



Dear friends,

## Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed!

Up and down the land, these words will have been cried out in joy and hope. Our churches, bare and sombre, were filled once again with scented flowers and vibrant colours on Easter Sunday. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to decorate our churches and welcome so many young people from our schools and pre-school to hear the Easter story afresh.

Signs of Spring and new life are all around us, despite the rain and wind! Our fields are full of lambs, apple blossom blows in the wind and spring bulbs are flowering to brighten our days.



Thank you to all who have worked hard to make Lent and Holy Week so very special. We were very blessed with a variety of offerings for Holy Week, a very precious time as we accompany Jesus as he travels towards Jerusalem.



This year our offering included Compline, an opportunity to join in with Taizé choruses, a Tenebrae darkness to light, our service for Maundy Thursday including handwashing and a variety of services for Good Friday's Final Hour. Our Walk of Witness was well-attended by Christians from other churches in BACT and children enjoyed the Workshop on Good Friday morning, as well as the Hot Cross buns!

I hope you all had a very blessed Lent and that it has been a time of transformation, whether it has been a time of comfort, challenge, questioning, and/or a time of resting in God with a sense of deepening faith.

We can now rejoice in the celebration of Jesus alive once again as love in our hearts.

We look forward to the future in hope and faith, in the sure knowledge that we are all cherished and loved by God for all eternity.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter Season.

**Ann, Rector and the ministry team**

### **Sunday 16th April**

10.00am Holy Communion Service jointly with Monkton Farleigh, St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann, organist Keith Bennett.

10.00am Refresh Service, St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Ann Keating, Pippa and the music group, IT Vernon Button.

10.30am Holy Communion Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Paul Batson, Tricia and the music group.

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

10.00am Holy Communion Service jointly with South Wraxall, St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Ann Keating, keyboardist David Ouston.

10.00am Together in Worship Service St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann, Pippa and the music group, IT Richard Mann.

10.30am Refresh Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Rachel Pound, Tricia and the music group.

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Ann Keating, keyboardist David Ouston.

#### **Funeral of the late Richard Davies**

12.30pm Wednesday 19th April  
St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh  
Conducted by Revd. Paul Batson and Revd.  
Ann Keating.

#### **Funeral of the late Douglas Sudbury**

1.00pm Monday 24th April  
St Nicholas Church, Winsley  
Followed by burial in the churchyard  
Conducted by Revd. Ann Keating.

#### **Funeral of the late Beryl Francis**

12.30pm Friday 12th May  
St Nicholas Church, Winsley  
Conducted by Revd. Ann Keating

Pam Bailey was a faithful member of Christ Church taking part in the life and worship of the Church. Pam was a member of the music group in our Family Services, and with Brian her husband she attended the Lent Course in our home. For some time Pam also helped with the preparation of meals for our weekly Luncheon Club for the elderly. We thank our Lord for her faithful and loving service.

**Revd. Bernard Hughes**

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (APCMs)**

This year's APCMs will take place in the four parishes, in the relevant church as follows:

Christ Church Bradford on Avon: 7.30pm Wednesday 26th April 2023

St James South Wraxall: approximately 11am 16th April (directly after the service).

St Nicholas Winsley: 11.00 am Tuesday 18th April

St Peters Monkton Farleigh approximately 11am Sunday 23rd April (directly after the service).

As usual, these meetings will elect Churchwardens, PCC Members and this year Deanery Synod Representatives as well as receive the Annual Reports and Accounts. There will be opportunity to discuss the mission and work of the local parish with the Rector and PCC Representatives.

We hope that as many members of the congregations as possible attend their relevant APCM.

## Christian Aid Week 14th - 20th May 2023

Please note that, as in 2022, there will be NO door-to-door collection this year. Many people in Winsley are regular donors so I would hope that everyone who wishes to donate will be able to do so on line at:

Website: [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

If you do not have access to the Internet, please feel free to contact me.

Please continue to support this great charity which is doing so much good.

