

NEWSLINK



30th August – 12th September 2026

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Dear Friends

During my time in Cornwall I was struck again by the number of towns and villages named after Saints, people who have been remembered for their actions, words and walk with God.

I wonder who the people are in our lives who have had a significant impact on us? Maybe a parent or family member, teacher, friend, or an internationally recognised person. We are surrounded by so many networks, each person having an impact, good or bad, on our lives, and how we perceive ourselves, others, the world around us and God. It's so important to recognise and give thanks for the people who have meant so much to us (and if we are able to do so, take a moment to tell them), but also to offer to God in prayer, those with whom we have had a difficult experience; naming the hurt and pain caused and asking God to touch the scars that have been left with his love and peace.

Then we have people whom we may regard to be heroes of our faith. They may not be formally recognised as saints, or have a village or town named after them, but they will be people who have had a profound impact on us and our faith through their writings, teachings or way of life. Some of my heroes of the faith are people whom I have had a relatively brief interaction with who have left me with the feeling 'wow, there was something about them...' From my experience, they are often people who walk with humility, gentleness, compassion but also with integrity, a sense of justice and an ability to share the gospel and love of Jesus in word and action. You may have different thoughts

about why your heroes of the faith stand out to you, but I think the one thing we will all agree on, is that they show something of Jesus.

In our Bible readings for this coming Sunday (30th August) we are reminded that the place where we stand is holy ground (Exodus 3:1-15) and that we are not called to a path of ease but one of self-giving love (Matthew 16:21-end). I wonder what difference it would make to our day if we take a moment to remember that every place we go to, every context we find ourselves in, is holy because God is already there. How might that impact on our actions, our speaking, our presence in that space? In the same way that others have had a positive impact on our lives and our journey of faith, we too have the capacity to offer that to others.

**Every blessing
Katie**

On 2nd September at 12pm at Christ Church, we will be giving thanks for the life of Rev. Bernard Hughes, a much loved member of our benefice family.

We are anticipating that there will be a lot of people at the service so please leave plenty of time to park and carshare if possible.

Upcoming Services

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

Wednesday 2nd September

- 12pm – **Funeral of Rev Bernard Hughes** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon – Rev Katie Jackson
3pm – **Holy Communion** – Avonpark, Limpley Stoke – Rev Tessa Mann
6pm – **Compline** – St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh – Rev Tessa Mann

Sunday 6th September

- 10am – **Benefice Service** – St Nicholas' Church, Winsley – Rev Katie Jackson
4pm – **Family Teatime Service** – St Nicholas' Church, Winsley – Rev Tessa Mann

Monday 7th September

- 4:30pm – **Christian Meditation** – St Nicholas Church, Winsley – Alison Wells

Tuesday 8th September

- 2:30pm – **Holy Communion** – Wiltshire Heights, Bradford on Avon – Rev Katie Jackson

Sunday 13th September

- 10am – **Holy Communion** – St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh – Rev Katie Jackson
10am – **Refresh (café-style worship)** – Winsley Church Hall, Winsley – Rev Tim Hawkings
10:30am – **Holy Communion** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon – Rev Keith Charnley

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.





WILTSHIRE CHURCHES' OPEN DAY

Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future by raising money for your own church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

Contact:
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www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk
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Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust
Supporting Wiltshire's Churches since 1953
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12th SEPT 2026



Christ Church
Bradford on Avon, BA15 1SJ
St James Church
South Wraxall, BA15 2SE
St Nicholas Church
Winsley, BA15 2LH
St Peter's Church
Monkton Farleigh, BA15 2QJ



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

Social Events

Wednesday 2nd September

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

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

Friday 4th September

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

Saturday 5th September

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

Wednesday 9th September

10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

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

Thursday 10th September

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

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

Saturday 12th September

10am-4pm - **Ride & Stride** - All four churches are open for visitors

Baby and Toddler Groups

Our two baby and toddler groups start again soon for the new term and we would love to invite you along to join us.



On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month we have Sunbeams in Winsley Church Hall. Starting at 10:30am we have lots of toys and games to play with and we finish with a bible story. There is of course coffee and cake for the grown ups and healthy snacks for the children. Contact Mary on 01225 722210.



Christ Church Café

SATURDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER
10AM - 12PM



COFFEE & CAKE



CHILDREN'S TOYS
& ACTIVITIES

MUSIC



EVERYONE WELCOME

Tea at St James



Afternoon Teas served
in St James's Church

South Wraxall

Friday 26th June 2026

Wednesday 15th July 2026

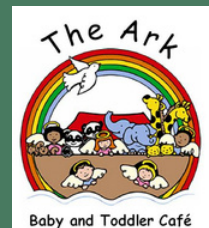
Thursday 6th August 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

2pm-5pm

Sandwiches - cakes - tea - coffee - soft drinks

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



Every Thursday during term time at Christ Church we have The Ark starting at 10am. We have lots of fun with toys, stories, songs, craft, always accompanied by lovely refreshments.

Contact Hilary on 01225 782527

Our baby and toddler groups are very friendly and relaxed where little ones are free to explore and grown ups can chat and catch up.

NewsLink

Our next NewsLink will be on Sunday 13th September. Please send any contributions to nboabenefice@gmail.com by Monday 7th September.

Come and Join Us at

SOUP'S UP

Winsley Church Hall

Delicious homemade soup with roll and butter, followed by Warm dessert and custard with tea and coffee

Everyone Welcome

Serving at 12:30pm on the following dates

2026	2027
Friday 18 th September	Friday 15 th January
Friday 16 th October	Friday 19 th February
Friday 20 th November	Friday 19 th March

IN AID OF
ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH FUNDS

POETRY TEA

A FURTHER LOOK AT THE ASTONISHING
DIVERSITY OF GOD'S CREATURES, IN VERSE

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER
3PM-5PM
ST NICHOLAS CHURCH HALL
WINSLEY

A FUN AFTERNOON OF POETRY
WITH TEA AND CAKE

NO NEED TO BOOK,
JUST COME AND JOIN US



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...

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



Salisbury Diocesan Guild Of Ringers




Saturday 5th September
10am - 3pm at
St George's Church, Preshute

A ringing demonstration will be held at St George's with several scouting troops involved.

The excellent Peals on Wheels mini ring will be situated in the car park for all to try, and everyone will have the chance to visit the bells in the tower, and experience ringing a full-size church bell!

Come along and see how this centuries-old heritage counts as much as ever today!

For more details contact Richard Metters on 07979 357913

NORTH BRADFORD AND VILLAGES
MEN'S AND LADIES' GROUPS

Wednesday 23rd September 2026
7pm in St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

MONUMENTS AND WINDOWS
IN ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

John Baxter will tell the stories behind the names on the monuments and windows, with both heroism and scandals in good measure.

*Supper will be fish and chips from the Seven Stars.
Bring your own drinks or buy from the Social Club.*

All men and women 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)

Volunteer Opportunity - Hope Debt Advice Service Volunteer Chair

Every week, people go to The Hub@BA15 carrying debts they can't see a way through. Hope Debt Advice Service (HDAS) gives them free, confidential help to find one. They are now looking for a new Chair to lead their small governing group and help guide the service into its next chapter. If you are interested in the role please contact Kate in the Benefice Office who can provide some more information.

Contacts

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Church Wardens:

Winsley:

Richard Mann (309374)
Penny Pierce (723284)

Christ Church:

Margaret Thompson (571305)
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