

# NewsLink

25th May - 7th June 2025



CHURCHES OF  
**NORTH  
BRADFORD  
ON AVON  
& VILLAGES**

Dear Friends

Once again this year, our benefice will be joining the global ecumenical prayer movement known as *Thy Kingdom Come*, where Christians are encouraged to pray for five people to come to know Jesus. This is the 10th year of this worldwide initiative where every person, household and church are invited to pray. Although there are no beginnings or endings for prayer, *Thy Kingdom Come* starts on Ascension Day (Thursday 29th May) and ends on the day of Pentecost (8th June).

So over the coming days I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider who your five might be; perhaps family, friends or those we are connected with through all that we do in our communities. And as we commit them to prayer for the 10 days of *Thy Kingdom Come*, we could also reach out to them through a phone call, or a get together. After all, God has placed them on our hearts for a reason.



We have the privilege of being God's co-workers in Christ (1 Corinthians 3:9) but it is He who builds his church. This time of prayer can be an opportunity for us to ask God to do just that.



To help us on this 10 day journey, we could take the time to pray in one of our four churches. Our churches all have specific prayer corners within them, and my thanks go to those who care for these. There is something special about praying in a church building. I often think that the walls and the spaces within must be saturated with the prayers of the faithful over the years. What a privilege it is to join those who have gone before us in this way, by adding our prayers to theirs.

So as we approach the 29th May, please think about who your five might be as I hope we will join with our fellow Christians around the world (so far this movement spans 90% of the countries in the world across 85 denominations).

Every blessing,  
Katie

*Katie will be taking some time off from 26th - 30th May  
and Tessa will be covering.*

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday 25th May

10am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, led by Rev Katie Jackson  
10am - Holy Communion - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Tessa Mann  
10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Keith Charnley

### Wednesday 28th May

10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

### Thursday 29th May

6pm - Ascension Day Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall, led by Rev Keith Charnley

### Sunday 1st June

10am - Benefice Service in association with the Wild Waters Festival - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Katie Jackson & Richard Mann  
4pm - Family Teatime Service - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Tessa Mann

### Monday 2nd June

4:30pm - Christian Meditation, St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev. Paul Batson

### Wednesday 4th June

6pm - Compline - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Tessa Mann

### Sunday 8th June

10am - Refresh - St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley, led by Alison Wells & Zoe Yeomans  
10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall, led by Rev Katie Jackson  
10:30am - Holy Communion - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

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**SAT 12th JULY FROM 7pm**  
**SUN 13th JULY FROM 10am**

**12th JULY - FROM 7pm**  
→ Conservator talk  
→ Canapés & drinks

**13th JULY - FROM 10am**  
→ Stone & wood carving  
→ Stained glass expert  
→ Blacksmith & forge  
→ Archaeology activities  
→ Millennium embroidery  
→ Craft activities  
→ Drinks & refreshments

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## **CHURCH WARDENS**

I am sure you will all join me in saying a big thank you to Richard Mann and Penny Pierce, who have recently been elected as Churchwardens at St Nicholas, and also to Margaret Thompson and Wendy Brown who have been elected as warden and deputy at Christ Church. It is wonderful to have you on board in these roles. Please pray for them, and for Colin and Rachel, and Dave and Valentine as they serve our churches in this way.  
Rev Katie Jackson

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

Many thanks for the generous donations received during Christian Aid Week. In addition to those made online, there were £265 cash donations, which will now be passed on to the Bradford on Avon collection.

Thank you for your support, Alison Wells

Dear Supporters,

Just to let you know that our team completed the Alzheimer's Society Trek on Saturday 10th May. We walked 13 miles across beautiful Wiltshire chalk downland in glorious sunshine!

It was a wonderful day and so poignant to be walking with over 1,500 other people!

Between us we raised £2,500 for the Alzheimer's Society.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

Rev Tessa, Rev Tim, Cedric, Becky and Tim





## Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 28th May - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Parent & Toddler Group - St Nicholas' Church Hall

Friday 30th May - 7:30pm - **The Children's Society Fundraising Talk "Hatshepsut"** - Christ Church

Tuesday 3rd June - 7:45pm - **Men's Group** - "A Family Mystery" - St Nicholas' Church Hall

Wednesday 4th June - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Coffee Morning - St Nicholas' Church Hall

Wednesday 4th June - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church

Thursday 5th June - 10am - **The Ark** - Parent & Toddler Group - Christ Church

Thursday 5th June - 2-5pm - **St James' Afternoon Tea** - South Wraxall

Thursday 5th June - 7:30pm - **"River" Film Screening** - St Nicholas' Church

## **SOUTH WRAXALL AFTERNOON TEAS**

It's time again to invite you to join us for **Afternoon Tea in St James's Church** and churchyard) in South Wraxall for a tempting selection of delicious cakes, savouries and drinks.

