

NEWSLINK



13th – 26th September 2026

Rev Katie Jackson

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Dear Friends

I am sure we have all been relieved to see the rain fall once again and the grass slowly return to the beautiful green colour that we all so enjoy.



September is the season of creation in our churches, where we give thanks for the beautiful world in which we live and consider our role in caring for, rather than plundering, all that we have been given to enjoy by our God of abundance and life. As I write this and watch the rain falling, I am reminded of the passage in Ecclesiastes where it says

‘there is a time for everything’.

Given the deterioration of our natural world over the recent years, brought about through human behaviour, it definitely feels like this is a time to seek ways to lighten our footprint and work for a better future.

There is also a time for hellos and a time for goodbyes and at the end of this month, we will be saying our farewells to Becky as she steps down from her role as our Children and Families Worker.

I am so grateful for Becky's creativity, enthusiasm and passion to link church with the community in new ways. Her work with our schools has been wonderful to see as has her involvement in the Family Teatime Service, the youth drop-in, and Conversation and Craft. Some of these things would never have started without her innovation and ability to bring people together from church and community. Becky's last working day is 27th September but we will be saying goodbye and thank you to her at our Four Churches Forum on the 21st. Please join me in praying for her and her family as she steps into a new season. Whilst this is sad for all of us, the good news is that she and her lovely family will continue to be part of the benefice so we will still get to enjoy their friendship.

In due course, we will look to re-advertise the Children and Families Worker role, so please would you join me in praying that God will guide us in this process, trusting in his wonderful provision.

**Every blessing
Katie**



Upcoming Services

Sunday 13th September

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

Monday 14th September

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

Sunday 20th September

- 10am – **Holy Communion** – St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
– Rev Katie Jackson
- 10am – **Harvest Service** – St James' Church, South Wraxall
– Rev Holly Newton
- 4pm – **Pet Thanksgiving Service** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
– Rev Katie Jackson

Monday 21st September

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

Sunday 27th September

- 10am – **Harvest Service** – St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
– Rev Katie Jackson
- 10am – **Harvest Service** – St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh
– Rev Paul Batson
- 10:30am – **Holy Communion** – Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
– Rev Tim Hawkings



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TOP ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED

- Noodles
- Hot Dogs
- Soup
- Tinned vegetables
- Coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Pasta sauce
- Rice Pudding
- Biscuits
- Fruit Juice
- Pulses

Thank You



Harvest Collections

All four of our churches will be collecting food donations for the Bradford on Avon Foodbank.

There is a collection box where food donations can be left in each church.

During our harvest services there will be a collection for the Farming Community Network who provide support to farmers and families in the farming community.



FCN THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK

Here for *you*

Helpline: 03000 111 999 e-Helpline: help@fcn.org.uk

Helpline is open 7am-11pm every day of the year.

Social Events

Saturday 12th September

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

Monday 14th September

6:30pm-8pm - **Winsley Youth Studio** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley

Wednesday 16th September

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

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

Thursday 17th September

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

Friday 18th September

12:30pm - **Soup's Up** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Monday 21st September

6:30pm-8pm - **Winsley Youth Studio** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley

Wednesday 23rd September

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

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

7pm - **Men's & Ladies' Group - Talk on Monuments and Windows in St Nicholas' Church** - Winsley Church Hall

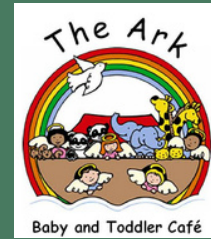
Thursday 24th September

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

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

Baby and Toddler Groups

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.



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



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, coffee and cake for the grown ups and healthy snacks for the children.

Contact Mary on 01225 722210.

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

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

Everyone 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



KETTLE'S ON

Community Café



1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HALL

10AM-12PM

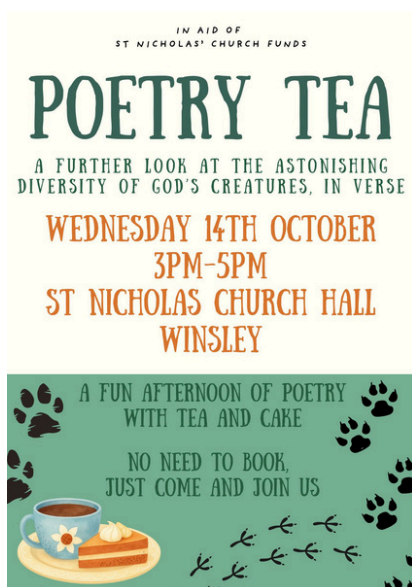
COFFEE, TEA, CAKE AND CONVERSATION. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. BRING YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS AND THOSE NEW TO VILLAGE.

Contact...

NewsLink

Our next NewsLink will be on Sunday 27th September.

Please send any contributions to nboabenefice@gmail.com by Monday 21st September.



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

Wednesday 23rd September 2026
7.00 pm 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)

"We can see this summer and the previous winter how
the climate is changing. This is the vital issue of our
age. Be sure to see this film." Brian Mathew MP

National
Emergency
Briefing

People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Winsley

QR code

Film screening and discussion with our
Wiltshire Councillor, Nigel White

St Nicholas Church
7-9pm 29 October 2026

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/winsleynebscreenin/g/2343127>

www.nebriefing.org

Film certification **16**

Eco Church

A group in the benefice are exploring the possibility of becoming an
Eco Church by working towards the A Rocha Eco-Church Awards.

*"Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes.
It provides a framework to support your church and its leadership to
take practical action on caring for God's earth."*

The areas that will be looked at are -

- Worship and teaching
- Buildings and energy
- Land and nature
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle



If you are interested and would like to get involved please speak to a
Church Warden.



The Children's Society Christmas Cards are now available to
buy from Christ Church. There are some beautiful designs
and all proceeds go to The Children's Society.
Please contact Anne Hilton via the benefice office.

**The
Children's
Society**

Contacts

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