NEWSLINK

CHURCHES OF NORTH BRADFORD ON AVON & VILLAGES

25th October - 7th November 2026 | Rev Katie Jackson | www.nboachurches.co.uk

Dear Friends

As the season of harvest thanksgiving draws to a close, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your generosity in all its many forms.

Thank you for the many ways you serve: from toddler groups to coffee mornings, breakfasts and teas to prayer groups. Thank you for the work with our schools and for your support of the teatime service. Thank you to those who decorate our churches with stunning flowers and to our musicians who lead us in worship week after week. Thank you for the pastoral visiting and the support of our services at Avon Park and Wiltshire Heights. Thank you for your hospitality: preparing and serving teas and coffees, baking, soup making and breakfast serving.

Thank you also for your financial generosity which enables our churches to continue to be warm, welcoming spaces and all our buildings to be fit for purpose as we seek to serve our communities. It is through your financial giving that we are able to pay parish share and employ a wonderful administrator and a children and families worker (we will soon be re-advertising this position).

Without your generosity, church life would look very different. As much as I would like to get round to every single one of you to thank you personally, that may not be feasible so I need your help. Over the course of November, I thought we could start a Mexican wave of thanks around the benefice, each thinking of one or two people that we can say thank you to on behalf of everyone. If anyone has ever seen a Mexican wave, you will know that it takes involvement from each and every person, nobody is missed out. The challenge is to see if by the end of November, we can achieve the same. After all, it is the whole church that makes up the body of Christ, each of us is a precious part of the church family so it would be wonderful if our thanks can reach everyone.



As we give thanks for all the generosity that goes on, I also invite us all to prayerfully reflect on our own personal giving of time, talents and money. It may be that our circumstances have changed and what we can do or what we can offer is no longer what it was, or we may be feeling a call to something new. If either of those resonates with you, then I and our churchwardens would love you to come and talk to one of us about it. Equally, this is true of our financial situations too, as these things never stay static, so this season is an opportunity to review our monetary giving and consider if this can/needs to be adjusted.

But I finish how I started, in saying thank you for your partnership in the gospel and the love, generosity and support you extend each and everyday.

I thank my God every time I remember you.
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel'
Philippians 1:3

Every blessing,
Katie

As it is half term, Rev Katie will be on leave from Saturday 24th to Saturday 31st October.
Kate in the Benefice Office will be on leave 27th & 29th October.

Upcoming Services

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

Monday 26th October

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

Wednesday 28th October

10:30am - **Holy Communion** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Tessa Mann

Saturday 31st October

3pm - **Service for the Loss of Loved Ones** - St Nicholas' Church led by Rev Paul Batson & Margaret Thompson

Sunday 1st November

10am - **Benefice Service** - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Katie Jackson & Rev Keith Charnley
4pm - **Family Teatime Service** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley led by Rev Katie Jackson

Wednesday 4th November

3pm - **Avonpark Holy Communion** - Avonpark, Limpley Stoke led by Rev Paul Batson
6pm - **Compline** - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Cedric Peirce

Sunday 8th November

10am - **Remembrance Service** - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Tessa Mann
10:30am - **Remembrance Service** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Tim Hawkings
10:40am - **Remembrance Service** - Winsley War Memorial led by Rev Katie Jackson & Rev Peter Whatton
10:50am- **Remembrance Service** - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Keith Charnley



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

Wednesday 28th October

10am - **Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Thursday 29th October

7pm - **People's Emergency Briefing** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

Wednesday 4th November

10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 5th November

10am - **The Ark Baby & Toddler Group** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
3-4pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Friday 6th November

7:30pm - **Christ Church Race Night** - Mount Pleasant Social Club

Saturday 7th November

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

Sunday 8th November

7:30pm - **"In Remembrance" Canzona Concert** - St Nicholas' Church

Can you help Mary and Joseph on their journey?

There is an old tradition from Mexico to celebrate Advent, it is called **Posada**. Models of Mary and Joseph are carried from house to house throughout Advent (December) symbolising the journey to Bethlehem.



