

NewsLink

10th September— 23rd September 2023



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear Friends,

Exciting things are happening at Christ Church at the moment! The spire is now clad in scaffolding, and the clock face was lowered this week, in order to be taken away to be re-gilded. (Thank you to John Sealy our Tower Captain for the photographs capturing the moment when this happened!) This is part of the Discover Christ Church project.



Zoe Yeomans is busy preparing for an amazing opportunity for children to discover Christ Church, what happens here, and how the church is at work today. At the beginning of October over 400 children from Christ Church School will explore what is behind that newly painted door. **Experience Church** will take place from Monday to Friday (9th-15th October). Each child will have the chance through crafts, activities and reflections, to see how the church welcomes, teaches, prays, celebrates and serves as they explore the font, pulpit, kneelers, altar and stained glass. The final session will concentrate on the church door and how the church shares.



With three slots each day, making 15 over the week, and five volunteers needed for each slot, that makes a lot of helpers needed. If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with Zoe zyeomans3@gmail.com, who would be delighted to hear from you. Thank you to those, who have already been collecting jam jars which will be used in one of the activities.

Of course, you don't need to wait until October to find out what goes on behind the doors of each of the churches of our Benefice! Why not discover for yourself and experience church?

Tim Hawkings

Upcoming Services

Sunday 10th September

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St James Church, South Wraxall with St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Revd. Bernard Hughes.

10.00am Refresh Service at St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley. Cedric and Penny Pierce.

10.30am Holy Communion Service at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Revd. Tim Hawkings.

Wednesday 13th September

6.00pm Compline Service at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Revd. Paul Batson.

Sunday 17th September

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, with St James Church, South Wraxall. Revd. Paul Batson.

10.00am Holy Communion Service, St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Revd. Tim Hawkings.

10.30am Morning Prayer Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Stephen Pike.

Sunday 24th September

10.00am Holy Communion Service, at St James Church, South Wraxall, with St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Revd. Tessa Mann.

10.00am Morning Worship Service, St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Linds Batson.

10.30am Refresh Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. The Refresh team.

Thanksgiving service for the late Christine Godwin

St Nicholas Church, Winsley.

2pm Monday 11th September

Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

Funeral service for the late Josie Griffiths

Christ Church, Bradford on Avon.

12.30pm Friday 22nd September

Led by Revd. Paul Batson.

UKRAINIAN FAMILIES

A number of Ukrainian families are looking for accommodation in the area, mainly because their original arrangement has now run its course.

If anyone is able to offer space in their house to a family, or knows of rooms or a house to let at reasonable rates, do please let me know.

Roy Ludlow 01225 868779

CLEAN JAM JARS WANTED

If you have any washed, empty jam jars (with labels removed) please could you take these to your church as soon as possible?

We need lots of jam jars for Experience Church!

Zoe Yeomans



Afternoon Tea St James' Church, South Wraxall

Our Last Tea of the Summer

We invite you to join us for Afternoon Tea in St James's Church, South Wraxall on **Thursday 21st September from 2:00-4:30pm** for our final Tea of 2023.



We look forward to welcoming back old friends and hope to see "new faces" as we raise funds for the fabric of our parish church. We hope for another sunny afternoon, with tables outside in the churchyard as well as in our beautiful church.

Experience Church!

9th –13th October 2023

Do you have time to help the Benefice run "Experience Church" at Christ Church during the week 9th—13th October? Many different roles available. Please contact **Zoe Yeomans** (zyeomans3@gmail.com) for more information on how to help out!



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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 23rd September 2023**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 19th September 2023**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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Lee Abbey Benefice weekend 17th—19th May 2024

A Benefice weekend away has been arranged to Lee Abbey in North Devon on 17th – 19th May 2024 (Pentecost weekend). Lee Abbey is a Christian retreat, holiday, and conference centre; a large house which sleeps up to 103 people in a mixture of single, double and twin rooms set in over 200 acres of beautiful grounds on the North Devon coast near Lynton.

The weekend will include worship, teaching, workshops, and entertainment all provided by the Lee Abbey team. All are optional and there will be plenty of free time to enjoy the surrounding countryside and beach. More details can be found on their website <https://leeabbeydevon.org.uk/>

Prices are £180 pp, plus £45pp for ensuite rooms. This includes all meals, and the food comes highly recommended. We have been initially allocated 30 spaces as a group in a variety of rooms. Ensuite rooms and single rooms are limited, therefore please do consider if you can manage without ensuite and if you are coming alone please consider sharing a twin room with someone else. Ensuite rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Places are already filling fast, so if you would like to come, or want more details, please contact Daphne Cox (cox.daphne@gmail.com 01225 868224). A deposit of £25 will be required to secure your place.

