

NewsLink

13 June — 26 June 2021



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear friends,

I know some of you have started conversations and discussions about the way forward for our churches following restrictions easing, but if you haven't yet done so, do please get involved. We want to include you in our reflections on future priorities as churches, and how we can better serve others in our communities. Your views are very welcome and will help shape our future direction and priorities.

Some have already been in touch to say they welcome facilitating discussions and would welcome you getting in touch.

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You may want to talk and walk, discuss over coffee, or host a discussion in your garden. You may just want to respond personally. Whatever means you choose, do please feed back your reflections to the ministry team by 15th July, St Swithun's Day. Thank you.

To help frame your discussions, there is a form for reflection added to this copy of NewsLink and there will also be copies in your churches for you to fill in and return.

May God bless your thoughts and discussions.

Ann, Rector

Upcoming Services

Booking is essential, please contact the following people from your Parish. When joint services are held, please contact your usual Parish person.

St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh:

Rachel Exley: 01225 851485

St Nicholas, Winsley:

Roy Ludlow 01225 868779

St James, South Wraxall: **David Wyper 01225 865384** or **Valentine Thornhill 01225 862552**

Christ Church:

Stephen and Hilary Pike 01225 782537

June 20th

10.30 am Christ Church (CC and W)

10 am St James, South Wraxall (SW, MF)

Sunday June 27

10 am St Nicholas, Winsley,

10 am St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh (MF, SW)

Sunday July 4

10 am St Nicholas, Winsley,

10 am St James, South Wraxall (SW, MF)

Sunday July 11

10.30 am Joint Service at Christ Church (all churches)

Funerals

Dinah Moss

St Nicholas Church, Winsley.

Monday 14th June at 12.00 noon Followed by burial in the churchyard.

(Ann taking)

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are delighted that some of our regular events are beginning to restart! More details below:

Great News! Kettle's On Returns!

Kettle's On begins again on Wednesday 7th July at 10.00 am in the Church Hall.

There will, as ever, be tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits, not to mention good conversation!

We hope to continue as before i.e. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. It will be lovely to return to normal.

Sunbeams Picnic in the Park!



Sunbeams are having a picnic to celebrate their re-opening on **June 23rd, 10.30am – 12 noon in the field opposite Dorothy House.**

All are invited to bring along their babies, toddlers and children.

Picnic provided - bring your own blankets.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Contact Mary Hewetson : 01225 722210

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Baby and Toddler Café

The Ark meets at Christ Church every Thursday 10 -11.30am.

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Email Zoe Yeomans
thearkatboa@gmail.com

Marking Bishop Nicholas' Retirement.



Bishop Karen has written to the Diocese to outline farewells for Bishop Nicholas who retires on 3rd July. Her letter gives details of how to donate to charity and send messages for the Bishop's card.

This includes details of a Choral Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 3 July 2021, at 5.30pm. which will also be livestreamed.

More information can be found in the May edition of the Diocesan newsletter, Grapevine [here](#)

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In the later pages of this week's Newslink you will find

- The Form for Reflection from Rev Ann to complete,
- Pictures and details of the bells being removed at St James, South Wraxall,
- Roy Ludlow's promotion of a book he has translated and had published.

You can read the full version and more details of future services and other resources on the website www.nboachurches.co.uk. If you require a hard copy please leave a message at the Benefice office on 01225 865046. Items for the next edition should be sent to nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Tues 22nd June.**

Update on the Restoration of the Bells at

St James, South Wraxall

Over the 25th and 26th May, the six bells of St. James's Church were lowered for the first time since they were cast and hung in 1769. The 1.5 ton of bells were removed from their rotting bell frame, lowered through a hole in the floor of the belfry and down to the font below. This is the first step in the journey to conserve, repair and re-hang the bells which have not run full circle for over 130 years.

Somerset foundry Matthew Higby and Company Ltd made good progress. The font was protected behind a temporary wooden frame, and it was found that our Victorian forebears cleverly left an easy to remove and suitably sized panel in the centre of the tower ceiling to allow the largest bell through. All six bells have now been taken to their temporary new home at the foundry, with the two bells which are cracked going further afield to Newmarket for specialist welding. It was wonderful to have so many villagers able to watch the lowering of the bells – a sight not seen for over 250 years.

The Bell being lowered



Bells outside St James



Roy Ludlow Writes...

A good read - "**A Good Head on his Shoulders**" by Henri Troyat.

As a lockdown activity, I have translated my favourite French novel into English. The cost is £7 and all proceeds are to be donated to The Salvation Army. Copies are available from me or Ex Libris in Bradford-on-Avon.

A review should appear in the next Winsley Weaver. Below is a resume of the story.

Etienne, 18 years old and an only child, is studious, highly intelligent, sensitive and has a passion for philosophy. After a glittering school career, he is looking forward to studying Law at university. He lives with Marion, his mother, in a flat in Paris. Marion, light and girlish of build, is delightful, attractive and has an innocence unsullied by the unhappiness she has suffered. She runs a small dressmaking business in the flat.

Etienne's parents had divorced when he was six and he has only vague memories of his father, of whom Marion never speaks. He knows that he moved away, remarried and, died, according to Marion, in a road accident towards the end of the War.

Three things come together to turn Etienne's world upside down: he is strongly influenced by the bleak philosophical ideas propounded by his teacher; he learns the appalling truth about his father's death; and his mother falls in love with Maxime Joubert, a man she has met through her work.

Etienne, deeply unhappy, conceives a bitter resentment against Maxime Joubert, a man he has never met. He determines upon a course of action which will lead inexorably to disaster for all three....Or will it? Henri Troyat gives us a dénouement which does justice to this magnificent novel and which will long stay in the memory.



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Reflective questions to respond to.....

In light of the past year:-

What have you missed?

What has been life-giving for you during the pandemic and what has been difficult?

What does it mean to be 'church' in our communities? What are our biggest challenges and opportunities?

What might God be calling us to lay down and to take up in our group of churches?

What might be your prayer for the way ahead?

Name: (optional)

Please return to your churchwardens/leaders or to Revd Ann Keating,
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