



Dear friends,

We are all deeply saddened by the death of The Queen. Regardless of views held on the Monarchy, for most of us, The Queen has always been there, she seemed so timeless, a figure-head for everyone, constant, an example to us of serving, and of doing one's duty. As Head of the Church of England, her Christian faith was a guiding force and support to her.

Our churches remain open for prayer, and quiet contemplation. Do go in and light a candle. I will be liaising with our churchwardens and ministry team to arrange special times for us, and members of our communities, to gather together to remember, contribute to a book of condolence and to pray.



So many tributes have been given, expressing sorrow and thankfulness for her reign. Some that particularly moved me were 'She kept us in touch with our better nature.' 'She was a stateswoman of unmatched dignity.' 'She was the very spirit of Great Britain.' 'She selflessly and calmly embodied the continuity and unity of our country' and 'she had a unique and simple power to make us happy.'

Whenever our nation was going through difficult times, during the Suez crisis, during the '70s when we were described as the 'poor man of Europe' The Queen was there, as that constant, calm, quiet, steady presence, continuing to serve and carry out her duties as she promised she would all those years ago as a young Queen aged 25.

Our United Kingdom again is going through difficult times, and we pray for our government, and especially for our Prime Minister, Liz Truss, who unlike so many Prime Ministers before her, will not benefit from The Queen's knowledge, experience, and words of wisdom. "I knew his father and remember when.....".

And of course, we pray for The Queens family, for her son Charles as he takes on the mantle of king, for all her children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren as they grieve for their loss.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

God save The King

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Another edition of NewsLink will be coming out shortly detailing arrangements for this week in our churches, leading up to the Queen's funeral.

Events and Notices

Upcoming Services

Sunday 11th September

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church BoA *Ann/Keith B*

10.00am Refresh Informal, cafe style service at St Nicholas Church Hall *Roy/Pippa and music group*

10.00am Joint Service of Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall for South Wraxall and Monkton Farleigh. *Bernard/Gerry*

Sunday 18th September

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church BoA Ann/Richard

10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley Keith C/Pippa and music group/IT Geoff

10.00am Holy Communion for St James, South Wraxall and St Peter's Monkton Farleigh, at St Peter's Monkton Farleigh Paul/KeithB

Sunday 25th September

10.30 am Refresh at Christ Church, BoA *Tessa/Tricia and music group*

10.00am Together in Worship. The journey of faith through the years St Nicholas, Winsley *Paul/Harold/IT Richard*

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall *Bernard/KeithB*

10.00am Harvest Festival at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh *Ann/Gerry*

Sunday 2nd October

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Tessa/Gerry/Richard*

Funerals

Funeral Service of **Beryl Milsom** at Christ Church, BoA on Wednesday 14th September at 11.30am, followed by cremation at Semington at 13.00. Tim taking

Funeral Service of **Kathleen Davis** at Christ Church at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 21st September followed by burial at BoA Cemetery. Ann taking

Michael Cockerham

Michael was a gifted musician and played the organ and led choirs for us for many years. His funeral will be at **All Saints' Church, Martock on Thursday 15th September at 3pm**. Although this will be a sad and sombre

service, his wife Jane, a former Churchwarden at St Nicholas, welcomes those attending to wear other than black if they prefer.

Michael will be buried at St Nicholas, but that will be a private burial for family only.

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Church Administrator

We are seeking an Administrator to support the work of our four churches, Christ Church at BoA, St Nicholas at

Winsley, St James at South Wraxall and St Peter's at Monkton Farleigh

20 hours per week

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm

Salary £26k pa pro rata

For more information and a job description, please contact Revd Ann Keating on 01225 722230

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Closing date: 23 September

Wedding Blessing

for Jessica Acheson and Joshua

Aldridge on Saturday 8th October at 1.00pm at St James, South Wraxall.

Tessa taking

BENEFICE MEN'S NIGHT

Wednesday 21st September at St Nicholas Church Hall, 7.30pm, starting with Fish & Chips. Please bring your own drink (the social Club is closed on Wednesdays). Phillip Bush will present "An evening of sea poetry and other readings". All men in all four parishes are welcome.

Please contact Bob Williams, 01225 720188 or bobandmad.thefirs@googlemail.com, if you wish to come. Best wishes, Phillip Bush

Joint Churches Mothers' Union Meeting

Regrouping for the autumn, the first meeting is on **September 21st**. It will be at 2.30pm in Holy Trinity church. They will be celebrating Holy Communion followed by a talk from Jane Jones on Climate Change.

For further details contact: 01225 287786 / 07773 709971
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Churches Together Service - 11th September

Zion Baptist Church, Conigre Hill, off Newtown, Bradford on Avon is hosting a BACT joint service at 6pm on Sunday 11th September. Everyone is very welcome.

Dorothy House and Reflecting on Christian Hope and Peace

We are delighted to have the Chaplain of Dorothy House to speak at our Benefice Service on the 2nd October at St Nicholas, Winsley. He will be telling us more about Dorothy House and reflecting on Christian hope and peace.

As time is always limited in a service, we are offering an opportunity on **Tuesday 4th October at St Nicholas Church**, led by Paul Batson, to follow up on the themes that Dave, the Chaplain at Dorothy House raises. This will be an occasion for open conversation about how our faith shapes and informs our understanding and experience of death and dying.



The talk will be from **10am until 12.30pm**. Refreshments will be available.

Benefice Office Update

Caroline will be working her usual 20 hours per week until we appoint a new administrator. We are very grateful to her for staying on in this particularly busy period following the Queen's death.

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 25th September**. Please email any relevant contributions to @gmail.com by **Tuesday 20th September**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

If you would like an electronic version of NewsLink or require a hard copy, please email or leave a message for Caroline at the Benefice office on 01225 865046.



**Harvest Festival – Sunday 16th October 2022
St Nicholas Church, Winsley**

**Service to start at 11.00 am followed by a simple harvest
themed lunch in the Church Hall**

**Are you able to make soup for 8? Vegetable/Leek and Potato/Carrot
and Coriander or a Fruit crumble/Fruit tart...
If so, please contact Sue Wright on 01225 863497**

**If you can come, please sign up on the sheet in church. Everyone welcome, do please
invite friends and neighbours. We will decorate the church on Saturday 15th so please
leave any produce near the front of the church.**

Donations of food will be delivered to The Hub

**There will be no charge for lunch but any cash donations will be given to the charity
[Farming Community Network](#) which supports farmers and their families who are
struggling in any way.**