

NewsLink

20 March — 2 April 2022



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear friends

Thank you for all the support so far shown for the people of Ukraine. There was an enormously generous response to the Bradford on Avon appeal. Please continue to pray and give, and now consider how we can act.

Money is more important than goods now so please do give money to two important appeals:

[The DEC Appeal](https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal) (<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>) linking the international aid charities, and

[The Diocese of Europe have partnered with USPG](https://ukraine-emergency-appeal.raisely.com/) (<https://ukraine-emergency-appeal.raisely.com/>) to help the Anglican chaplaincies working in Europe offer humanitarian help with food, medicine and emergency cash.

The members of our *Thrive* group met yesterday to discuss how we as a Benefice can support refugees who wish to come to our area. Some families may wish to host and will have already signed up to join over 100,000 sponsors who wish to offer their homes. As families are likely to be found homes in cities rather than in rural areas initially, there are ways we can still support. To that end we are contacting our local Councils here and in Bath to support their effort, and signing up with the Diocesan Coordinator, Archdeacon Alan Jeans who is liaising with our Local Authority. For Ukrainian refugees in our area, there is much we can do such as fund raising, offering social events, helping with finding school and college places, help with registering with GPs etc. Between us all we have many skills and much experience to offer.

Dr Krish Kandiah, is leading a rapid response initiative through his charity [Sanctuary Foundation](https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/) (<https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/>) to find humanitarian sponsors from families, individuals, churches, community groups and individuals to sponsor Ukrainian refugees coming to the UK. The initiative will initially seek to identify those who are interested in sponsorship and to raise money which will be used to cover modest central costs and grants to churches and charities who help prospective sponsors. These grants will be used to help community groups, churches and individuals understand the government scheme, discern if they will sponsor a refugee and to navigate the process if they choose to proceed.

The diocese is therefore being asked to encourage individuals, community groups, churches, schools and businesses to register their interest in becoming a sponsor when the scheme is developed. As a Benefice, we will therefore declare our interest.

Potential ways we could be involved include:

- welcoming a Ukrainian family to live in our community
- finding and possibly furnishing suitable accommodation
- raising of support funds (in previous sponsorships this has been £1k - £9k per family)
- befriending and integration support through volunteering our time.

Sanctuary Foundation will be liaising with the government and will be working with [Reset Communities and Refugees](https://resetuk.org/) (<https://resetuk.org/>).

The Church of England have produced further information on how we can get involved as follows:

- Church of England Tool kit: [toolkit](#)
- Safeguarding Guidance: [Homes for Ukraine | The Church of England](#)



Finally, on Sunday evening there will be [a short online prayer event](#) bringing the churches together in the South West. Please do join if you are able.

Every blessing
Ann, Rector



CHRISTIANS ACROSS THE REGION UNITING IN PRAYER
FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

SOUTH WEST PRAYS

WATCH LIVE - WWW.SOUTHWESTPRAYS.COM
OR JOIN A LOCAL CHURCH HUB (DETAILS ONLINE)

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH, 6-7PM

Events and Notices

Upcoming Services

Sunday, 20th March - Third Sunday of Lent

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh
10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley
10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday, 27th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent and Mothering Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with Monkton Farleigh
10.00am Informal/Together in Worship at St Nicholas, Winsley
10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday, 3rd April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh

Wednesday, 6th April

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday, 10th April - Palm Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with Monkton Farleigh
10.00am Refresh at Winsley Church Hall
10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, BoA
3.30pm Forest Church at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh

Funeral

Funeral of Betty Mitchell to be held at St Nicholas Church, Winsley on Friday 1st April at 2pm. Ann taking

Baptism

Baptism of Daniel Foster on Saturday 26th March at 12.00 noon at Christ Church. Ann taking

Thanksgiving Services Planned

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of **Jean Allen** is planned for **Saturday 23rd April at 2pm** in St Nicholas Church, Winsley.

Jean was a member of the church and was very well known locally through membership of the WI etc and further afield, due to her volunteer role as a Street Pastor in Trowbridge. Please pass on this date to all those who knew Jean and would wish to attend.

Don Harwood was a former churchwarden of St Nicholas Church, Winsley and many of us were able to be at his funeral in January remotely.

A Thanksgiving Service for his life is now going to be held in the church on **Saturday 7th May at 2pm** followed by the burial of his ashes. Please pass on this date to those who knew Don and his wife Doreen.

We hold the families and friends of both Jean and Don in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Ann and Paul

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Christ Church: vacant, Contact Rev Ann Keating

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Valentine Thornhill (862552)

Monkton Farleigh: Vacant. Contact Rachel Exley PCC Secretary (851485)

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Lent Coffee Mornings

Please come along and support our Lent Coffee Mornings **every Wednesday morning in March, 10.30am till 12 at Holy Trinity Church**. Coffee, cakes, chat and sales table in aid of the Children's Society. Thank you.

