

# NewsLink

23 October - 5 November



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Bradford on Avon  
& Villages

Dear friends

It is common to hear items of news concerning ordinary people who have done extraordinary things. The back story is that these every day folk exerted themselves in such a way that, against all the odds, they achieved their dream, won the gold medal, played sport for their country or founded an award-winning company. Lifestyle gurus and multiple posts on social media opine that we can all “reach for the stars”. Like the hero in the newscast we should not let our current circumstances hold us back or define who we are. Don’t listen to the doomsayers, they say, you can achieve whatever you want.

Tim Peake was the first British Space Agency Astronaut to visit the International Space Station; he spent 6 months there in 2016. He has been in turn, a soldier, a pilot, an astronaut and a scientist. His autobiography, published in 2020, is entitled “Limitless”; it could have been subtitled “What I have done you can do also”. But hang on a minute, 8000 people applied to be an astronaut. Did the 7,999 who were not chosen, fail because they didn’t work hard enough or believe sufficiently in themselves?



The modern world can leave many people feeling a failure because their lives have hardly got off the starting blocks and dreams never turned into reality. However, the message of the Bible is that God loves us all and delights in each one of us for who we are, not for what we achieve. He has given us all gifts which we can use to enrich our lives and those around us; even if they don’t match up to those required to be an astronaut.

We are, as Paul says in 1 Cor 12, all metaphorically “parts of one body” and each is important to the functioning of the whole. “The eye can’t say to the hand, “I don’t need you!”, and the head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”. On the contrary those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable” (21, 22a).

During the Covid enforced lock down in 2020, we woke up to the importance of some key workers who, up to that point had often been taken for granted e.g. delivery drivers, waste disposal operatives, cleaners in hospitals etc. We even went out on the streets to bang pan lids with wooden spoons to show our appreciation! I hope our society continues to remember the lessons of the pandemic...we are all of value, we are all important.

Those in older age who feel that their gifts, which were never exceptional in the first place, are waning, should take heart from Psalm 92: 14a “they will still bear fruit in old age”. Furthermore, there maybe an unexpected gloss on what we still have to offer, Job 12: 12 “Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long-life bring understanding?”

Blessings

Revd Keith Charnley

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday, 23rd October

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, joint with St James. *Tim/Abc*

10.00am Together in Worship at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Rachel/ Organist tbc/ IT Geoff*

10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. *Keith C/Tricia and Music Group*

### Sunday, 30th October

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall. All Saints Day.

*Ann/Paul/ Keith B*

### Wednesday, 2nd November

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, BoA. *Tim*

### Saturday, 5th November

**2.30pm A Service of Remembering, Thanksgiving and Hope.** *Penny and Cedric Pierce.* See page 3 for more information

### Sunday, 6th November

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley. Theme is 'All are Welcome in this Place' *Ann/Keith B/IT Geoff*

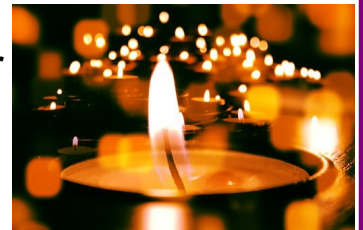
### Wednesday, 9th November

6.00pm Compline for All Souls at St James, South Wraxall. *Tessa.* See below for more info.

### Service of Compline

A short service of night prayer at **6.00pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** at St James, South Wraxall. Everyone welcome!

The ancient office of Night Prayer (Compline) derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.



### Funerals

Funeral Service of Sylvia Mary Davis on Tuesday 25th October at 12.15pm at Semington Crematorium. Paul taking

Funeral Service of Richard Rowell on Wednesday 26th October at 10am at Heycombe Crematorium. Paul taking

### Weddings and Baptisms

**Wedding** of Daniel Bamford and Amy Ford at 2pm on Saturday 22nd October at St James, South Wraxall. Paul taking



**Baptism** on Sunday 30th October at 12.30pm at St Nicholas, Winsley. Ann taking

### NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 6th November**. Please email any relevant contributions to Caroline at [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 1st November**. You can read the full version on our website at [www.nboachurches.co.uk](http://www.nboachurches.co.uk)

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*Please come and join us at St Nicholas Church, Winsley for*

**A Service of Remembering,  
Thanksgiving and Hope.**



**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 2.30PM**

***To be followed by Refreshments  
in the Church Hall***

*This will be a simple, reflective service to remember loved ones who are no longer with us, with the opportunity to light a candle in their memory*

**Harvest Festival at South Wraxall**

For the Harvest Service at South Wraxall, the village was asked to provide produce suitable for donation to The Hub Food Bank in Bradford on Avon.

