, South Wraxall and Monkton Farleigh for this season by God and invite the Holy Spirit to minister through us, then we may no longer feel the weight of expectation and rather live and work with a lightness of touch.

That doesn't mean that we sit back and do nothing, Arthur Fery has been working hard both out on the court and behind the scenes to get where he has. But it is about us seeking to live in the moment, bringing what we have, offering the best of ourselves and asking God to do the rest. In the same way that wildcards have been known to stun both themselves and those around them, perhaps this approach will lead us to some wonderful joy filled surprises along the way!

**Every blessing
Katie**

Upcoming Services

Sunday 12th 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

Monday 13th July

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

Tuesday 14th July

- 2:30pm – **Wiltshire Heights Holy Communion** – Wiltshire Heights led by Rev Katie Jackson

Sunday 19th July

- 10am – **Holy Communion** – St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Tim Hawkings
10am – **Holy Communion** – St Nicholas' Church, Winsley led by Rev Keith Charnley
10:30am – **Refresh with Breakfast** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Tessa Mann

Monday 20th July

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

Sunday 26th July

- 10am – **Holy Communion** – St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Tessa Mann
10am – **Together in Worship** – St Nicholas' Church, Winsley led by Penny Pierce
10:30am – **Holy Communion** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Paul Batson

Tea at St James



Afternoon Teas served

in St James's Church

South Wraxall

Friday 26th June 2026

Wednesday 15th July 2026

Thursday 6th August 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

2pm-5pm

Sandwiches – cakes – tea – coffee – soft drinks

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

GARDEN BBQ

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



SUNDAY 26TH 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!



REFRESH WITH BREAKFAST

Family friendly café-style worship



Sunday 19th July - 10:30am
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

ALL VERY WELCOME

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.

Contact...



Time for Tea



WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST
2-4PM

WINSLEY CHURCH HALL

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

Everyone welcome

Social Events

Saturday 11th July

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

Wednesday 15th July

10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

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

Thursday 16th July

10:30am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

3-4pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Monday 20th July

North Bradford on Avon and Villages Men's Group

Walking Tour of Bath - Bus from the Seven Stars, Winsley at 16:18

Wednesday 22nd July

10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday 26th July

1pm - **Katie and Rob's Garden BBQ** - The Rectory, Winsley

Children & Families Update

It has been a busy term 6 for our work in schools! We have carried out 'It's Your Move' workshops with each year 6 child across our 3 schools and every child received a Scripture Union It's Your Move book as a gift from the church. We spent time focussing on their achievements in primary school, thinking ahead to secondary school and reminding them that they are still very much a loved member of their church families.



We even made bottle rockets, with affirmations of these amazing memories and achievements which we launched into the air! A great time was had by all. Special thanks to Rob Jackson for his amazing work and for helping lead the sessions.

Please do keep our wonderful year 6 children in your prayers, and all our children, as they approach this time of change.

Becky Strike
Children & Families Worker



NORTH BRADFORD AND VILLAGES MEN'S GROUP

Monday 20th July 2026

WALKING TOUR OF BATH

Paul Billingham, a Mayor of Bath voluntary guide, will lead a 2-hour walk around the main sights.

After the walk we will have a meal at the Comptoir Libanais in Southgate, Bath

**Travel on the D1 bus at 16.18 from the Seven Stars, Winsley.
Return on the 21.25 from Bath Bus station.**

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

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



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Our **Living in Love and Faith** course continues to run on **Thursdays during 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 Ark in the Park



Baby and Toddler Café

If the weather is either too hot or too wet we will email out with alternative arrangements.

For our last session of term on **Thursday 16th July**, we will be having the **Ark in the Park**. We will meet at **Sladesbrook Park at 10am** under the big tree for some shade.

Please bring water bottles, sun cream and sun hats.

The Ark will bring a picnic.

Any questions, please contact
Becky at
childrenandfamiliesnboa@gmail.com

NewsLink

Our next NewsLink will be on 26th July. Please send any contributions to nboabenefice@gmail.com by Monday 20th July.

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

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