

NewsLink

10th March —23rd March 2024



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear Friends,

What's in a hello?

Maybe we don't always stop to think about it, but I believe welcome is one of the most important things we can offer to people. It can take people from a place of uncertainty and feeling on the outside of something, to discovering a sense of belonging, value and love. So I want to thank you for the overwhelming welcome I have received from every corner of the benefice.



When I arrived at my licensing service, I felt a jumble of emotions. By the time I had been walked through the service with Bishop Andrew and Sue Groom, I felt even more nervous about whether I would ever remember where I was meant to be and what I was meant to be doing at any given time. But as I turned round and looked out onto the sea of welcoming, warm faces, all the fear vanished. The love that you expressed through the flowers, choir, cake, refreshments, bell ringing, church cleaning (and everything else that went on behind the scenes), in addition to the warmth of welcome during and after the service was precious. I knew that I was stepping into something wonderful, I was stepping into family. What a joy filled occasion. THANK YOU!

As we begin to get to know each other over the coming months, I hope that I will be able to extend to you the same strength of welcome and love that you have shown me. Please forgive me if it takes me a while to remember names and faces, at times like this I wish I had a photographic memory! But I am keen to take up that challenge, holding dear to the words from Isaiah 43

'I have called you by name, you are mine'

Names are precious. Each one of us is called and loved by the God who knows not just our names but every hair on our heads. As I join this wonderful family, I look forward to hearing your stories; learning of the things in life that give you joy as well as the things that are challenging, and discovering the many gifts you have each been given.

My prayer as the newest member of the family is that as we continue to get to know each other we will also continue to grow in love with the one who first loved us.

Every blessing,
Katie

Upcoming Services

Sunday 10th March

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

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

10.30am Holy Communion Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

Wednesday 13th March

6.00pm Compline Service, St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

Sunday 17th March

10.00am Holy Communion Service, St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

10.00am Morning Worship Service, St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, jointly with St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Roy Ludlow.

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

Sunday 24th March

10.00am Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion, St James' Church, South Wraxall, jointly with St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

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

10.30am Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Bernard Hughes.

Monday 25th March

6.00pm Compline Service. St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

Tuesday 26th March

6.00pm A time for reflection for Holy week. St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

Wednesday 27th March

10.30am Holy Communion Service. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Bernard Hughes.

8.00pm Tenebrae – from light to dark. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

Thursday 28th March

8.00pm A service of Holy Communion with foot and hand washing. St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson and Revd. Tessa Mann.

Upcoming Services (continued)

Friday 29th March

2pm The Final Hour. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

2pm The Final Hour. St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

2pm The Final Hour. St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

Sunday 31st March

10.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service. St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

10.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service. St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

10.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service. St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Paul Batson.

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

Social Events Across the Benefice

7.00pm 13th March Men's Group meeting—"Twelve Men have Walked Where Others have not." St Nicholas Church Hall.

12.00pm 15th March Soup's Up – a friendly soup and dessert lunch. St Nicholas Church Hall.

10.00am 20th March Kettle's on – a friendly café style morning. St Nicholas Church Hall.

9.00am onwards 21st April Village Breakfast. South Wraxall Village Hall.

1.15pm 24th April Conversation & Craft Café. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon.

Saturday Afternoon Music Concerts at St Nicholas Church

3.00pm 16th March Serenata Guitar Trio "The Return Concert"

7.30pm 20th March **Winsley village project** presents Bath Community Big Band.

3.00pm 27th April The Chords Welsh choir

3.00pm 11th May Monkton School Community Choir and soloists

All Music events support the work of St Nicholas Church & local charities

13th and 14th July St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, in 100 Objects

your church explained.



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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 24th March 2024**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 19th March 2024**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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Serenata Guitar Trio

John Mills - Wendy Partridge - Cobie Smit



"Serenata - The Return Concert"

St. Nicholas' Church, Winsley BA15 2HN

Saturday 16th March, 2024 at 3 p.m.

Serenata return to present a new selection of pieces from:
Austria, France, Italy, Paraguay, Spain and the USA
(Works by Haydn, Nardini, Albeniz, etc)

Admission £10 at the door (cash preferred)
Proceeds will be shared between St. Nicholas' Church & Serenata
(Refreshments available following the performance)

John Mills is a former student of John Williams, Julian Bream and Andres Segovia -
Wendy Partridge attended the Royal Academy of Music, London and also studied with
Julian Bream - Cobie Smit studied at the Rotterdam Conservatorium and the
Royal Conservatorium of the Hague, Holland.

