

NewsLink

24 October— 6 November 2021



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear friends

It is a month since I updated you on progress following the Reflections on the future that many of you responded to over the summer.

1. Our new service rotas include an informal/family/accessible service to those who are unfamiliar with formal worship styles
2. Forest Church is proving very popular with the young and older people. At the last Forest Church on Sunday there were 24 attending including 9 children. Being outside in God's creation just enhances our worship
3. We have a group of musicians and singers who are keen to consider how to bring more meditative/Taizé style worship to our range of services
4. Three training sessions have led to new volunteers as Sacristans, Bible Readers and as those willing to lead us in Prayer and join our Welcoming Teams
5. Provision to our Care Homes includes a monthly Holy Communion Service and Songs of Praise service at Avon Park
6. Members of our churches have volunteered to enable a regular time in church for us to pray for our activities, our schools, and our communities
7. We have started exploring how we can make our churchyards more environmentally friendly
8. We have set up four new House Groups for discipleship, fellowship, bible study and pastoral care
9. We have started exploring how we can make the interior of some of our churches more welcoming
10. A monthly mid-week short service of Holy Communion has started followed by coffee

There is still time to get involved with any of the above. Just let me, or Caroline in the Office, know if you can help in any way.

Finally, you will see in the press that there is much discussion on the future of the National Church Parish system. Financially, it is a challenge to maintain it when many churches and diocese are struggling, yet, as the established Church of England divided into parishes, we have the privilege of serving not just those who attend our churches and our church schools, but every person who lives in our parishes.

Within the next two weeks I am welcoming mourners to two Funerals and to a Burial of Ashes, as well as celebrating the Baptisms of two babies in our churches - all from, or with ties to our various parishes. I have also spoken to or met with three couples with links to our parishes, who wish to get married in our churches.

Many thanks to all from our churches who will be supporting me as vergers, or musicians in the services mentioned. Please hold those families and their friends attending our churches in your prayers.

God Bless you all

Ann, Rector

Events and Notices

Upcoming Services

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

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)

Tuesday, 2nd November

- 2.30pm Service of Remembering, Thanksgiving and Hope at St Nicholas, Winsley* **see page 3 for more information**

Wednesday, 3rd November

- 10.30am Short service of Holy Communion, Christ Church, BOA

Sunday, 7th November

- 10.00am Refresh at St Nicholas, Winsley
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, MF—Family friendly service
- 10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, BOA

Sunday, 14th November

Remembrance Sunday—services to be detailed in the next NewsLink and on our website

Funerals

Saturday, 23rd October at 1.00pm

Funeral of Martin Goater at St Nicholas, Winsley followed by burial in the churchyard
Ann taking

Wednesday, 27th October at 1pm

Funeral of Colin Matthews at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, followed by burial in the churchyard
Ann taking

Baptisms

Saturday, 30th October at 11am

Walter Middler at St Nicholas Church, Winsley
Ann taking

Sunday, 31st October at 12.30pm

Lily Cobb at St Nicholas Church, Winsley
Ann taking

NewsLink Electronically

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Christ Church, Book of Remembrance

We are currently updating the Book of Remembrance which is held in Christ Church. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please contact Denise Leigh on 863916 or deniseleighso@gmail.com and we can discuss the details. Thank you.

Denise Leigh

Service of Remembering, Thanksgiving and Hope

Please join us for a quiet, reflective service on Tuesday, 2nd November at 2.30pm to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Please see below:

Service of Remembering, Thanksgiving and Hope.

**St Nicholas Church,
Winsley**



Tuesday, 2nd November 2021 at 2.30PM

**To be followed by Refreshments
in the Church Hall**

From the Rector...

I'm often asked if we could say thank you to some of our long-serving members when they step down from roles they have faithfully carried out for many years. We thought it might be a good way to end the church's year by including some of these 'thank yous' in our NewsLink edition due out at the end of November.

If you have someone you would like to nominate, please send the text to Caroline in the office. Maximum of 50 words for each nomination by Tuesday 16th November please. *Ann*

St Nicholas Churchyard Clear up

We would very much wish to acknowledge all the folk, church members and others, who gave so generously of their time on Saturday morning, 16 October. Much good work achieved but plenty still to do, so please do come again for the next session in the Spring!

Bob Williams



The next edition of NewsLink will be on the **7th November**. Please send any relevant contributions for this edition to the email below by Tuesday, **November 2nd 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. **Turn to page 4 for an invite from South Wraxall, a Sunbeams update and photos from Forest Church.**

There are still as few places left for the activity morning during half term...all details are on our website under Children and Families. Thank you, Zoe

BREAKFAST IN THE VILLAGE HALL on SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER



Here we go again – it's time to welcome you all back to another Village Breakfast in South Wraxall from 9.00am onwards

We will be serving all the usual fare: a Full English Breakfast, fruit juice, tea and coffee, toast and of course, Marian's marvellous marmalade.

Do come and enjoy fantastic food and good company in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of St James's church, so you are asked to be as generous as possible.

All helpers will take a rapid antigen test at home the night before and the village hall windows will be open. If there is a change in the Covid-19 situation and restrictions, a final decision to go ahead will be made 2-3 days before the event. We look forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time.



From Jean Atkin

Sunbeams

Thank you to all those parents, carers and children who have been supporting Sunbeams since it re-started in September.

Last week Mary and her team arranged a wonderful Harvest celebration, complete with a pumpkin, fruit and dried leaves for the children to jump into. Zoe talked to the children about harvest and led autumn inspired nursery songs. Great fun!

Please note the date change in **December** to **Wednesday 8th** which will be the last session of the term with a service in church and a Christmas party in Winsley Church Hall. All dates for this term can be found on the website under Children and Families.



Forest Church

Photos from last Sunday's Apple led, Forest Church on a beautiful, sunny autumn afternoon at St Peter's churchyard. The next session will be on **November 21st at Christ Church.**

