

NEWSLINK

26th July – 29th August 2026

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Dear Friends

The month of August can be a mixed blessing as many of our normal activities stop for a while. For some, summer offers a welcome opportunity to pause, rest, and enjoy God's creation. Whether we are travelling, spending time with family, tending our gardens, or simply sitting in the sunshine with a cup of tea, these moments of rest are precious gifts.

In a world that often encourages us to be constantly busy, the Bible reminds us that rest is part of God's plan for us. We don't just see this in the account of creation in Genesis but also in the way Jesus invited his disciples to rest.

'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

(Mark 6:31)

Rest is not a luxury or something to feel guilty about, but an opportunity for refreshment so that we are ready to step out in acts of service and love once again. A season of rest can also be a time for noticing God's presence in simple things: the beauty of flowers in bloom, the song of birds, the laughter of children, or the kindness of neighbours. As we slow down, we often find it easier to hear God's gentle voice and to remember his faithfulness.



However, for others, August can be a challenging month to navigate. Please bear in mind families who don't have extended family nearby to offer support, and those who live alone who no longer have regular daily activities in which to enjoy the company of others. If you are feeling like August is going to be a long month then perhaps these words of Jesus will be a source of strength for you.

'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.'

(Matthew 11:28)

In addition to our normal services and Gentle Worship Service on 9th August, we have a variety of different activities taking place. These include afternoon teas at South Wraxall, Kettles On and Time for Tea at Winsley, and a Saturday café at Christ Church, all of which will be catering for children and adults alike. Please spread the word, and if you know someone who may particularly need to get out and be with others, why not offer them a personal invitation.

However we spend this next month may it bring each of us moments of peace, renewal, and joy.

**Every blessing
Katie**

I am on leave from 5th to 22nd August. The Benefice Office and Rev Tessa Mann are the points of contact for anything that can't wait for my return.

Becky Strike, our Children and Families Worker, is having a well deserved rest with her family over August.

Kate, in the Benefice Office, will be working Monday - Thursday during the school holidays.

Upcoming Services

Sunday 26th July

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

Monday 27th July

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

Wednesday 29th July

10:30am - **Holy Communion** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon - Rev Katie Jackson

Sunday 2nd August

10am - **Benefice Service** - St James Church, South Wraxall - Rev Katie Jackson
4pm - **Family Teatime Service** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley - Rev Katie Jackson

Monday 3rd August

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

Tuesday 4th August

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

Wednesday 5th August

3pm - **Holy Communion** - Avonpark, Limpley Stoke - Rev Paul Batson
6pm - **Compline** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley - Penny Pierce

Sunday 9th August

10am - **Holy Communion** - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh - Rev Tessa Mann
10am - **Refresh (café-style)** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley - Cedric & Penny Pierce
10:30am - **Holy Communion** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon - Rev Tim Hawkings
3pm - **Gentle Worship** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley - Rev Tessa Mann & Rev Paul Batson

Monday 10th August

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

Sunday 16th August

10am - **Holy Communion** - St James Church, South Wraxall - Rev Tim Hawkings
10am - **Holy Communion** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley - Rev Tessa Mann
10:30am - **Refresh Breakfast (café-style)** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon - Becky Strike

Monday 17th August

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

Sunday 23rd August

10am - **Holy Communion** - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh - Rev Paul Batson
10am - **Together in Worship** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley - Linds Batson
10:30am - **Holy Communion** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon - Rev Tessa Mann

Monday 24th August

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

Wednesday 26th August

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

Sunday 30th August

10am - **Holy Communion** - St James Church, South Wraxall - Rev Keith Charnley
10am - **Holy Communion** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley - Rev Katie Jackson
10:30am - **Together in Worship** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon - Stephen Pike



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



Gentle Worship followed by tea

Sunday 9th August 2026

St Nicholas' Church & Church Hall, Winsley
Service in church 3pm Tea in hall 3:30-4:30pm



A gentle afternoon service of worship suitable for those experiencing dementia and their carers or anyone who might find larger morning worship challenging.

For more details, contact
Rev Tessa at revtgm86@gmail.com
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REFRESH WITH BREAKFAST

Family friendly café-style worship



Sunday 16th August - 10:30am
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

ALL VERY WELCOME

Christ Church Café with



SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST
10AM - 12PM



STAY & PLAY



MUSIC



COFFEE & CAKE

EVERYONE WELCOME



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

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.

Social Events

Sunday 26th July

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

Saturday 1st August

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

Wednesday 5th August

10am-12pm – **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

Wednesday 12th August

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

2-4pm – **Time for Tea** – Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Wednesday 19th August

10am-12pm – **Kettle's On** – Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

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

What's On SUMMER HOLIDAYS for families

Sat
1st Aug
SATURDAY CAFÉ
10AM-12PM

- Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
- Stay & Play for children
- Refreshments with cake!

Sun
2nd Aug
FAMILY TEATIME
SERVICE - 4PM

- St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
- Creative, child friendly service
- Followed by tea together

Wed
5th Aug
KETTLE'S ON
10AM-12PM

- Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
- Family friendly coffee morning
- Toys for children

Thur
6th Aug
AFTERNOON TEAS
2-5PM

- St James' Church, South Wraxall
- Afternoon tea in the church
- Children's activity corner

Wed
12th Aug
TIME FOR TEA
2-5PM

- Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
- Afternoon tea in the church
- Children's toys & activities

Sun
16th Aug
REFRESH BREAKFAST
10:30AM

- Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
- Informal café-style family worship starting with breakfast

Wed
19th Aug
KETTLE'S ON
10AM-12PM

- Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
- Family friendly coffee morning
- Toys for children

Our four churches are open every day (usually 10am - 4pm) for you to visit and explore. They all have a children's corner with activities to do.
Come inside to cool off!

Both Kettle's On in Winsley and Coffee & Company at Christ Church continue to run as normal throughout August.



The final session of our Living in Love and Faith course takes place on Thursday 30th July, 7-9pm in St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley.

Season of Creation



September is the season of Creation. During our Sunday services we will focus on this theme and give thanks for God's gift of creation, and renew our commitment to caring for our planet.



Knitted Poppies

A kind plea to any knitters! Christ Church are busy knitting poppies for their Remembrance display. If anyone is able to help out with knitting and would like the pattern please contact the Benefice Office.



NewsLink

Our next NewsLink will be on 30th August. Please send any contributions to nboabenefice@gmail.com by Monday 24th August.

Save the date!

Looking ahead to September and beyond, we have a few dates to get in the diary.

Sunbeams baby and toddler group in Winsley starts back on **Wednesday 9th September**.

The Ark baby and toddler group at Christ Church starts back on **Thursday 10th September**.

The 2026 Ride and Stride takes place on **Saturday 12th September**. This is a sponsored cycle, walk, or jog between historic churches and chapels in the local area. Funds raised are split between the churches taking part and the Historic Churches Trust. More details to follow.

St Nicholas Church have a **Poetry Tea** taking place in Winsley Church Hall on **Wednesday 14th October**. A fun afternoon of animal themed poetry with tea and cake!

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