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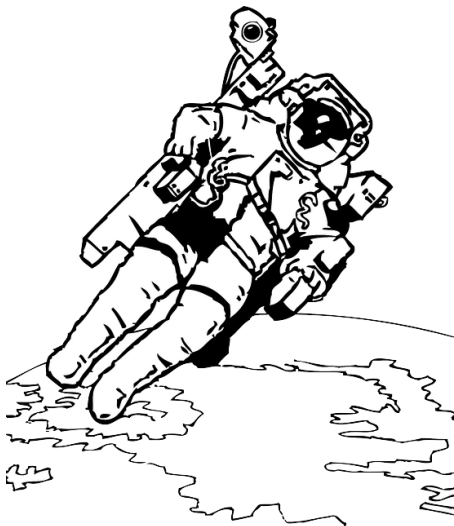
Every Thursday, term-time only
From 3pm - 4:15pm

- Enjoy hot chocolates, snacks & games
- Activities with a heritage twist
- Safe, warm and welcoming
- Space to relax and chat

All are welcome!

For more info, email becky.strike@discoverchristchurch.org.uk

With grateful thanks to our funders



MEN'S GROUP - Wednesday 13th March 2024

7.00 pm in St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

TWELVE MEN HAVE WALKED WHERE OTHERS HAVE NOT:

David Verghese will remind us of nearly 70 years of space exploration, particularly the USA's six manned missions to the moon.

Supper will be a wide selection of Indian curries (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)

WALK OF WITNESS

on

Good Friday 29th March 2024

Meet at Westbury Gardens, at 11.00am

Stopping around town for bible readings,
prayers and hymns

and ending at Christ Church for coffee
and hot cross buns

Wendy Brown

Bradford-on-Avon Area Churches Together



Children & Families News

Zoe Yeomans, children and families worker

The Ark hosted a successful zip wire and coffee morning. About 20 courageous cuddlies zipped down the aisle of Christ Church and £113 was raised for F4CCP! The cakes and bakes were delicious and fun was had by all. A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved and to all who came and for all the generous donations.

The Ark is on **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!

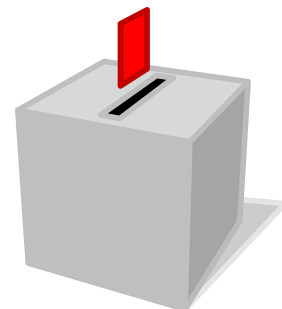
Sunbeams, St Nicholas Church hall,
Winsley 10.30am—11.30am

13th March



Electoral Roll review

The review of the Electoral Roll for **Christ Church** will be taking place from the 15th of March to the 30th March. If you are not on the roll and you would like to be included, or have any questions, please contact **Hilary on 01225 782537**.



Lent Collection for The Hub Foodbank



During Lent we are asking for additional donations for The Hub Foodbank in Bradford on Avon.

St Peter's is open everyday from 10.00am to 5.00pm so you can leave your donation at the collection point next to the organ at the rear of the church.

Please remember that The Hub only distributes non-perishable items.

Colin Exley, Church Warden

Friday April 26th 7.30pm St Thomas Church, Trowbridge

Bishop Andrew Rumsey in Concert

An invite from St Thomas' Trowbridge, to come along to a solo performance by our very own Bishop Andrew, playing guitar, singing from his critically acclaimed album Evensongs and giving readings from his book English Grounds. With conversation and stories he shares his love of countryside, local and ecclesiastical history and our interaction with it.

Some of you will know of his YouTube videos that started in Covid - 'Going to Ground', where he talks about faith, place and landscape as he walks around the Marlborough downs with his Portuguese waterdog Effy, named after the band The Effras that he was in, back in his London days.

Tickets for £8 will be available from April 7th and can be reserved by contacting Ruth Chettleburgh on 07791182561 or jrchet@blueyonder.co.uk. You can reserve tickets to collect and pay on the night.

Parking is limited at the church but is free after 6pm at Lovemead Car Park in Duke Street, a 4 minute walk away.

Cedric Pierce, Sec. to St Nicholas PCC



St Nicholas Church Hall Roof Appeal—Update

Thank-you to all who have pledged a donation towards our Church Hall roof appeal. We have managed to raise **£6,370.85** in one week!!!! A good start towards our goal of £20,000 and a combination of Parish Council support, £1000 from our small savings reserve and also generous donations from parishioners. Whilst we will continue to apply for funding, your generous donations will help reach our goal. If you wish to make a pledge then please do email

winsleypcctreasurer@gmail.com in confidence, for further details of how to pledge your donation.

The Benefice Office.

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