

NewsLink

12th May—8th June 2024



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear Friends,



As someone who loves burying my head in a good book, I am often struck by how the end of one chapter and the start of a new one can bring many different emotions; there can be a sense of endings and new beginnings, anticipation, and uncertainty. The chapter that is being left behind can impact on how we receive news of the new one. This is something that is also true in life.

This last month, Revd. Bernard decided that the time had come to step back from leading services. His prayerful ministry has been such a blessing to our benefice, and I feel confident that as he embarks on this new chapter his ability to bless us will continue. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bernard for responding to God's call upon his life and for his years of faithful service and ministry.

I also need to share with you that our administrator Bridge will be leaving her role with us at the end of this month as she starts a new chapter with Bath University. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all that she has given to the benefice during the time she has been with us, not just in relation to her administrative skills but also her creativity and willingness to get involved. Although I have only recently arrived, I will personally miss her patient ability to get me organised and her great sense of humour. On behalf of the benefice Bridge, we want you to know that you leave this post with our love, thanks, and prayers.

As we face this new chapter, we may feel uncertain about what lies around the corner, so I would like to encourage you all to join me in prayer; for wisdom and guidance as we begin to look forward but also that God will be nudging someone to the role of our Benefice administrator. Let's trust in God's faithful provision for our future. We will be seeking to advertise and appoint a new administrator as soon as we are able, but in the meantime, if anyone is able to offer any assistance with any of the day-to-day administrative tasks then please do let me know.

Heavenly father, we thank you for the life of this benefice and for the people who it makes it what it is. Bless Bernard and Bridge as they embark on a new chapter. We pray for your guidance as we seek to appoint a new administrator, and that your Holy Spirit will begin to nudge whoever it is that you are calling to join us. Help us to trust in your provision both in our lives and in the life of your church. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



Every blessing, **Katie**

Upcoming Services

Sunday 12th May 2024

10.00am Refresh Service, St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Zoe Yeomans and Alison Wells.

10.00am Holy Communion Service, St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, jointly with St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

10.30am Holy Communion Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

Sunday 19th May 2024

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Elizabeth Bennett.

Sunday 26th May 2024

10.00am Holy Communion Service, St James' Church, South Wraxall, jointly with St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Keith Charnley.

10.00am Holy Communion Service, St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

10.30am Refresh Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann and the Refresh team.

Sunday 2nd June

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion, St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

Sunday 9th June

10.00am Holy Communion Service, St James' Church, South Wraxall, jointly with St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

10.00am Refresh Service, St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Roy Ludlow.

10.30am Holy Communion Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 9th June 2024**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 4th June 2024**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

Baptism of Oliver Edward
2.30pm Sunday 12th May
St Nicholas Church, Winsley
Led by Revd. Katie Jackson

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Stephen Pike (782537), Denise Davies (863678)
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Social Events Across the Benefice

10.00am 15th May Kettle's on – a friendly café style morning. St Nicholas' Church Hall.

7.00pm 15th May Men's Group meeting—"BRITAIN STANDS ALONE: 1940." St Nicholas Church Hall.

1.15pm 22nd May Conversation and Craft. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon.

10.00am 5th June Kettle's on – a friendly café style morning. St Nicholas' Church Hall.

Music Concerts at St Nicholas Church, Winsley

3.00pm 10th August 2024—Xander Baker and group from the Amsterdam Conservatoire return to St Nicholas Church for another bewitching musical event.

All music events support the work of St Nicholas Church (including church hall roof replacement) & local charities

Save the dates!

Showing of the film 'The Ants and the Grasshopper' on Wednesday 12th June at 7pm in St. Nicholas Church, Winsley.

6th and 7th July Heritage Celebration weekend at Christ Church

13th and 14th July St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, "*Your church explained in 100 objects.*"

3pm Sunday 8th September St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, Canzona Choir concert The programme will include selections from Gilbert & Sullivan and some Beatles' arrangements followed by tea and cake.

The Ark

Thursdays at 10.00am to 11.30am in Christ Church and will continue every Thursday morning during school term time. Come along with your little ones for a fun time with toys, story, songs, craft and snacks to finish!

Sunbeams

St Nicholas Church hall, Winsley
10.30am—11.30am

22nd May 2024

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Have you ever thought about being confirmed? If you would be interested, I would love to have a chat with you.

Revd. Katie

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

12th-18th MAY 2024



There will be no door-to-door collection again this year. However, envelopes will be available from St Nicholas Church from **11th May**. Please collect one if you wish to support this worthy charity. Winsley has always collected a significant sum towards their work and I hope we may be able to continue even in these difficult times. You may, of course, contribute online. Details may be found on their website www.christianaid.org.uk

The envelopes may be returned direct to Christian Aid - the details will be on the envelope. Otherwise, they may be returned to me at 22, Late Broads, Winsley. Thank You, **Alison Wells**



Christ Church Plant Stall



Tomatoes, Peppers, Courgettes, other veg, perennials etc!

Saturday 04 May
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Saturday 25 May 2024
From 10.30am – 3.30pm

@ 13 Newtown Bradford on Avon
We hope to see you there!

Donations of plants very welcome, please drop off at 13 Newtown
All proceeds to the Future for Christ Church Project
Thank you Gillian (07746623945) and Val



MENS' GROUP - Wednesday 15th May 2024

7.00 pm in St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

BRITAIN STANDS ALONE: 1940. Historian Stewart Tavner will talk about how Britain survived the threat of invasion after losing so much material at the time of the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940.

Supper will be fish and chips (bring your own drink).

All men 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)