SAVE THE DATE

HARVEST FESTIVAL

1ST OCTOBER

11AM BENEFICE SERVICE

AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, WINSLEY

Led by Bishop Andrew

**Followed by a bring and share lunch
at the church hall.**



MEN'S GROUP

AVONCLIFF HISTORIC WALK AND PUB MEAL, Thursday 21st September

Paul Billingham will lead a walk around Avoncliff, explaining its long and varied industrial history, followed by a meal at the New Inn, Westwood. All men in the four parishes, whether church members or not, are warmly invited.

Meet at 5.30 pm at St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley to share lifts to Avoncliff

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

Children & Families News



Big bear hugs and thank you to everyone who was involved in and came to our Teddy Bears Picnic in August! We opted for being inside, but the dull day did not dampen spirits and lots of children came with their families and much fun was had with lacing bears, playing, sharing the lovely Teddy Horsley stories and of course the Bear hunt around the Church! Christ Church have also been donated a now-famous parliament bear from Michelle Donelan who came along with her 3 month old son! We think all the bears and their owners enjoyed the picnic too!



The Bake and Brew event in August raised £327 for The Children's Society, and was a successful and lovely morning. Thank you so much to everyone who was involved and to everyone who came. The next event for The Children's Society is a Table Top sale in October at Holy Trinity Church.

Sunbeams



All are invited to bring along their babies, toddlers and children. There will be tea, coffee and scrumptious cake for the adults and squash and healthy treats for the children followed by a Bible story.

**St Nicholas Church Hall,
Winsley on Wednesday
13th Sept at 10.30-
11.30am.**

RECTOR VACANCY UPDATE

Last Sunday, 3rd September, the four PCCs met and agreed that the Benefice Profile is now ready and consequently it has been signed off and sent to the diocese. Thank you to everybody who provided comments on the draft last month – your input was very helpful. The final version is being placed on the Benefice website, and there will be a small number of printed copies available in each church and at Avon Park.

The PCCs have also agreed that the four Parish Representatives to be involved with the interviews are:

Christchurch: Margaret Thompson

Monkton Farleigh: Colin Exley

South Wraxall: Valentine Thornhill

Winsley: Linds Batson

The other members of the interview panel will be the Bishop of Ramsbury the Rt Rev Andrew Rumsey, the Archdeacon of Wiltshire the Ven Sue Groom and our local rural dean Rev Jane Palmer.

Now, we move onto the next stage of the process. As we have explained previously, there is a preferred candidate who has expressed an interest in coming to our Benefice but they will still need to apply and go through the interview process in the normal way. The diocese will send them the Profile and if they are still interested they will apply in the next month or so. The interview panel will meet around the middle of October to decide whether to interview the applicant, and if they proceed to interview stage there will be an orientation day on 31st October (when the candidate will visit all four parishes, a school and the rectory) followed by a formal interview on 1st November. There will be more information about this nearer the time. If the candidate is appointed, they will probably need to serve out 3 months' notice in their current role. If for any reason the candidate is not appointed the incumbency will be advertised in the Church Times during November with dates already set for shortlisting and interviews in January and February 2024.

The work of the Profile Writing Group is almost complete. We have a meeting in early October to plan the orientation day, and if necessary we will meet subsequently to write the advertisement for the Church Times. Meanwhile, we trust and pray that God will lead us to the right person for this Benefice.



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Project Update

September 2023 - Conservation and Repairs are Underway

- ◆ The scaffolding has been erected around the spire as restoration work is carried out following repairs to the internal flooring and electrics.
- ◆ The clock restoration has begun. The clock has been removed and is currently with Smith of Derby who will be carrying out the repairs. The clock faces will be regilded and the mechanism will soon be working again.
- ◆ The steeplejack will be on site soon to repair the damage to the spire and restore the large south west carved stone pinnacle.



Clock-tober!

Celebration events to mark the installation and restarting of the newly repaired clock will be taking place W/C 9th October. This will include an evening talk from Smith of Derby, to which all are invited to join. The exact date will be confirmed soon.

Please contact admin@discoverchristchurch.org.uk if you would like to know more

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