



Dear Friends...

Do you ever wish there were other things in the Bible to help us through life and beyond? In a recent edition of the Church Times, Revd Dr Cally Hammond, the Dean of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge listed ten sayings she wishes were in the Bible. Several of them are printed below and you can see the full article on our website. You may or may not agree with her! Either way, do let us have your thoughts and ideas so they can prompt further discussion!

Many blessings

Ann, Rector

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ALMOST all the things that I find unappealing in human nature and behaviour are already condemned in scripture – judgmentalism, dishonesty, malice, and the like. So are the things that I both condemn and confess, such as acquisitiveness, gluttony, and gossip. But there are still gaps, where I wish that our forebears had realised that we would need the truth spelled out. So, I made my own selection of ten sayings that have lodged themselves in my mind as containing what Justin Martyr might have called the “generative Word” – teachings from outside a Christian context which, none the less, contain seeds of Christian truth.

1. **“God (Allah) loves wondrous variety”** This comes from the film *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*. It is spoken by a Muslim character and challenges the exclusivist mindset of some Christians. We should not fear persons of other faiths serving God in their own way; we should rejoice that we are all individuals and not confuse unity with uniformity.
2. **“My truth”** This is attributed to Oprah Winfrey, among others. It sits awkwardly beside the God of truth, whose Son is Truth. But it does not mean that whatever we feel is either right or accurate; rather, it highlights that we see things from our own perspective, and warns against behaving as if “my truth” and “the truth” were one and the same. “My truth” and “your truth” are reminders of how small our range of vision really is. Readiness to admit that our views may be ill founded and our judgements unfair is a necessity in Christian living.
3. **“With great power comes great responsibility”** The Committee of Public Safety of 18th century France passed this down to Spider-Man. Despite the whiff of cheesy sententiousness, it sets the moral bar high at a time when such a challenge is needed. Yet we need reminding that “great responsibility” is not necessarily about Offices of State. What power, what responsibility, is greater than that of a parent? But anyone can do it, with no qualifications. Pet ownership is a power of life and death. As the status of any office decreases, the responsibilities become harder, for they will not attract sponsorship, celebrity endorsement, or a safety net. Ordination confers power to mediate divine grace and forgiveness, and that is exercised not just by bishops with staff, offices and legal advice, but by harassed priests in multi-parish benefices permanently short of help and resources.

Please click [here](#) for the remaining 7 sayings and to read the full article from the Church Times.

Events and Notices

Upcoming Services

Booking is no longer required but please continue to wear a face mask in church.

Sunday, October 10th

10.00am 'Refresh' at St Nicholas Church Hall. Informal café style, coffee and croissants
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, MF. Family friendly service

Sunday, October 17th

10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley
10.00am Holy Communion at St James, SW
10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, BOA

4 to 5pm Forest Church at St Peter's, MF. *See below for more information

Sunday, October 24th

10.00am Together in Worship at St Nicholas, Winsley
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, MF
10.00am Holy Communion at St James, SW
10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, BOA

Sunday, October 31st

10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley
(Benefice Service)

***Forest Church – Sunday 17th October, 4pm till 5pm at St Peter's Churchyard, MF** The theme will be **Apples!** In our worship we will be exploring the amazing world of apples through outdoor activities, including making stewed apple on the fire pit! Our key Bible verse will be Psalm 17 verse 8: 'Keep me as the apple of your eye, hide me under the shadow of your wings'. We will be outside so wrap up warm!



