



Dear friends

I hope you are still enjoying our summer! What a change in temperature we have been experiencing!

The Church's year starts with Advent, but I always think that when education for many starts, or restarts in September, this new academic year feels like a new beginning. Do hold our children and students in your prayers. For those entering primary school, changing to secondary school, or starting university, this can be an exciting, if daunting time. We pray that they will form new friendships, settle in well, and enjoy their learning and new experiences.

As our PCCs, housegroups, and other groups meet again following a summer break, there are some changes to share with you:

## **Four Churches Forum**

From Thursday 6th October, the staff team will be meeting weekly on Thursday mornings as a communications forum. It is anticipated that we will be joined by our churchwardens, those in licensed ministry (LPAs, LWLs, retired clergy) and any members of our PCCs or congregations who wish to attend.

We will meet in St Nicholas, Winsley Church Hall from 9.30 am for prayer, followed by croissants and coffee, and then a formal meeting with an agenda and notes taken. We appreciate that not everyone will be available each Thursday, but hope that all four churches will be represented. The meeting will formally end by 11.00 am but Zoe our Communications Officer will be attending so it will be an opportunity to discuss text for NewsLink, printing requirements, plans for Forest Church, children's and families work, posters needed etc.

This will also be an opportunity for me to explain the process of appointing a new Rector, how ministry will continue following my retirement at Pentecost next year, and for our churchwardens to start preparing the Parish Profile ready for the recruitment of that new post.

We hope this will be an easy and productive way of engaging with one another that will continue during the interregnum, (also known as 'vacancy'). The hall is booked each Thursday morning until 12.00 noon, so should other groups wish to hold their own meetings afterwards, e.g. Safeguarding, LPA support etc, this would be an ideal time.

## **Housegroups**

After a summer break, our housegroups are coming together again this month. Some meet in the evenings, another meets during an afternoon. If you would like to join one, or just find out more, please give me a ring 01225 722230 or speak to Patricia Legge on 01225 722751. Also, if you would like to lead or host one, I would love to hear from you too.

Over time the aim of our housegroups is to:

- Get to know other people beyond a superficial level, and form deep relationships of trust
- To help one another to grow, learning from the scriptures and from the example of others, receiving encouragement and developing accountability to one another

# Events and Notices

## Sunday, 28th August

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with MF. *Paul/Gerry*  
10.00am Together in Worship at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Tessa and Ann/Pippa/Richard*  
10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, BoA. *Rachel/Tricia and Music Group*

## Sunday, 4th September

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley, Ann/*Keith/IT TBA*

## Wednesday, 7th September

10.30am Short service of Holy Communion at Christ Church, BoA *Tim*

## 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*

## Funeral and Thanksgiving Services

Funeral of Beryl Milsom  
Christ Church, BoA, 14 September 11.30  
Followed by cremation at Semington at 13.00  
(Tim taking)

## Ministry Team:

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## Church Wardens:

**Winsley:** Roy Ludlow (868779) Linds  
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**Christ Church:** Hilary and Stephen Pike  
(782537)  
**South Wraxall:** Dave Wyper (865384)  
Valentine Thornhill (862552)  
**Monkton Farleigh:** Rachel and Colin  
Exley: (851485)

## Lay Pastoral Assistants:

Stephen Pike (782537), Denise Davies  
(863678)  
Gill Fairhurst (867560), Daphne Cox  
(868224)  
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## Children's and Families Worker:

Zoe Yeomans - [zyeomans3@gmail.com](mailto:zyeomans3@gmail.com)

## Weddings and Baptisms



**Wedding** blessing of Ben Tuff and Ellie  
Killington at 12.00 noon on Saturday 10 September.  
Ann taking

**Baptism** on Sunday 18 September at 12.30pm at St  
Nicholas Church, Winsley. Keith taking

**Baptism** on 25 September 3.00 pm at St Nicholas  
Church, Winsley. Tessa taking

## AFTERNOON TEA IN ST JAMES'S CHURCH



We look forward to welcoming you to Afternoon Tea on **Thursday 1st September from 2:00pm until 5.00pm**. We will be serving sandwiches and other savouries, plus a varied selection of homemade cakes, with tea, coffee and soft drinks. Do join us and bring your family and friends (children are always welcome). Enjoy a sociable interlude in peaceful surroundings whilst supporting the upkeep of St James's Church, South Wraxall.