Anne Hilton

Mothering Sunday Posies

As I'm sure we are all aware Mothering Sunday falls on the 27th March this year. This means that **Refresh** will now be this coming **Sunday, 20th March at Christ Church** and there will be a Eucharist service on the 27th. (Posies will also be available at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh).

We plan to distribute posies in the usual way on Mothering Sunday, and would be thankful to anyone who would like to make some posies. I will be at Christ Church on Saturday morning to collect them. They will not be wasted as we will leave some in the south porch for people to collect as they pass. With all good wishes, **Denise**

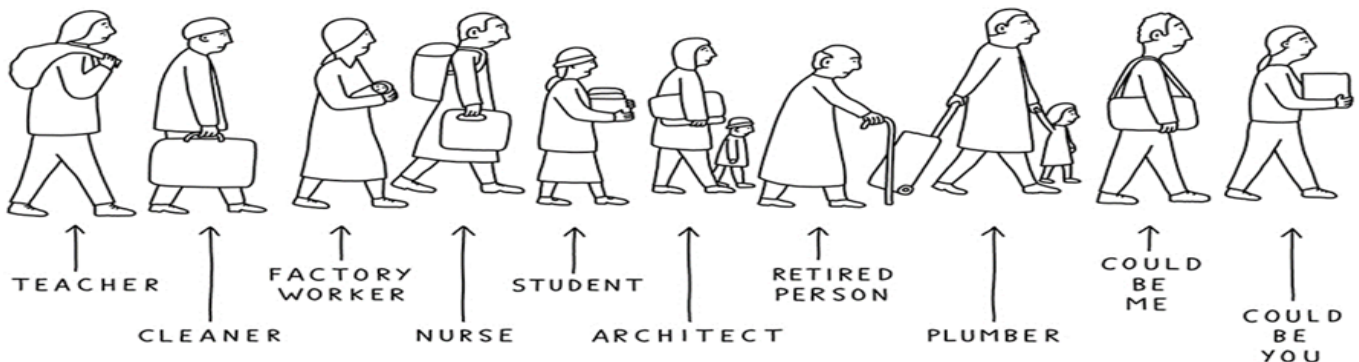
Winsley Village Project

...is hosting a concert featuring **The Bath Community Big Band** in **St Nicholas Church on Friday 1st April at 7.30 pm** which will include local resident, Francis Hewetson.

Proceeds will go to Hope & Homes for Children's 'Ukraine Appeal', funding the rescue and evacuation of children from orphanages at risk of attack, identifying and supporting unaccompanied children at risk of exploitation and abuse, assisting refugees at border crossings with the reunification of their families and taking special care of children who have been abandoned, often with a disability.

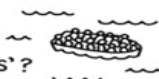
Tickets (£10 for adults and £5 for children) can be obtained from **Sue Protheroe** by calling 07535 746996 or emailing sue@ppplus.co.uk

REFUGEES



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

WHY WILL THE BORDERS BILL CRIMINALISE ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO HAVE LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO ARRIVE IN THE UK VIA 'IRREGULAR ROUTES'?



WHY ARE WE MAKING IT SO DIFFICULT FOR REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE TO COME TO THE UK?



By Dave Walker from The Church Times

The next edition of NewsLink will be on the **3rd April** Please email any relevant contributions to Caroline at nboabenefice@gmail.com by Tuesday, 29th March latest. You can read the full version on our website www.nboachurches.co.uk

If you would like an electronic version of NewsLink or require a hard copy, please email or leave a message for Caroline at the Benefice office on 01225 865046. There are 3 more pages of news and upcoming events in this issue as well as a summary of the Lent courses available and the Benefice schedule for Holy Week on page 5.



Sunbeams, Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea - Date Change!

Please note that the afternoon tea hosted by Sunbeams for their mums with Pre-school aged children has changed from March 26th to **Saturday April 2nd** but at the same time of **2.30pm - 4pm at St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley.**

Booking is essential. Please contact Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210 or email Mary at maryhewetson49@gmail.com

Mary Hewetson



Christ Church - Help Needed!

This Easter we would like to transform the South Porch at Christ Church into a large Easter Garden and would be very grateful for donations of any plants (in pots please) that you can spare - e.g. primroses, pansies, polyanthas etc. At the end of the Easter season we plan to plant them in the unadopted graves in the churchyard where they will be a lasting sign of hope and love.

We will be creating the garden on the morning of **Saturday 16th April** and ask that contributions are brought to the church by then. Many thanks.

