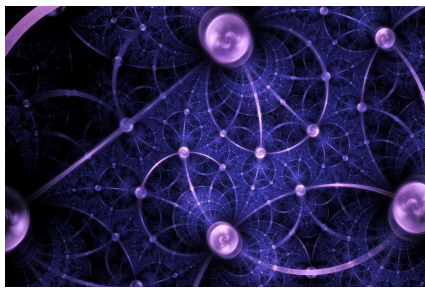




The 2022 Nobel prize for Physics was given for the experimental demonstration of “Quantum Entanglement”. Entanglement describes the phenomenon whereby two subatomic particles can be intimately linked to each other even if separated by billions of light years of space. A change induced in one will affect the other. Modern cosmology goes further to suggest that most of the particles in the visible universe have a high degree of entanglement. Some commentators suggest entanglement implies the universe is a single unified whole. In other words there are no individual objects in the universe, everything is connected to everything else. The foundational interconnectedness of all creation is a biblical concept too; Colossians 1:16-17 states that all things were created through and for Christ, and that in Him all things hold together.



Interconnectedness is a hallmark of living things. Medieval folk, even before the advent of the science of ecology, realised how nature is awash with connections and talked of “the great chain of being”. Modern science has uncovered co-operation also at the microscopic level e.g. plants rely on highly modified bacteria for their ability to photosynthesise while the cells of most multicellular organisms need highly modified bacteria (mitochondria) to produce energy.

As Christians we believe that the universe came into being through the will and power of God. The way it operates must reflect the nature of the Godhead which is expressed as a Trinity of mutual interdependence, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Bible emphasizes human interconnectedness, portraying humanity as a unified body with diverse, yet interdependent parts, as seen in passages like 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and Romans 12:4-8.

Martin Luther King, the civil rights campaigner, once said, “We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly”. Human societies work best when they behave in an inclusive and co-operative fashion, unfortunately prejudice, distrust and separation are rife within and between communities and countries. The world constructs barriers to enforce separation e.g. the wall between religious communities in Belfast, the wall between Mexico/US, the security fence in Jerusalem. Fear drives communities to separate and cut themselves off from each other. Through modern methods of communication we encounter extreme differences more regularly than ever before; people whose way of life is so alien that we can feel overwhelmed and be tempted to withdraw, make our world small enough to be manageable again. However, placing boundaries and limits on the people we can love and pay attention to is not God’s way.

Again and again in scripture we see the inclusivity of God as shown in the behaviour of Jesus, who at every turn broke down social, cultural and personal barriers e.g. the story of the woman at the well (John 4) and the good Samaritan (Luke 10). Scripture thus directs us to live in ways that promote the flourishing of our communities and look to the wellbeing of others even when it is at cost to ourselves.

Keith Charnley

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday 17th August

10am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Tessa Mann

10am - Holy Communion (joined by Winsley Methodist Church) - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Paul Batson

10:30am - Refresh - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Alison Wells

### Monday 18th August

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

### Sunday 24th August

10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall, led by Rev Katie Jackson

10am - Together in Worship - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Linds Batson

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

### Wednesday 27th August

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

### Sunday 31st August

10am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Keith Charnley

10am - Holy Communion - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Tessa Mann

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

## Christ Church Celebrates!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Heritage Celebration weekend at Christ Church on 12th and 13th July such a resounding success! Particular thanks to Becky for organising such an amazing event! Huge thanks also to The National Lottery Heritage Fund and players who made it all possible. The following text is an amalgamation of feedback from participants, the incredible team of 46 volunteers and over 550 attendees!



*'We loved being part of this 'really happy, lovely' 'welcoming' event, and would love to be part of future events' - 'There was a real buzz in the air', 'we loved seeing the stone carver and watching the blacksmith at work' and 'the interactive nature of' the event'. 'I learned a great deal about traditional skills', 'including from the stained-glass window demonstration'. 'Having now had a go myself, when I sit in a building with stone carving I'll look at it completely differently!' Plus the event 'enabled people of all ages to*



*enjoy time together, with space for conversation and relaxation' and 'the food was excellent!'*

It was a real joy at the end of the day to be a part of a lively celebratory service involving all ages that contemplated our past, present and future, and gave thanks for the skilled craftspeople who made and have restored this magnificent building. Over 70 of us then gathered outside to share a BBQ – sitting at big tables out on the main footpath through the churchyard – under the shade of the Lime trees and fluttering bunting.



