

# NewsLink

28 May—10 June 2023



Churches of North  
Bradford on Avon  
& Villages

Dear friends,

Thank you for all the love, hard work and prayerful ministry you have shared in within our Benefice during my time here as Rector. We have shed tears together at the sad times, but there have been many, many times of joy and laughter too!

Thank you for all the cards, gifts and messages you have sent me as the time of my retirement has drawn closer.

I remember the mixed emotions of sadness and excitement I felt ten years ago when I left my work at the University and prepared to join you here, and it's with similar feelings that I leave you now. I shall miss you enormously but I now enter a different phase of life which I call 'The Adventure'. It's time for making a new home, catching up with family and friends, investing time in new things and exploring more of our wonderful world.

It's time for you too, as church communities, to discern where God is leading you. Added into your lives will be thoughts of future ministry here, discerning what sort of person you want to be your next Rector; discerning what sort of direction you need to go in as a benefice, as you continue to share the love of Jesus and build the kingdom of God here in our town and villages.



Finally, I would like to say sorry if I have hurt you or let you down. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as I begin this new 'adventure'. Be assured I shall keep you in my prayers as you continue to serve God in our communities and churches.

May God bless you all. With my love and prayers

Ann

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## Upcoming Services

### Sunday 28th May 2023

10.30am Benefice Service including Holy Communion. Revd. Ann Keating and Revd. Tessa Mann.

### Sunday 4th June 2023

10am Benefice Service with Holy Communion Service at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

### Sunday 11th June 2023

10am Refresh Service at St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Cedric and Penny Pierce.

10am Holy Communion Service at St James Church, South Wraxall with St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Paul Batson.

10.30am Holy Communion Service at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

### The late John and Else Burt

Burial of Remains will take place  
at 11am on 9th June

St Nicholas Church, Winsley

Led by Revd. Tessa Mann

### Use of the Common Cup

Bishop Stephen has asked us to return to administering wine, using the Common Cup, without intinction, from Pentecost.

Christ Church, St James and St Peter's are now following this. Bishop Stephen reminds us that receiving bread only constitutes full Communion so there is no need to intinct or receive from the Cup if you would prefer not to.

### Four Churches Forum—A SPACE FOR ALL

You might have heard about Four Churches Forum, an event that normally happens every Thursday morning from 9.30am with a small service and followed by tea/coffee and croissants as we discuss matters affecting our benefice. It is a great opportunity to bring to the table ideas and suggestions to help our churches deliver their services and mission. Everyone is welcome to join us at 9.30am on Thursdays at St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley.

***Please join us at 10.30am on Sunday 28th May 2023 for a special benefice service including Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Followed by an informal gathering to thank Revd. Ann for her ministry and celebrate her retirement.***

### HOUSE GROUPS – Come and join us!

We currently have three house groups that meet in the evening and one that meets in the afternoon. Their meetings could include worship, prayer, bible study, fellowship and social events. Their aim is:

- to get to know other people beyond a superficial level and form deep relationships of trust
- to help one another to grow in faith and receive encouragement
- to give and receive pastoral care for one another
- to encourage one another in acts of service and outreach

We would love to welcome more members. To find out more, do contact the Benefice office.



Discover Christ Church! is a Heritage Lottery funded community project to explore, restore and celebrate Christ Church's rich Victorian heritage. It will deliver an inclusive programme of activities, workshops and events inspired by the history and ongoing restoration of Christ Church. Please join their Facebook group to find out more [Discover Christ Church! | Facebook](#)



### NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 11th June 2023**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by **9.30am Tuesday 6th June 2023**. You can read the full version on our website at [www.nboachurches.co.uk](http://www.nboachurches.co.uk)

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