

# NewsLink

9 October - 22 October



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Dear friends

As we discern how best to serve those in our communities during the coming winter, the Theologian Brian D. McLaren writes in his book 'We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation' of the power of ongoing discernment, allowing ourselves to be ever drawn by the Holy Spirit into service and action on behalf of others. He writes as follows:

'The Spirit leads us downward. To the bottom, to the place of humility, to the position and posture of service....that's where the Spirit, like water, flows.....

If you listen to the Spirit, here is what will happen to you.

You'll be at a party and you'll notice on one side of the room all the beautiful people laughing and having fun together. In a far corner, you'll notice a person who is alone, feeling awkward, not knowing anyone. The Spirit will draw you to the person in need. You may become the bridge that connects the outsider to the insiders – and in that connection, both will be better off....

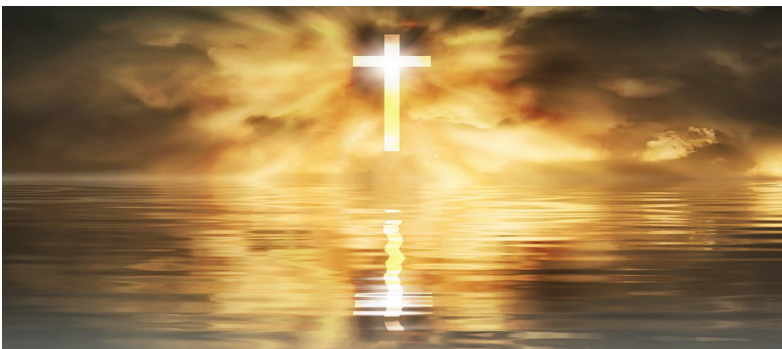


Here's what will happen to you if you listen to the Spirit. You will realize that someone is angry at you or resentful toward you....or worked behind your back to do you harm. Everything in you will want you to write them off or get them back. But the Spirit will draw you towards them in humility....

Here's what will happen if you listen to the Spirit. You will see a person or a group being vilified or scapegoated. Everyone is blaming them, shaming them, gossiping about them, feeling superior to them, venting their anxieties on them....but the Spirit will draw you to differ courageously and graciously....you will risk your reputation in defending the person or people being scapegoated. And in that risk, both you and they will know that God's Spirit is alive and at work in your midst.

If you listen to the Spirit, here's what will happen to you. It will be late. You will be tired. There will be washing up to do, clothes to pick up, or bins to be put out. Someone else should have done this, you will think with anger. You will rehearse in your mind the speech you will give them and then you will think, but I guess they're just as tired and overworked as I am. So maybe I can help. You won't do this as a manipulative ploy but as a simple act of service....

There is a prison near you. A hospital. A park or a bridge or an alley where homeless people sleep....there's a country in great need or a social problem that few people notice. If you listen to the Spirit, you will be drawn towards an opportunity to serve. At first, the thought will frighten or repel you. But when you let the Spirit guide you, it will be a source of great joy – one of the richest blessings of your life.'



Where is the Spirit leading each of us, and where is it leading our churches.... we pray for ongoing discernment as we seek to serve....

God bless us all in our discerning...

Ann, Rector

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday 9th October

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, joint with St James, South Wraxall.

*Ann/Gerry*

10.00am Refresh at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Keith C/Pippa and Music Group*

10.30am **Harvest Festival Service** with Holy Communion at Christ Church, BoA. See page 3 for more information. *Tessa/Keith B*

3.00pm-4.00pm Forest Church at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Tessa/Zoe*. See poster on page 3

### Sunday 16th October

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh. *Paul/Keith B*

10.00am **Harvest Festival Service** at St James, South Wraxall. *Bernard/Gerry*

**11.00am Harvest Festival Service** at St Nicholas, Winsley. Note change in time. Followed by a simple lunch at 12 noon in the church hall. See poster on page 4. *Ann/Pippa and Music group/ IT Richard M*

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. *Tim/Richard T*

### Tuesday, 18th October

**7.30pm** Healing Service for St Luke's Day at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Paul*. This will be a quiet, reflective service in which there will be an opportunity for the laying on of hands and anointing for healing. You may wish to attend for yourself or on behalf of somebody else. All are welcome. Please contact Paul Batson if you have any queries.