We look forward to welcoming you from 2:00-5:00pm on the following dates:



**Thursday 5th June**

**Thursday 26th June**

**Friday 18th July**

**Sunday 10th August**

P.S. We always appreciate any offers of help with baking, serving and washing up!

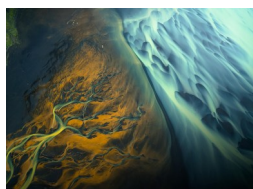


**31st May - 15th June 2025**

[www.wildwatersfestival.com](http://www.wildwatersfestival.com) for details of the events taking place as part of the festival

### **"River" Film Screening**

Experience the power and beauty of nature in the breathtaking documentary **River**



Join us for a public screening of this extraordinary film at **St Nicholas' Church, Winsley** on **Thursday 5th June**, from **7:30pm to 9pm**. Released in 2020, *River* takes you on a sweeping journey across six continents, blending stunning cinematography with a stirring musical score by the Australian Chamber Orchestra and narration by Willem Dafoe.

**For free tickets, please visit**

[www.wildwatersfestival.com/events/the-river-viewing](http://www.wildwatersfestival.com/events/the-river-viewing)

The Children's Society

**Fundraising Talk for  
The Children's Society**

## **Hatshepsut**

**Queen & Pharaoh of Egypt**

One of only a handful of women to be Pharaoh

by Prof. Aidan Dodson  
(University of Bristol)

**Friday 30th May 2025  
7:30pm at Christ Church  
Bradford on Avon**

**£4.50 (cash only please)**

Accompanied children under 14 free

For more details, contact Kate at  
[nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com)

### **Ministry Team:**

Rector: Revd. Katie Jackson (01225 722230)  
Revd. Tessa Mann (309374)

### **Lay Pastoral Assistants:**

Stephen Pike (782537), Denise Davies (863678)  
Gill Fairhurst (867560), Daphne Cox (868224)  
Elizabeth Bush (866624)

### **Children's and Families Worker:**

Zoe Yeomans [zyeomans3@gmail.com](mailto:zyeomans3@gmail.com)

### **Church Wardens:**

**Winsley:** Richard Mann (309374) Penny Pierce (723284)  
**Christ Church:** Margaret Thompson (571305)

Wendy Brown (862857)

**South Wraxall:** Dave Wyper (865384)  
Valentine Thornhill (862552)

**Monkton Farleigh:** Rachel & Colin Exley (851485)

### **Benefice Office:**

Kate Davies (865046) [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com)

## NORTH BRADFORD AND VILLAGES MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday 3rd June 2025

7:45pm in St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

### A FAMILY MYSTERY, SOLVED AFTER 75 YEARS

Stewart Tavner will tell the story of his Uncle Stan, who lost his life in August 1942, after a battle at sea – but no one knew how he died. Eight years ago, after a call out of the blue, Stewart's son heard at last what had happened to his Great Uncle.

Supper will be a selection of Indian curries.

Bring your own drinks or buy from the Social Club.

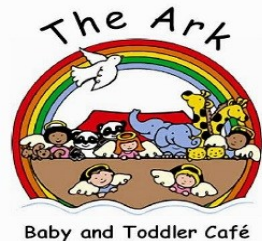
All men in the four parishes, whether church members or not, are warmly invited.

Please book with Paul Billingham as soon as possible  
(pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)

### Parent and Toddler Group

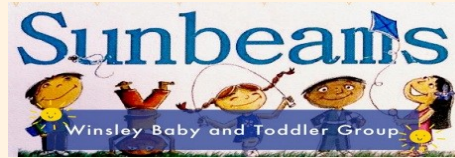
Christ Church,  
Bradford on Avon

Thursdays during term time  
10am - 11:30am



Come along with your little ones for a fun time with toys, story, songs, craft and snacks to finish.

For more details, contact Hilary Pike  
01225 782527 or thearkatboa@gmail.com



Parent and Toddler Group  
St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley

2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10.30am  
Next Sunbeams is Wednesday 28th May

For more details please contact  
Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210

### KETTLE'S ON

Friendly café-style morning on 1st and 3rd  
Wednesday of the month



Our next Kettle's On will be  
Wednesday 4th June 2025 at  
10am

St Nicholas' Church Hall

All very welcome



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Next Service 1<sup>st</sup> June

## Teatime Service for all the Family



First Sunday of Every Month  
4pm

St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

A short, child-focussed service followed by tea

All very welcome



### NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on 8th June.

Please email any relevant contributions to the  
Benefice Office [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by  
2nd June 2025.

## Coffee and Company

Wednesdays 10:30am

Not on last Wednesday of the month



Join us at Christ  
Church for morning  
coffee and some  
wonderful company

All Welcome

Knitting Optional

