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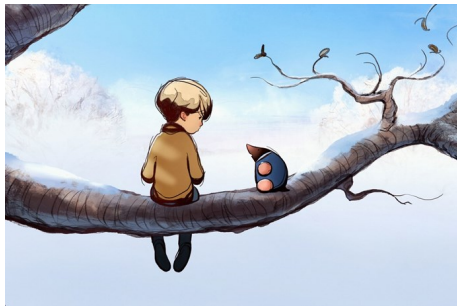
“What do you want to be when you grow up?” “Kind” said the boy.



During the pandemic I was recommended a book by one of my clergy colleagues. I bought a copy for my daughter for Christmas and was delighted when a film was made of it and it was shown on television.

The book was *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. The characters create an unexpected friendship and travel together in the boy's search for home. It is a story of kindness, friendship, courage and hope for viewers of all ages, in a heart-warming hand-drawn animated film based on the children's book by Charlie Mackesy.

I overheard a conversation the other day where one young woman talking to another about a situation said, ‘He wasn't kind’. Not, ‘He put me down’, ‘He was really awful, or rude to me’, but ‘He wasn't kind’.



It reminded me of our spiritual lives and the Fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians. “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...” Those who are in Christ have been gifted with the Holy Spirit, enabling them to bear fruit.

Galatians 5: 22 – 23a

We may not always be faithful, have self-control or have love for others. But I wonder if we can always practise kindness. We can be kind to ourselves, but kindness often means putting other people's needs before our own. Even then though, research evidence shows that helping others can also benefit our own mental health and wellbeing.

How might we bear fruit for Christ and practise simple acts of kindness every day?

Offering a helping hand. ...  
Being there to listen. ...  
By staying connected. ...  
Expecting good things to happen and being a positive light. ...  
Smiling at strangers. ...  
Complimenting and encouraging others...

*The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* may be a book written with children in mind, but it has much to teach us as adults too. If you haven't seen it, do catch it on BBC iPlayer.

**Ann, Rector**

## **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.

## **Wednesday 3rd May**

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

## **Sunday 7th May—Please come and join our community celebrating the coronation of King Charles III.**

10.00am A service to celebrate the coronation. St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings, organist Gerry Hoddinott, IT Geoff Parker.

10.00am Holy Communion Service for the coronation. St James Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Paul Batson, organist Richard Thompson.

10.00am Holy Communion Service for the coronation. St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Ann Keating, organist Keith Bennett.

10.30am Holy Communion Service for the coronation. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Bernard Hughes, Music by Tricia and the music group.

## **Wednesday 10th May 2023**

6.00pm Compline Service. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

## **Sunday 14th May 2023**

10.00am Refresh Service. St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Lay Licensed Minister Rachel Pound, keyboardist David Ouston, IT Geoff Parker.

10.00am Holy Communion Service. St James Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Ann Keating, organist Harold Jones.

10.00am Holy Communion Service. St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann, organist Keith Bennett.

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

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

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

### **Funeral of the late Francis Selfe**

12.00pm Wednesday 10th May  
St Nicholas Church, Winsley  
Conducted by Revd. Ann Keating

### **Interment of ashes of the late Jean Green**

11.30am Monday 15th May  
St James Church, South Wraxall  
Conducted by Revd. Tim Hawkings

### **Funeral of the late Anthony Sharland**

2.45pm Friday 5th May  
West Wiltshire Crematorium, Semington  
Conducted by Revd. Ann Keating

## **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.

**Alison Wells. Tel: 01225 723714**

## 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 Tel: 01225 713714



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Monkton Farleigh Church Fete**

**Saturday, 17 June 2023**

**2.00pm to 5.00pm**

**Held in the grounds of Monkton Farleigh Manor**



Thank-you all who were able to donate books and candles at our recent collection morning. Nine boxes of good quality Christian texts were taken to the Book Aid Charitable Trust collection point at Widcombe Baptist Church and the candles have gone to the collection point at Bath Abbey.

### **Did you know?**

The Church insurance company Ecclesiastical Insurance gives a donation of £130 per new customer to your chosen church or cathedral.

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So when considering your next insurance policy please do consider Ecclesiastical Insurance and donating to one of our churches.

Many thanks for continued support of our churches and missionary work.



### **Lee Abbey Trip**

**17th—19th May 2024**

The Benefice is considering organising a group trip to Lee Abbey for a retreat

[Lee Abbey Devon – Christian retreat, holiday and conference centre](#)

If you are interested in being part of a weekend of Christian fellowship and contemplation in beautiful surroundings.

Please do let us know by contacting Bridge in the office by email: [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) or telephone: 01225 865046

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# Children & Families News

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Good Friday Workshop so good! All the activities were brilliant and well received by all the Children, their families and the Leaders who all felt the morning was most enjoyable and very meaningful. We hope you all had a very Happy Easter.

**Zoe Yeomans Children and Families Worker**



## Grow £1

Children from Winsley Primary School will be selling cakes at our Benefice Service at Monkton Farleigh on 30th April. Please support them as they raise money for their school.



## NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 14th May 2023**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by **9.30am Tuesday 9th May 2023**. You can read the full version on our website at [www.nboachurches.co.uk](http://www.nboachurches.co.uk)

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