

NEWSLINK



27th September – 10th October 2026

Rev Katie Jackson

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Dear Friends

'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.'

These words, taken from the well known harvest hymn 'We plough the fields and scatter', are a great reminder that there is always something to give thanks for. As we enter the season of harvest services, we especially give thanks for the food that we enjoy and those who provide it. Have you ever stopped to think about how many people are involved in the process from production to purchase? Maybe if we are with anyone over the coming week who works in the food industry, we could stop to say a quick thank you.

In particular though, this is a season for us to remember and give thanks for our farmers. Surrounded by farms, as we are, it's a time to pause, recognise and appreciate all that they do: the long hours and the hard physical work in all weather conditions to ensure that we have food on our tables. As the Farming Community Network (FCN: a Christian ecumenical voluntary organisation) states:

"We have beautiful landscape in this country that has been shaped by centuries of farmers producing food for the urban populations. We eat because of them, we can enjoy our rural environment because of them and we can marvel at nature partly because of their work."



Having a heart of thankfulness compels us to reach out to bless others and to share what we have freely and generously. One way we can do this is to support the work of The Hub (our local foodbank). If you are able to, please bring some donations of food to our harvest services and also look out for The Hub's 12 weeks of Christmas appeal, which we will be supporting as a benefice. Another option is to support, through money or prayer, the work of the FCN which offers support to farmers through difficult seasons in their lives and our collections at our Harvest services will be going to support this vital work.

For those whose lives are caught up with your creation, and who work with you in tending and nurturing it; those who even now suffer as a result of the crisis in our countryside; those afraid for their future, those struggling to survive; all whose livelihood and existence is under threat.

Lord, may your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen



**Every blessing
Katie**

HARVEST SERVICES

ST JAMES'S CHURCH
SOUTH WRAXALL
SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER - 10AM

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH
WINSLEY
SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER - 10AM

ST PETERS' CHURCH
MONKTON FARLEIGH
SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER - 10AM

CHRIST CHURCH
BRADFORD ON AVON
SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER - 10:30AM

ALL WARMLY WELCOME

Harvest Flowers at Christ Church

We shall be decorating Christ Church for Harvest Festival on Saturday 10th October from 10am. Donations of greenery and flowers in autumn shades of red, orange and yellow would be appreciated. All are welcome to help and refreshments will be provided.

For further information contact Valerie on 01225 612315

Harvest Collections

All four of our churches will be collecting food donations for The Hub foodbank in Bradford on Avon. There is a collection box where food donations can be left in each church.

Upcoming Services

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

Monday 28th September

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

Wednesday 30th September

10:30am - **Holy Communion** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
- Rev Keith Charnley

Sunday 4th October

10am - **Benefice Service** - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh
- Rev Katie Jackson

4pm - **Family Teatime Service** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
- Rev Katie Jackson

Monday 5th October

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

Wednesday 7th October

6pm - **Compline** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
- Rev Paul Batson

Sunday 11th October

10am - **Holy Communion** - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh
- Rev Tim Hawkings

10am - **Refresh (café-style)** - Winsley Church Hall - Winsley
- Rev Katie Jackson

10:30am - **Harvest Service** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
- Linds Batson

A Service for the Loss of Loved Ones

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

3PM - ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, WINSLEY



ALL WELCOME
FOLLOWED BY TEA & CAKES IN THE CHURCH HALL

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY REV PAUL BATSON AND MARGARET THOMPSON

A Service for the Loss of Loved Ones

This is a service to remember those we have lost recently and those we lost long ago. Everyone is welcome to come along and remember those they have loved.

During the Service we will read aloud the names of those we would particularly like to remember. If you would like the name of any loved ones read out, please email Kate at nboabenefice@gmail.com with details.

There will be refreshments in the Church Hall after the service so please do stay after for a drink and a chat if you would like.

Social Events

Monday 28th September

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

Thursday 1st October

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

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

Saturday 3rd October

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

Monday 5th October

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

Wednesday 7th October

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

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

Thursday 8th October

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

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

Sunday 11th October

9am-11:30pm - **South Wraxall Village Breakfast** - South Wraxall Village Hall

FULL ENGLISH

BREAKFAST

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

SOUTH WRAXALL



Sunday October 11th 2026

& Sunday 13th December 2026

9am onwards

Reserve your table by emailing southwraxall@outlook.com
or just turn up on the day!

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



Christ Church Café

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER

10AM - 12PM

IN AID OF

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



MUSIC

CHILDREN'S TOYS
& ACTIVITIES

EVERYONE WELCOME

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



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 18th September

Friday 15th January

Friday 16th October

Friday 19th February

Friday 20th November

Friday 19th March

Everyone 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...

Four Churches Forum

Did you know that once a fortnight on a Monday morning, members of our four churches meet together as a benefice in Winsley Church Hall?

Starting at 9:30am, we meet for morning prayer led by Rev Katie Jackson, followed by coffee and warm croissants.

We then begin our meeting at 10am where we share news, updates and offer support to each other in the running of our churches. It's also a great opportunity to connect with other people across the benefice.

Our next Four Churches Forum will be on

Monday 5th October at 9:30am in Winsley Church Hall

This is an open forum so anyone from our four churches is very welcome to come along, even just for one week. If you would like to know more please contact Kate in the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com

The Children's Society



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.

"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



People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Winsley



Film screening and discussion with our Wiltshire Councillor, Nigel White
St Nicholas Church
7-9pm 29 October 2026

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/winsleynebscreening/2343127>

www.nebriefing.org

Film certification **16**

NORTH BRADFORD AND VILLAGES MEN'S GROUP

Wednesday 21st October 2026
7pm in Winsley Social Club

SKITTLES EVENING

Join us for our always popular test of skill (or demonstration of lack of it)

Supper will be fish and chips.

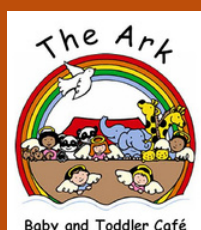
Drinks available from the Social Club bar.

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

Please book with Roy Ludlow as soon as possible
(royludlow4@gmail.com) or 01225 868779

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.

Contacts

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12 Weeks of Christmas at The Hub

As a benefice, we will be supporting The Hub's Christmas campaign where each week they will be collecting a particular item to go in their Christmas food parcels.

Each NewsLink will highlight what is being collected for the next two weeks.

Please support if you can and leave any donations in the collection boxes in each church or donate direct to The Hub.



For week 1 and week 2...



NewsLink

Our next NewsLink will be on Sunday 11th October.

Please send any contributions to nboabenefice@gmail.com by Monday 5th October.