Funerals

Saturday, 9th October at 4.30pm, a Celebration of the Life of Sue Whitmore from Avon Park at St Nicholas, Winsley. Ann taking

Wednesday 20th October at 1.00 pm
Funeral of Gillian Du-Fosie Butler at Christ Church
Ann taking

Saturday, 23rd October at 1.00pm
Funeral of Martin Goater at St Nicholas, Winsley
Ann taking

Weddings

Friday, October 15th at 1pm at St Nicholas Church, Winsley - Tessa taking

Baptisms

Saturday, 30th October at 11am of Timothy Middler at St Nicholas Church, Winsley—Ann taking

Sunday, 31st October at 12.30 of Lily Cobb at St Nicholas Church, Winsley—Ann taking

Autumn Clear Up of St Nicholas Churchyard—

Saturday, October 16th 10am till 12pm

Please come along if you can spare one or two hours and bring weeding and gardening equipment. Please contact **Bob Williams** with any queries at bobanmad.thefirs@goolemail.com Thank you!

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This year we had a joint service at St James Church, South Wraxall and it was a joy to sing our harvest hymns in a packed church. After the service many of us gathered in the Village Hall for lunch and it was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with one another and celebrate Harvest. Centrepiece was the harvest loaf baked for us by Bath Bakeries, complete with harvest mouse hidden within it!

Thank you to all those who decorated the church, who donated food for lunch, and to those who arranged the Church Hall for us. Donations of food for The Hub were displayed in church and blessed and the collection was donated to The Farming Community Network. They are an excellent charity supporting farmers and their families who are struggling with business related issues, finance or who need personal support. Over 400 volunteers support these families so if you were not able to come to the service, do please go online and support them.

Thank you everyone for your generosity.

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Autumn in the South Porch, Christ Church BOA

On the theme of the Good Samaritan, people are invited to write their thoughts and prayers for those who need help at home and abroad. We are gradually building up a cradle of hands around the globe.

To help deliver for those in need, donations are also invited to UNESCO for Afghanistan, Save the Children for Haiti and the Children's Society supporting children at home, as well as food for the Hub in Bradford on Avon.

If you are passing by, please do add a hand to our display as shown here, and support these charities. Thank you.

Calling all Christmas Knitters!

Coffee afternoon at Winsley Church Hall on **Wednesday, October 20th at 1pm to 2.45pm** to start knitting Christmas bells as gifts for children. Zoe is organising the group this year so please contact her on zyeomans3@gmail.com if you have any queries. Thank you.



Helpers Required...

If you would like to help with the October half term activity morning on Monday, 25th October at Winsley Church Hall, as seen below, please contact Zoe on zyeomans3@gmail.com

October Half Term Fun!

Monday, 25th October

9.30am – 12.00



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Come and join our Harvest themed activity morning at Winsley Church Hall.



- * Fun and Games
- * Activities and crafts
- * Snacks Included



For children in Years 1 to 6.
Register and drop off from 9.25am.
No charge but pre-booking essential.
Download the booking form from www.nboachurches.co.uk under Children's and Families or contact Zoe on zyeomans3@gmail.com

Film on the environment at Bearfield

Hi all, we are hiring the film '2040' for up to 100 people to watch in their homes using a link from **4pm on Friday 15th October to Sunday 17th October**. There will also be a zoomed discussion at 7.30pm on Saturday 16th October. Please email me at davidjewells@aol.com if you or anyone you know would like the zoom link for this and if you are interested in watching the film '2040'.

Here is a summary of the film: *"2040 is an innovative feature documentary that looks to the future but is vitally important NOW. Award-winning director Damon Gameau embarks on a journey to explore what the future would look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet and shifted them into the mainstream. Structured as a visual letter to his 4 year-old daughter, Damon blends traditional documentary footage with dramatized sequences and high-end visual effects to create a vision board for his daughter and the planet."*

A trailer can be watched by following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-rTQ443akE>

BREAKFAST IN SOUTH WRAXALL VILLAGE HALL on SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER from 9AM

Please put the date in your diary now, more information on South Wraxall's website, the Benefice website and in NewsLink next time.

The next edition of NewsLink will be on the 24th October. Please send any relevant contributions for this edition to the email below by Tuesday 19th October latest. You can read the full version of NewsLink on the website www.nboachurches.co.uk. If you require a hard copy, please email or leave a message at the Benefice office on 01225 865046.