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NEWSLINK

CHURCHES OF NORTH BRADFORD ON AVON & VILLAGES

8th - 21st November 2026 | Rev Katie Jackson | www.nboachurches.co.uk

Dear Friends

Taking time to pause to remember is important, it matters more than perhaps we might realise. This is often best seen in the impact a telephone call from an old friend or an unexpected birthday card through the post has on our emotions. That moment of joy when we hear the voice at the end of the phone or the smile that comes to our face as we realise that someone has thought of us.

Last week we had our annual service for the loss of a loved one, which provided a precious space to pause, reflect, and give thanks for those who have meant so much to us. The memories that were shared in conversation afterwards over tea and cake reminded me of how shared stories, shared experiences, help to shape our identity and the way that we live.

In many ways remembering helps to connect the past, the present and the future. Which is why up and down the country this Sunday, we will be taking time out of the normal rhythm of life to pause to remember those who have given their lives to defend the freedom of both us and others. And as we pause at 11 o'clock, in recognition that it was at this hour on the 11th November 1918 that the guns fell silent, we are also reminded that right now, all over the world, the sounds, sights and smells of war are a lived reality.



As we remember the past and honour the names of those who gave their lives, we do so rooted in the present and as such we need to pledge ourselves once again to strive for all that makes for peace, to seek to heal the wounds of war, and to work for a just future for all humanity. Freedom can never be taken for granted but requires us to give of ourselves; living lives where we seek to follow the greatest commandment of loving our neighbour as ourselves.

As we remember the ultimate sacrifice of those whom we knew personally and those whose names are written on our war memorials, as we hold in our prayers all who serve in the armed forces today, we also need to offer our own small daily sacrifice: seeking to place others first, striving to be peace-makers and living lives overflowing with love. This is the path that Jesus has asked us to follow, the path that led him to the cross.

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Every blessing,
Katie

Upcoming Services

Sunday 8th November

10am - **Remembrance Service** - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Tessa Mann
10:30am - **Remembrance Holy Communion** - 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

Please note, the Remembrance Service at Christ Church will be a Holy Communion service

Monday 9th November

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

Tuesday 10th November

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

Wednesday 11th November

10:40am - **Avonpark Remembrance Service** - Avonpark, Limpley Stoke led by Rev Paul Batson

Sunday 15th November

10am - **Refresh (café-style worship)** - Winsley Church Hall led by Alison Wells & Zoe Yeomans
10am - **Holy Communion** - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Tessa Mann
10:30am - **Refresh Breakfast** - Church Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Katie Jackson & Margaret Thompson
3pm - **Gentle Worship Service** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley led by Rev Tessa Mann & Rev Paul Batson

Monday 16th November

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

Sunday 22nd November

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





Children & Familes Worker Update

Rev Tessa and I will soon be meeting with a representative from each of our churches to review the job description, with a view to advertising the post shortly. In the meantime, I am endeavouring to ensure that we are continuing as much of our children and families work as we can. My thanks goes to all of our volunteers who are supporting this. Rev Katie Jackson

A Thank You from Tessa

Dear Everyone,
It was such a wonderful surprise to be presented with the most generous gift, marking my transition from Associate to PTO status in our Benefice.

Using the vouchers for the Royal Opera House will be a super treat! I am passionate about all forms of dance, especially ballet. Going to Covent Garden is a huge joy, so thank you for your thoughtfulness and affirmation. I am so very touched.

I look forward to continuing in ministry across our four churches. It has always been, and will remain a great privilege, albeit at a slightly different pace.

Every blessing,
Tessa







Social Events

Saturday 7th November
10am-12pm - **Creative Café** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday 8th November
7:30pm - **Canzona Concert "In Remembrance"** - St Nicholas' Church

Wednesday 11th November
10:30am - **Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group** - Winsley Church Hall
10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 12th November
10am - **The Ark Baby & Toddler Group** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
3-4pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Wednesday 18th November
10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 19th November
10am - **The Ark Baby & Toddler Group** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
3-4pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Friday 20th November
12pm - **Soup's Up** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

The monthly **Christ Church Café** on **Saturday 7th November** will be a "**Creative Café**". If you are creative and have any creations that others would like to see, please bring them along to the café for display. We will have **live music** on the piano, a **Jigsaw Jamboree** raising funds for **The Children's Society**, and as always, a selection of delicious homemade treats available 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!



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.

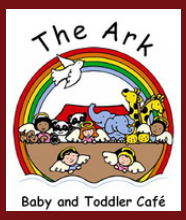




Baby & Toddler Groups



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 16th 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 22nd November**. Please send any relevant contributions to nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Monday 16th November**.



NORTH BRADFORD AND VILLAGES MEN'S AND LADIES' GROUPS

Wednesday 25th November 2026
7pm in St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

RAILWAYS, GOD AND PRISONS – A LONG STRETCH

Cedric Pierce will talk about his career in the rail industry and the Parole Board, and discuss his involvement with the Baptist and Church of England denominations.

Supper will be pizza and a home-made salad.
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)

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



Could you help us make Christmas special for children who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

If YES, please bring brand-new, unwrapped gifts for children aged 0-18 to any of our four churches during opening times from

Monday 9th – Friday 27th November

Gift ideas for children and young people

0-3 years: soft toys, fun educational toys, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys
3-5 years: books, dressing up clothes, cars, dolls, action figures and soft toys, colourful and fun educational toys, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles, footballs
5-9 years: dolls and action figures, educational games and toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons), books, puzzles, skateboards, sports equipment and clothing
9-12 years: games and toys, sports equipment and clothing, stationery, books, T-Shirts, hair ornaments, gloves, scarves, hats;
13-16 years: CDs, DVDs, books, toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats and other fashion accessories.

If you'd like to make a financial donation, please use this QR code or visit https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thesalvationarmychristmas-2025-430

THE SALVATION ARMY

Real Advent Calendar

These are a wonderful fairtrade advent calendar from the Meaningful Chocolate Co. that includes a lovely book that tells the real story of Christmas... as well as chocolates!
If you are interested in buying one please contact Mary Hewetson as soon as possible (deadline is fast approaching) at maryhewetson49@gmail.com or 01225 722210.



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