This year we are planning to have our own Benefice version. Mary and Joseph have been knitted and are ready to set off, making their journey through our four churches. Hosts will be found for each night until the end of the journey on Christmas Eve. Each host will be given a knitted sheep, which will also be the usual gifts for the local children. Lots of sheep will be needed, so if you are able to help and would like a knitting pattern, please contact Valerie Calpin at St Peter's, Anne Hilton at Christ Church, Heather Hawkings at St Nicholas' or Kate in the Benefice office at nboabenefice@gmail.com



The monthly **Christ Church Café** on **Saturday 7th November** will be a "**Creative Café**". If you are creative, such as an artist, an embroiderer, potter, a woodworker, a knitter or another craft and have any creations that others would like to see, please bring them along to the café for display. We will have **live music** with Richard Thompson on the piano, a **Jigsaw Jamboree** raising funds for **The Children's Society**, and as always, a selection of delicious homemade treats with tea and coffee available from 10am to 12pm.

Next month we will have our **Christmas Christ Church Café** on **Saturday 6th December** where we will Dress the Christmas Tree, sing carols around the piano and eat mince pies. Save the date!

Christ Church PPC Secretary

Our PCC Secretary, Ann Chapman, is giving up the role after several years of quiet, meticulous and faithful service. She has been outstanding.

We now need to find a new Secretary as soon as we can. The position mainly involves organising, managing and taking the minutes of PCC meetings, as well as some other related items. Ann is happy to explain it in detail if you are interested. If you would like to know more, please talk to me.

Thank you, Margaret Thompson





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.

Christmas Eve Carols

For over 25 years, Christ Church has sent a group to Woolley Grange Hotel on Christmas Eve to sing Carols.
We sing from 6pm for half an hour after which we are given refreshments and a donation to church funds. This year we are short of singers so if anybody would like to join us please get in touch with Tony Green on 01225 865768

Autumn Churchyard Clear Up - St Nicholas

Saturday 7th November
10- 12pm

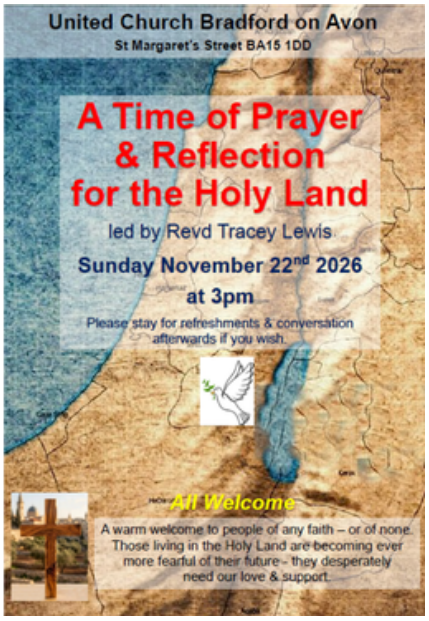
We are having our Autumn clear up in the churchyard and church hall car park.

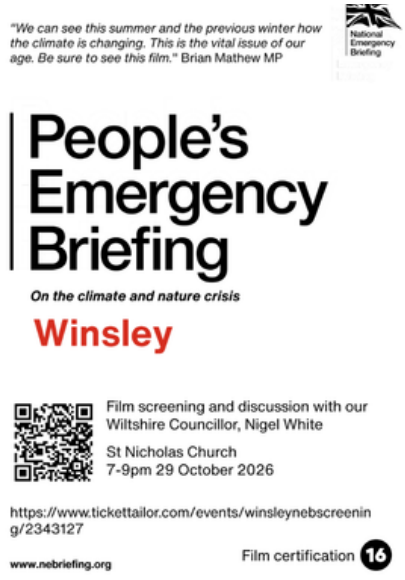
If you can lend a hand please come along with tools. Refreshments will as usual be provided. Any questions, email John jbmab40@btinternet.com

Harvest Donations



As a benefice this harvest, we collected and donated **291kgs** of food for the Bradford on Avon foodbank - nearly twice as much as last year! Thank you to everyone for their incredible generosity.

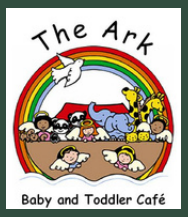




Baby & Toddler Groups



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 2nd November** in Winsley Church Hall. 9:30am for Morning Prayer and then the meeting will start at 10am.

NewsLink

Our next NewsLink will be on **Sunday 8th November**. Please send any relevant contributions to nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Monday 2nd November**.

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