The South Porch Team

Future for Christ Church

We are pleased to report that we have received tenders from 5 potential contractors for the installation of kitchen, toilets and office space. As expected, costs have risen significantly since Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic but we believe should still be manageable. The working group are examining the various bids before making a recommendation to the PCC, following which we will need to obtain the necessary funding before we can award a contract. We are still some months away from seeing builders on site but we are getting there!

We have received support from the DAC for our application for permission to restore the nave wall paintings, the spire clock and install a new lighting scheme and we are now in a period of public notice. Notices have been posted on the notice boards inside and outside the church and details of the proposals are available for your perusal. Please note that these documents must remain in church, on display, for 30 days after which permission to proceed should be granted by the chancellor.

Stephen Pike

Electoral Roll Revision at St Nicholas, Winsley

The annual Electoral Roll is being revised during the period 27th March and 20th April 2022. The final numbers on the electoral roll will be reported to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 10th May 2022.

Application forms are available on the noticeboard at the back of the church. If you are interested in being included on the Roll, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Mary Anne Baxter at: jbma40@btinternet.com or Tel: 01225 863072.

Mary Anne Baxter

Advance Notice of Winsley Flower Festival

In celebration of our Queen's reign, St Nicholas Church is holding a flower festival on **3rd, 4th and 5th June**. We are hoping to fill the church with flowers and commemorative displays. We are also looking for articles or objects related to the queen, for instance if anyone has a suitable hat which we could incorporate into a display.

I would be very interested in hearing about any other ideas. If any individual or group in Winsley would be interested in participating, please contact **Mary Anne Baxter** at: jbma40@btinternet.com or Tel: 01225 863072.



A Reminder of the Lent Courses Available:

Opportunities at St Nicholas for Prayer during Lent

During Lent we will be creating space in St Nicholas for regular private and corporate prayer as follows: Starting on Monday 7th March at 10.30am, there will be a weekly prayer time in the church lasting for one hour and led by a member of the congregation. Primarily, this will be to pray for our local community and will include a time of worship and thankfulness. The sessions may also touch on other issues for example the current world situation. The final session will be on Monday 4th April. Please drop in to these sessions for whatever time you have available. Any queries, please contact Penny on 723284 or email penny@thepierces.me

Penny Pierce

Monkton Farleigh Lent Group

Tuesday afternoons from 2.30pm for about an hour at my house in Monkton Farleigh. There will be 6 sessions starting on 1st March. We will be looking at 'Women of Holy Week' by Paula Gooder. I have some copies here.

All are welcome for tea, biscuits and a chat, whether regular church goers or not. Please call me, Di Dobson on 07884 321238 or email me for my address at: di.dobson@btinternet.com if you would like to come along. Many thanks.

Di Dobson

Avon Park Village Lent Group

I shall be leading a Lent Group each Tuesday during Lent (8th;15th; 22nd; 29th March 5th April) at 3pm in the Community Room. We shall be using Paula Gooder's Lent book, 'Women Of Holy Week'. All are welcome. If you have any queries please contact me - **Paul Batson** on Tel. 720069.

Our Benefice Lent Course on Zoom

Revd Paul Batson, Revd Tessa Mann and I will be exploring **Women of Holy Week** by Paula Gooder on Wednesdays from 9th March to 6th April. Bring your lunch, relax in front of your PC, iPad or phone, and join us for reflection and discussion from 12.00 – 13.00. If you want to join in, just contact Caroline in the office with your email address and you will be sent an invitation. Help is available if you haven't used Zoom before.

Revd Ann

Here is the link for seven weekly devotionals with reflections and prayers from the Bishop of Sherborne, the Bishop of Ramsbury and more:

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/worship/renewing-hope-journeying-together-through-lent/LentDevotionals20222.pdf>

Holy Week

Holy Monday

Compline (Night prayer) at Christ Church 8.00 pm

Holy Tuesday

Compline at St Peter's Monkton Farleigh 8.00 pm

Images and Poetry for Holy Week, St Nicholas Church Winsley 7.15 pm

Holy Wednesday

Compline at St James, South Wraxall 8.00 pm

Taize music for meditation, St Nicholas Church, Winsley 8.00 pm

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley with foot and hand washing followed by night time vigil. **(Bishop Andrew will be with us for this service)** 8.00 pm

Good Friday

Walk of Witness with Churches Together leaving Westbury Gardens at 11.00 am ending at Christ Church and joining in with the Children's Activity Club worship

The final Hour

2.00 pm at Christ Church

2.00 pm at St James, South Wraxall combined with St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh

2.00 pm at St Nicholas, Winsley