

NewsLink

6 November - 19 November



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear friends

The church of the Beatitudes is located on a small hill overlooking the Sea of Galilee, the traditional "mount" on which Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. The current church sits uphill from the ruins of a small Byzantine-era church dating to the late 4th century. Christian pilgrims are known to have commemorated this approximate site since at least that time.



When he began his public ministry, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). In part, he was saying the days of violence, injustice, war, and empire are coming to an end.

In the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7), Jesus commanded us to be peacemakers and to love our enemies, saying: "Blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called the sons and daughters of God" (5:9). "You have heard it said, 'Love your countrymen and hate your enemies.' But I say love your enemies and pray for your persecutors, then you will be sons and daughters of the God who lets the sun rise on the good and the bad and the rain to fall on the just and the unjust" (5:43–45).

In these teachings, Jesus says that God is a peacemaker, and we are called to be peacemakers too. Two weeks ago, Patricia, Jane and I visited the Church of the Beatitudes, we stood overlooking the Sea of Galilee, possibly even where Jesus might have walked over 2000 years ago, and reflected...

We live in a time of war. We see the war in Ukraine constantly on our screens, and we were only too aware of conflict and persecution as we travelled around Israel and the West Bank. What is the answer?

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated: 'Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, the command to love one's enemy is an absolute necessity for our survival. Love even for enemies is the key to the solution of the problems of our world.' At times of Remembering and Remembrance, I wonder if you agree with him?



As Christians, we are encouraged to reflect on how Jesus practised nonviolence and how we can do the same in our own communities, our own country, and encourage others to practise similarly. We are all challenged by that command when we see around us so much that is unfair, humiliating, and utterly cruel.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called the sons and daughters of God" (Matthew 5:9).

Note: Ann, Patricia and Jane joined a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October and will be sharing their experiences soon. All are welcome to attend and join in the discussion.

Ann, Rector

Upcoming Services

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.

Sunday, 13th November - Remembrance Sunday

10.00am - Remembrance Sunday at St James, South Wraxall. *Tim/Gerry*

10.30am - Remembrance Sunday at Christ Church, BoA. *Keith C/Richard*

10.40am - Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Winsley. *Ann and Tessa/ IT and sound, Geoff*

10.50am - Remembrance Sunday with Holy Communion at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. *Bernard/Keith B*

Sunday 20th November

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh joint with South Wraxall. *Ann/Gerry*

10.00am Refresh at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Cedric and Penny Pierce. Pippa and the music group*

10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, BoA. *Keith C/Tricia and the music group*

3pm-4pm Forest Church at St James Churchyard, South Wraxall. Theme is Birds. *Tessa/Zoe*

Service of Compline

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



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

Baptisms

Baptism on Sunday 20th November at 1pm at Christ Church, BoA. Keith taking.

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 20th November**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Tuesday 15th November**.

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

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



Saturday, 5th 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

**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

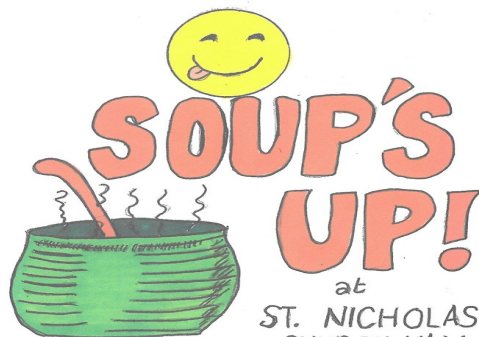
What's So Refreshing About Refresh?

Imagine, as I like to do, sitting down with Jesus as our Guest and 'chewing the cud'. The tent and floor cushions are replaced by bricks and mortar, tables and chairs. But that's the only difference. We listen to stories. We share among ourselves. We laugh. We make music. We praise. We encourage each other. We go on our way....see how those Christians love one another!! Just like Little Sunbeams and The Ark really....but for those who think they are grown ups! It's Refreshing!!



The next Refresh services will be on November 20th at Christ Church, BoA and at St Nicholas, Winsley.

Denise Leigh



Fridays 4+18 Nov. + 2+16 Dec
Soup + roll and dessert/cake: hot drinks
Served from 12-30

Pre-booking helpful, but not essential
Call Penny on 01225 723284

Afternoon activities eg: board games·quiz·craft

**MEN'S NIGHT, Wednesday 9th November
2022 at 7.30pm in St**

Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley
VERDUN: THE PRICE OF GLORY (BY
STEWART TAVNER)

In 1916, the Germans and the French locked horns in the North East corner of France, at Verdun. This was a battle with devastating consequences for both sides. In theory, the French won; but at what cost?

Supper will be a selection of Domino's pizzas, with salad (bring your own drink).

Please book with **Paul Billingham** as soon as possible; (pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)

Paul Batson Play

Come and support Paul and his co-stars in 'The Frome to Canterbury Tales' at The Merlin Theatre, Frome from the 16th - 19th November at 7.30pm. Tickets from www.merlintheatre.co.uk.

Paul Batson

Sunbeams Harvest Festival

Sunbeams enjoyed a mini harvest festival last week with pumpkins and leaves, delicious pumpkin tartlets for the grown ups and a lovely service with songs led by Revd Tessa, as part of their morning session.



Half Term Holiday Club

A fabulous morning was had by all at the Night time Nature Holiday Club morning. Children had lots of fun making flappy owls, batty cakes and hedgehog homes in the churchyard. We learnt new things about nocturnal animals, including some of their sounds, and discovered that they are hidden treasure hunters in the night.

We shared the parable of the hidden treasure linking it to God's love there for us to find. This line was part of a verse written by Dee who came and led us in song at the end. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this happen and of course the children and their families who came!

Zoe

A big thank you to Zoe for her leadership and the inventive craft and food activities which she designed and were a big hit with the children. Thank you also to Tessa for the chocolate cupcakes to make bats and hedgehogs, they were delicious!

Caroline and the Holiday Club helpers

