

NewsLink

15 August —11 September, 2021



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear friends

What do the three items in the picture have in common?



They all relate to actions carried out by volunteers. The basket and napkin held a freshly baked loaf of bread for Holy Communion (see page 3), the “Don’t dig here’ stick was a marker placed in the churchyard to help local stonemasons find the right plot for a new memorial stone and the laminated poster is ready for the vergers to put up on the church gate a few days before a wedding, to politely encourage drivers not to park outside the church.

Our churches need volunteers! Our churches need you! We are starting with regular church services and activities from September, and as we regroup for the autumn, those who organise rotas would love some new names. The more volunteers we have, the greater the flexibility around swapping duties and the more we can serve our communities.

Tessa and I are planning some information and training sessions for people who would like to get involved, simply to find out what the roles entail without making a commitment. These sessions are open to those who are new to the roles and those who might have been doing them for years but would like a refresher after a break of eighteen months.

The roles we need are:

- ◆ Welcomers – those with a heart for people, welcoming them to church, distributing Orders of Service, tidying the church afterwards
- ◆ Reading a Bible passage set for the service
- ◆ Leading our prayers – preparing short prayers to pray to God on behalf of the congregation
- ◆ Setting up the Altar in readiness for services of Holy Communion, and clearing away
- ◆ Helping with locking and unlocking our churches
- ◆ Being present to support the priest for weddings, funerals and baptisms (the role the church calls being a vergers)
- ◆ Musicians – could you play occasionally at one of our services? All types of instruments are welcome.
- ◆ Can you sing? I would love to arrange a Taizé group

There are also specific activities relevant to individual churches such as volunteering to help with coffee mornings, to join St Nicholas Church skittles team ‘Lord of the Pins’ (winning is very rare, but it’s lots of fun!). Perhaps baking biscuits or a cake for a school or church event, hosting a house group or learning to bell-ring.

Do come to one of our sessions to learn more. They are as follows:

Thursday, September 16th 10.00 – 12.00 and Wednesday, 22nd September 14.00 – 16.00

Coffee and cake provided. Venue is St Nicholas Church, Winclesley

We look forward to seeing you or hearing from you, if you can’t make one of the sessions above.

May God Bless you.

Ann, Rector

Events and Notices

Funerals

Memorial Service, Jane Flinn— A Service of Thanksgiving on **Tuesday 17th August at St James' Church, South Wraxall at 2pm.**
No flowers please; donations in memory of Jane will go to St James' Church and the Village Hall.

Upcoming Services

Booking is no longer required but please continue to wear a face mask in church.

Sunday August 15th

10am HC at St Nicholas, Winsley (CC)
10am HC at St James, South Wraxall (MF)

Sunday August 22nd

10.30am HC at Christ Church. Benefice service, all churches

Sunday, August 29th

10am HC at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh (SW)
10.30am Joint service at Winsley Methodist Church with St Nicholas, Winsley (CC)

Tuesday, 31st August

12.30 Wedding, St Nicholas, Winsley—Eliza Reid and Edward Hutchison. Revd Ann

Wednesday, 1st September

10.30am HC at Christ Church, all churches

Friday, 3rd September

2.00pm Wedding, St James', South Wraxall—Bethan Eastwood and Matthew Phillips. Revd Tessa

Sunday, September 5th (see page 3)

10.30 Benefice service at Christ Church for all churches

4.00pm **Forest Church, St James' Church, South Wraxall.** More details to follow on the website under Children and Families.

*HC is Holy Communion

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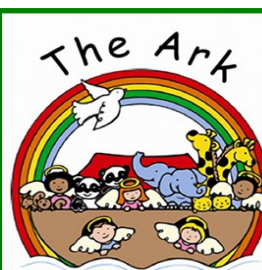
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Sunbeams Returns!

Sunbeams will restart on Wed.
8th Sept in St Nicholas Church Hall 10.30-11.30am

All welcome! Full list of dates and more details can be found on our website www.nboachurches.co.uk under what's on for Children and Families.



Baby and Toddler Café

The Ark re-starts on Thursday, September 9th and meets at Christ Church every Thursday 10-11.30am

Information about NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on the 12th September. Please send any relevant contributions for this edition to the email below by September 7th latest. You can read the full version of NewsLink on the website www.nboachurches.co.uk. If you require a hard copy please email or leave a message at the Benefice office on 01225 865046.

STOP PRESS!

We are now allocating people to house groups ready to start meeting in the autumn. If you have not yet responded but would like to join a house group, please let Ann or Patricia Legge know as soon as possible.

Benefice Service on 5th September at Christ Church

As we regroup for worship for the autumn, our Benefice Service in September will focus on 'new beginnings' and 'thanksgiving'. We are conscious though that some of the key members of our congregations are no longer with us and whilst giving thanks to God for all that is good and life-giving, we want to lament the death of those whom we loved and miss dearly.

There will be a special service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for their lives on Tuesday 2nd November, All Souls' Day. Details will follow.

However, if you would like your loved one to be remembered at our service on 5th September, please let one of the ministry team know.

Thank you
Ann, Rector



On Sunday 1st August St Nicholas Church marked '**Lammas' day or 'Loaf Mass' day** with a procession of loaves (see photos above) from Turleigh Cross to the church for a joint service of Holy Communion with the local Methodist congregation. Traditionally on Lammas Day, loaves of bread were baked from the first-ripened grain and brought to the churches to be blessed. So we too brought fresh baked loaves to church and although our loaves were not made from the wheat of the new harvest, we had nonetheless baked in celebration of the bounty of God's harvest. The bread we had made was blessed for us and then broken as we shared in Holy Communion.

After the service many of us moved to the Seven Stars for a simple lunch of bread and cheese to continue our celebration of Loaf Mass.

Extract by Richard Mann

Winsley Food Bank Collection Box

For the last year, our collection box for The Hub food bank has been outside Rose Cottage, Winsley. Many thanks to all those who have supported it so generously in these difficult times. It returned to its previous position in St Nicholas Church on Sunday 1 August.

When you are doing your shopping, please add a few extra items to help those who rely on the foodbank and bring them to the church – or ring 01225 866624 and we will collect them. Thank you.

Philip and Elizabeth Bush