Thank you

Alison Wells

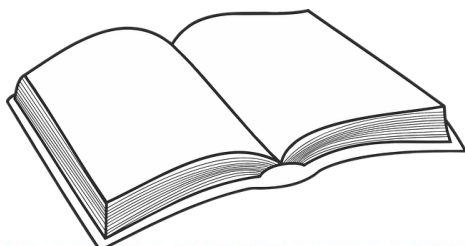
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### BOOK AID CHARITABLE TRUST BOOK COLLECTION

9.30am—11am, Tuesday 25th April 2023

The Rectory, 6 Millbourn Close, Winsley

If you have any religious books/texts that you wish to donate to this charity we will be coordinating a collection for Book Aid who donate religious books and bibles to people living in areas of the world where it is difficult to find or afford. The criteria are quite strict and can be found here: [Donate Books - Book Aid Charitable Trust \(book-aid.org\)](http://book-aid.org) and given below.



**BOOK AID CHARITABLE TRUST**

[www.book-aid.org](http://www.book-aid.org)

#### WE ARE ABLE TO USE THESE BOOKS:

- All kinds of Christian books (hardback or paperback)  
**Please do not donate paperbacks with browned pages or creased covers**
- All kinds of theological books
- Theological Journals (please check with us first)
- All kinds of Bible commentaries
- Bibles in good, clean condition please, covers and spines intact, with no missing or marked pages. Please only donate Bibles that are in a condition you yourself would be happy to receive. We can use most versions, except the New English Bible.
- Ladybird books; both religious and secular
- Music Editions of Hymn Books in "as new" condition

#### SORRY, WE ARE UNABLE TO USE:

- School/Educational textbooks (including RE books)
- Secular (non-Christian) books
- Dated Bible reading notes
- Used Sunday School material
- Magazines
- Music and Hymn books (EXCEPT those on wanted list)
- **Vinyl Records, CD's, DVD's, Videos, or Cassette Tapes**
- New English Bible (NEB)
- Highlighted or heavily underlined books
- Old Hymn/Worship Books

Remember books are heavy, so please use medium-sized cardboard boxes in good condition (no plastic crates please) or sturdy bags, which are easy for you and us to lift.

**Thank you!**

### Items for the Hub Food Bank

Long life orange juice

Super Noodles

Radox shower gel

Fruit Shoots

Tinned Peas

Tinned Rice Pudding

Tinned Dog Food

Tomato Pasta Sauce

### CANDLE RECYCLING

9.30am—11am, Tuesday 25th April 2023

The Rectory, 6 Millbourn Close, Winsley

If you use candles at home please bring in any which have burnt out that you would otherwise throw away please bring them to our collection morning. They can be any type of wax, colour, scent, size and in any container or without a container. We will then take them to Bath Abbey where they will be donated to the The Recycled Candle Company who collect remnants of candles, melt them down, clean, dye and scent the leftover wax to make new candles.



# Children & Families News

## Christ Church Ark Toddler Group

The group will be back to welcome you on Thursday 20th April 2023.

Coffee and Chat—Christ Church Every Wednesday morning 10.30—11.30 (not the 1st Wednesday of the month where there will be a Holy Communion Service from 10.30am)

Kettle's on St Nicholas Church hall Winsley — Wednesday 19th April 10.00—12.00

Soup's Up St Nicholas Church hall Winsley—Friday 21st April 12.00—4.00

Sunbeams toddler/children group St Nicholas Church hall Winsley —Wednesday 26th April 10.30—11.30

## MEN'S NIGHT

7.30 pm Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

### THE LIFE AND EXPLOITS OF CAPTAIN JAMES COOK

*A talk by the well-known local speaker, John Salvat.* Supper will be a variety of Indian curry dishes (bring your own drink).

**Please book with Paul Billingham as soon as possible to pre-order what you want to eat; ([pr24bill@aol.com](mailto:pr24bill@aol.com) or 01225 722229)**

## Bell ringing at St Nicholas Church

We would like to increase the size of our team that rings the bells for weddings and major events such as the Coronation. There are just 3 bells and we 'chime' the bells not 'ring' which is probably what you will have seen on TV etc. There are no fixed times for practise although it is usually early evening. If you might be interested, please contact me and I can tell you more.

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## NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 30th April 2023**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by **9.30am Tuesday 25th April 2023**. You can read the full version on our website at [www.nboachurches.co.uk](http://www.nboachurches.co.uk)

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