### 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*

## Weddings and Baptisms

**Baptism** at 12 noon on Sunday, 9th October at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Ann taking



**Baptism** at 11am on Sunday, 16th October at St Nicholas, Winsley. Ann taking

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



## Breakfast in South Wraxall Village Hall - Sunday, 9th October from 9am

All welcome, donations much appreciated in aid of the upkeep of St James Church. *Jean Atkin*

## NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 23rd October**. Please email any relevant contributions to Caroline at [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 18th October**. You can read the full version on our website at [www.nboachurches.co.uk](http://www.nboachurches.co.uk)

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## Harvest Festival at Christ Church, BoA

**Sunday 9th October at 10.30am** when we will celebrate the Eucharist and afterwards share the harvest loaf with our refreshments. All harvest donations will be given to The Hub - if you would like to donate there is a list of items suggested by The Hub on the blue board at the back of church.

Many thanks  
**Stephen Pike**



## News from Monkton Farleigh

Hot off the press: St Peter's new under-pew heaters have arrived! Heating a person directly in their pew will keep us all toasty warm this winter.

Keep an eye out for some fun fundraising events this autumn to help with the costs of installation.

*From St Peter's PCC*



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Come and join us for our next  
**Forest Church**  
St. Nicholas Church, Winsley  
3-4pm Sunday 9th October 2022,  
in the Churchyard  
Everyone welcome!  
The theme is "Fungi"

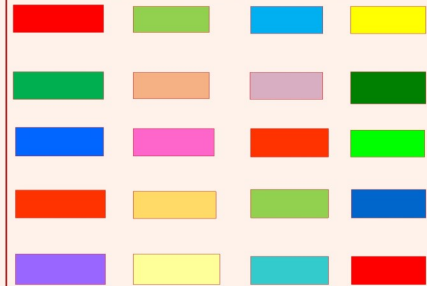


Please bring a rug or chair to sit on and dress warmly as we will be outside.  
We look forward to seeing you!

### Toastie Toes!!!

Can You Sponsor Or Donate Towards  
a Heater for St Peter's?

Contact Martin Gledhill at [migledhill@btinternet.com](mailto:migledhill@btinternet.com)



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## St Peter's Harvest Festival

St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh held their Harvest Festival on Sunday, 25th September. Our Flower Ladies Team created a wonderful series of autumnal floral displays to celebrate this special service.



There was also a display of locally grown produce including wheat sheaves from nearby fields reminding us that the village is in the midst of farmland.

Food donations received have been given to The Hub in Bradford on Avon. We plan to continue to collect items for The Hub and a team is being formed to run this.

Many thanks to everyone for their help with this very special service.

**Rachel Exley**





**Harvest Festival  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>  
October at  
St Nicholas, Winsley**

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

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ann

**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 as well as opportunity for conversation, friendship and possibly other activities in a warm, friendly environment.

We are hoping 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)

**Volunteering Opportunity  
Winter School/Church Project**

Winsley School and St Nicholas Church are working together to run free, weekly (term-time only) after school (3-5 pm) drop-ins 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**, who will have the space to play games, read stories and share toast, jam and hot chocolate with their children.

All children attending will be accompanied by a parent or carer, and it is expected that volunteers will be asked to hold a DBS certificate and undertake appropriate safeguarding training. Please contact me for further information and to offer any help. Thank you!

**Rev. Tessa Mann 01225 309374 [revtgm86@gmail.com](mailto:revtgm86@gmail.com)**



*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*

**Christmas Knitting**

Christmas Knitting Get Together! Join us or drop in on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1pm -2:45 at Winsley Church Hall.** This years theme is Angels.

Patterns will be available then and in advance. Email Zoe on [zyeomans3@gmail.com](mailto:zyeomans3@gmail.com)



**Half Term Activity Morning**  
**Join us to explore Night Time Nature!**

**Friday 28th October**

**9.30am - 12 noon**

**At Mount Pleasant Centre,  
Bradford on Avon BA15 1SJ**

**Fun and Games, Activities and Crafts**  
**Snack Included, For children in Year R to 6**

Register and drop off from 9.25am

No charge but pre-booking essential. Download the booking form from [www.nboachurches.co.uk](http://www.nboachurches.co.uk) under Children's and Families or email Zoe on [zyeomans3@gmail.com](mailto:zyeomans3@gmail.com)



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**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. Commitment would be approximately 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.