Finally a plea please! If anyone who attended hasn't already completed our short survey, feedback from all ages would be most welcome and very helpful with reporting to our funders: it only takes about 4 minutes – honest!

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Thank you! Gillian Ellis-King

## Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 20th August - 10am - **Kettle's On** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

Wednesday 20th August- 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Wednesday 3rd September - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Wednesday 3rd September - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Wednesday 3rd September - 7pm - **Men's & Ladies Group** - '80 Years On - Remembering the End of the Second World War' - Winsley Church Hall

## 'Who Let The Dads Out?'

Eric Legg-Bagg and myself are exploring the **possible launch**, in the next few months, of a '**Who Let The Dads Out**' group, on a three session pilot basis, to be held in St. Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley.

'Who Let the Dads Out' is a well established initiative which has proved its value in supporting dads with pre-school children by offering a safe and hospitable space once a month on a Saturday morning. This support is found to be very welcome as it is provided at a time when the demands on family life are in many ways at their greatest.

**You can read more here: Who Let The Dads Out? - Care for the Family**

[www.careforthefamily.org.uk/support-for-you/faith-in-the-family/support-for-churches/wltdo/](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/support-for-you/faith-in-the-family/support-for-churches/wltdo/)

In order to gauge whether there would be enough support from members of our church community to provide the **volunteers needed** to establish a group Eric and I would welcome **expressions of interest** following which we will arrange a meeting to explain more and seek to establish a plan to launch the group. As you would expect, volunteers for this group will require safeguarding checks.

Please reply by the end of September to -

Eric: ericandjean56@btinternet.com or Richard: rmcourses@gmail.com or speak to us at church.

Richard Mann

## Farewell and Thank You to Zoe

As you will already know, Zoe Yeomans is returning to teaching in September after a wonderfully fruitful time working with our churches and schools.

At our Benefice Service on **Sunday 7th September, 10am at St James' Church**, we will express our thanks to her and pray for the next chapter of her life.

We will also present her with a financial gift so that she can choose something special.

If you would like to contribute towards this gift, please make cash donations to your Churchwardens or Clergy by 31st August.

## Winsley Church Hall Painting Work - August



The work started on Monday 28th July and involves external preservation followed by internal painting until 22nd August. Activities can continue in the hall during the external work.

### Kettle's On

- Wed 20th Aug - will be in St Nicholas' Church

The hall toilets will generally be available for activities held in the church.

John Van Griethuysen

### **Ministry Team:**

Rector: Rev Katie Jackson (01225 722230)  
Rev 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)  
Deputy - 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 & VILLAGES MEN'S & LADIES GROUP

Wednesday 3rd September - 7pm  
Winsley Church Hall

### 80 YEARS ON – REMEMBERING THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Phillip Bush will mark the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ Days by recounting stories from the final year of the War, paying a tribute to those who took part.

Supper will be fish and chips.  
Bring your own drinks or buy from the Social Club.

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

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

## The Quiet Garden at Great Chalfield

**September 2025 - July 2026**

A place and a time for prayer, silence, reflection, and the opportunity to listen to God and appreciate his creation.



**First Tuesday of the month, ten times a year.**

For full details see the leaflets in church or for a copy email Kate at [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com)

For more information ring: Julia Wade - 01380 870137 or Anthony Matthew - 01225 782082 or email [anthony55matthewfcn@gmail.com](mailto:anthony55matthewfcn@gmail.com)

## KETTLE'S ON

Community Café



**1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>  
WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH  
MONTH**

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HALL**

**10AM-12PM**

COFFEE, TEA, CAKE AND CONVERSATION.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS AND  
THOSE NEW TO VILLAGE.



## 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



### NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **31st August**. Please ensure any relevant contributions are sent to the Benefice Office at [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by **Monday 25th August**.

Rev Katie will be taking a summer break 6th-23rd August. Tessa will be covering for anything urgent.