The picture shows the wonderful response for which The Hub was truly grateful, especially in these very difficult times. The collection taken at the service was also donated to the charity which provides much needed support to those in need. A big thank you to all those who donated.

***Dave Wyper***



**Christ Church Harvest Festival**

A huge thank you to all those who made the church look so beautiful for this special service and to those who donated items for the Hub. They were received with grateful thanks.

***Hilary Pike***

**Coffee Morning for St Peter's -  
Saturday 19th November at 10:30am**

Everyone is invited to join us for a Coffee Morning to raise money for the new heating system at St Peter's. Come along to **60 Monkton Farleigh** (Rachel & Colin Exley's home) for coffee and cake. Please bring a friend or neighbour and enjoy a sociable morning with some early Christmas treats, bake sale, raffle and Bring & Buy. ***Rachel Exley***

**Bradford on Avon - One World  
Week Walk (OWWW)**

A walk for refugee families and all nationalities living in the area on **Sunday 23rd October 2022**. Meet at Westbury Gardens by 1.15pm to sign in. Set off 1.30pm back in town 4.00 - 4.30pm. Walk via the riverside path in Bradford on Avon, towards Barton Farm. Bring own drinks, cake will be provided.



## Forest Church at St Nicholas Churchyard



Forest Church on October 9th was held in St Nicholas Churchyard on a sunny autumn afternoon. 14 adults attended and 12 children.

We explored the world of Fungi through doing a quiz, making clay toadstools, a trail around the churchyard, making mushroom soup over the firepit and toasting bread rolls to eat with the soup. Tim Yeomans, as always organised and supervised the firepit. Richard shared about the amazing world of fungi and how they form an underground web of connections. We explored how we were connected to each other as Christians and created our own web with wool. Zoe led us in prayer.



Our next Forest Church will be at **St James Churchyard in South Wraxall on Sunday 20th November 3pm-4pm. All welcome!**

Zoe and Tessa also led a session about Forest Church at Deanery Synod on October 12th which was well received.

**Tessa Mann**



## WINSLEY COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Following the success of Kettle's On, the PCC has decided to expand the Community Café Project on a trial basis by offering "Soup's Up" on **Fridays in the same week as Kettle's On.**

**Soup's Up** will be open from noon and will provide home-made soup and rolls, cake and hot drinks.

We hope that congregation members will want to support this with cake making, soup production or by just being there on the day.

For more information or to volunteer please contact **Penny Pierce** on **01225 723284** or [penny@thepierces.me](mailto:penny@thepierces.me)

## Volunteers Needed!

Winsley School and St Nicholas Church are working together to run free, weekly during term time, after school (3-5 pm) in the school hall, for families during the winter months. These once a week sessions are being planned to provide a warm, welcoming and fun social space.

In order to provide these sessions, we will need a **small band of committed volunteers** to welcome and offer hospitality to the families, to play games, read stories and share toast, jam and hot chocolate with the children. Please contact me for further info and to offer any help. Thank you!

**Rev. Tessa Mann 01225 309374**



## Open the Book - Christ Church School, BoA

Would you like to join us in the Christ Church School, Key Stage 1 Team? We would love to have you on board!

No experience needed, full resources provided! We would like to grow the Key Stage 1 team we have for Christ Church school so that we can offer Open the Book every week on a rota basis, once or twice a month and we are flexible. It is a lot of fun and the children love it!

The time of the sessions at school currently are Wednesdays at 2:45-3pm, term time only. Please contact Zoe ([zyeomans3@gmail.com](mailto:zyeomans3@gmail.com)) for more details.