

NEWSLINK



11th – 24th October 2026

Rev Katie Jackson

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Some news to share from Rev Tessa...

Dear Friends

I have always deeply appreciated the seasons of nature as they unfold around us in our gardens and wider landscape. The shifting sights, sounds and smells remind us that change is always in the air. Our lives have different seasons and during the past year, I have sensed a shifting season in my own life and ministry. I guess, I have felt an inkling that there is a subtle gear shift going on in my heart, and that my official role needs to reflect that.



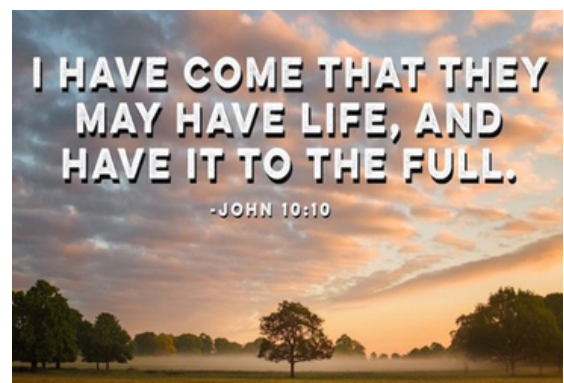
After conversations with Bishop Andrew (before his move to St Albans), Archdeacon Louise and Rev Katie, I have made the decision to transfer my status from Associate Priest to Priest with Permission to Officiate (PTO). Such role delineations in the C of E are quite hard to understand as they can mean different things in different circumstances! It is, however, broadly the case that most Priests with a PTO would class themselves as Retired from full time ministry, but as we all know retirement, especially in ministry, thankfully does not mean putting your slippers on and watching endless daytime TV! For me, the choice to move to PTO is recognizing the need to slightly change pace and reimagine my calling at this stage of my life. This new season of my ministry will officially commence on October 18th.

Linked to this shift is the decision to step down from my responsibility as Foundation Governor at Winsley Primary School. After 30 years as a Foundation Governor in 4 different schools, it feels the right time to make space for others to fulfil this rewarding role. I will, however, continue to lead school worship and offer pastoral support to the school.

I am excited to explore how my ministry in this season will unfold. As part of this discernment, I have chosen to take a retreat for a week during November at The Society of Martha and Mary in Devon. It is a community which has played a big part in my journey of faith and ministry over the last 20 years. It is a very special place. Do take a look at their website. www.sheldonretreat.com

The really important thing to say is that Richard and I feel deeply rooted in the Benefice and do not intend to move anywhere. I have the best of colleagues, both Lay and Ordained, and it will be my joy and privilege to continue ministering among you all, albeit in a slightly fresh way. Thank you for your continuing partnership in our shared call to the love of God and neighbour. I am so excited about how God is at work among us and where the future will take us. We are in exciting times!

If any of you reading this, whatever your age, are also sensing a shifting in the season of your life and would like to pray and share about that, my door is always open. Let's all be aware of Jesus' promise that he has come to give life, life in all its fullness. (John 10: 10), in all the seasons of our lives.



Every blessing,
Tessa

HARVEST SERVICE 2026

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

ALL WARMLY WELCOME

WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD DONATIONS
FOR THE BRADFORD ON AVON HUB
FOODBANK



Gentle Worship followed by tea

Sunday 18th October 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
or Rev Paul at paulbatson78@gmail.com



A Thank You!

My thanks to everyone for the many cards, messages, generous gifts and well wishes I have received. I am completely overwhelmed and very grateful for everyone's kindness.

It has been a lovely week seeing so many friendly faces, albeit hard to say goodbye (for now!) I am still very much in the benefice and will be around!