*Jean Atkin*

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- To both give and receive pastoral care as we learn to share one another's burdens
- To encourage one another in acts of service and outreach

### **Skittles!!!**

Last year our skittles team called 'Lord of the Pins' took a year out of the Winsley league, but many of us have missed playing and catching up with one another socially. The team is open to anyone from our churches, or/and any partners, willing to play occasionally. We know the fixture dates well in advance, and if we have a large pool of volunteers, it is easy to swap with someone else.

You do not need to be good at skittles to join us. We try not to be bottom of the league (we have been!) but we play for the fun and fellowship, although some of our players become surprisingly very competitive!!!

If you'd like to find out more, just ask me. We play each time at Winsley Social Club which is next to the church hall. You're not committing yourself by just asking.

Many thanks to Patricia Legge who has made all the arrangements for us for the past few years. She is now passing on to a new organiser.

**Ann, Rector**

### **Benefice Office**

Caroline has decided to move on to pursue other career-based opportunities, but will be covering for us until we recruit someone else. We thank her for all she has done, especially on the website and NewsLink and we will miss her. Please continue to contact the Benefice Office as usual with items for NewsLink etc.

### **Monday Morning Prayer**

Since its introduction in Lent this year, a small group of us have continued to meet weekly for an informal prayer time in St Nicholas Church, on Monday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30. It is led by a member of the congregation, and is primarily a time to pray for the local community and church, but may also touch on other issues such as the current world or national situation, and sometimes specific individual needs. Everyone is welcome to drop into these sessions for whatever time you have available. Any queries, please contact Penny Pierce on 723284 or penny@the pierces.me.

### **Bradford on Avon Area Churches Together (BACT)**

**The AGM for BACT is on Thursday 9 September 2022 at 7.30pm** in the Quaker Meeting House. The speaker will be Alison Saunders, Senior Waterways Chaplain for the Kennett & Avon Canal. We will be looking to elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman, so if anyone would be interested in taking this on, or finding out more about the posts, please contact: [Ritchie.brown@btopenworld.com](mailto:Ritchie.brown@btopenworld.com)

### **NewsLink**

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 11th September**. Please email any relevant contributions to [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 6th September**. You can read the full version on our website at [www.nboachurches.co.uk](http://www.nboachurches.co.uk)

# RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

## Join us in 2022 - 10th September

Join us on a bike, foot or on horseback to keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future by raising money for your own church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Churches Together Service - 11th September

Please would you let your church members know that Zion Baptist Church, Conigre Hill, off Newtown, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1NJ will be hosting BACT joint service at 6pm on Sunday 11th September. Everyone is very welcome.

*Wendy Brown*

## Thanksgiving Tea for Volunteers



St Peter's hosted a cream tea for our volunteers to thank them for all they do to support the church. It was a warm afternoon and we were able to enjoy tea in the churchyard.

Amongst the many varied things that the volunteers do are flower arranging, brass cleaning, door opening and locking, fundraising, churchyard maintenance, fabric repairs and cake baking! Revd Ann added her thanks and commented on the enormous variety of work the volunteers do to help keep St. Peter's an active part of the village.'

*Rachel Exley*

## Pet Service, Monkton Farleigh Churchyard

Thank you to all the pets and their owners who attended our Pet Service in St Peter's churchyard at the end of last month. Both pets and their owners were very well behaved and it was lots of fun!!

*Ann*