See you all soon,

With best wishes, Becky xx

Upcoming Services

Sunday 11th October

- 10am - **Holy Communion** - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh
- led by Rev Tim Hawkings
- 10am - **Refresh (café-style)** - Winsley Church Hall - Winsley
- led by Rev Katie Jackson
- 10:30am - **Harvest Service** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
- led by Linds Batson

Monday 12th October

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

Tuesday 13th October

- 2:30pm - **Wiltshire Heights Holy Communion** - Wiltshire Heights
- led by Rev Tim Hawkings

Sunday 18th October

- 10am - **Holy Communion** - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh
- led by Rev Keith Charnley & Cedric Pierce
- 10am - **Holy Communion** - St Nicholas' Church - Winsley
- led by Rev Tessa Mann
- 10:30am - **Refresh** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
- led by Rev Katie Jackson
- 3pm - **Gentle Worship** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
- led by Rev Tessa Mann & Rev Paul Batson

Monday 19th October

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

Sunday 25th October

- 10am - **Holy Communion** - St James' Church, South Wraxall
- led by Rev Paul Batson
- 10am - **Together in Worship** - St Nicholas' Church - Winsley
- led by Cedric Pierce & Alison Wells
- 10:30am - **Holy Communion** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
- led by Rev Tim Hawkings

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.

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

Social Events

Saturday 11th October

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

Monday 12th October

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

Wednesday 14th October

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

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

3pm - **Poetry Tea** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Thursday 15th October

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

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

Friday 16th October

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

Monday 19th October

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

Wednesday 21st October

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

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

7pm - **Men's Group Skittles Evening** - Winsley Social Club, Winsley

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
(royludlowd4@gmail.com) or 01225 868779

Coffee Morning in aid of Dorothy House Hospice

The Zion Baptist
Church on Conigre Hill
are having a coffee
morning in aid of
Dorothy House Hospice.
Saturday 10th October
at 10:30am

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.

"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**

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.

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



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



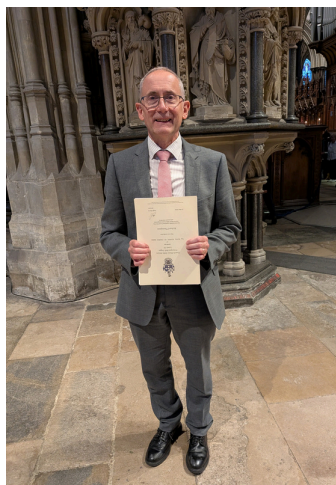
12 Weeks of Christmas

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.



Congratulations to Richard

Congratulations to Richard Thompson on completing his Royal School of Church Music Level 3 Church Organist qualification. He was presented with his certificate at a celebration evening at Salisbury Cathedral.

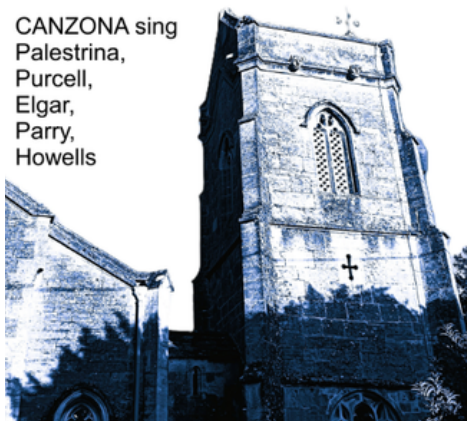


IN REMEMBRANCE

CONCERT at ST NICHOLAS, WINSLEY

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER at 7:30pm

CANZONA sing
Palestrina,
Purcell,
Elgar,
Parry,
Howells



St Nicholas' Church Autumn Churchyard Clear Up

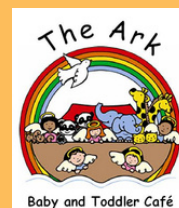
Saturday 7th November
10- 12pm

We are having our Autumn clear up in the churchyard and hall car park. If you can lend a hand please come along with tools. Refreshments will as usual be provided. Any questions, email John jbmab40@btinternet.com

Baby and Toddler Groups



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.



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

Four Churches Forum

Our next Four Churches Forum will be on **Monday 19th October** in Winsley Church Hall. Meet at 9:30am for Morning Prayer and then the meeting will start at 10am.

NewsLink

Our next NewsLink will be on **Sunday 25th October**. Please send contributions to nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Monday 19th October**.

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