

NewsLink

28th September - 11th October 2025



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

Dear Friends

'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above'

These words, taken from the well known harvest hymn "We plough the fields and scatter", are a great reminder that there is always something to give thanks for. As we approach the season of harvest festivals, we give thanks for the food that we enjoy and those who provide it, especially our farmers and shop assistants.

Surrounded by farms, as we are, how often do we take for granted all that the farming community does: the long hours, the hard physical work in all weather conditions to ensure that we have food on our tables. As the Farming Community Network (FCN: a Christian ecumenical voluntary organisation) states,

"We have beautiful landscape in this country that has been shaped by centuries of farmers producing food for the urban populations. We eat because of them, we can enjoy our rural environment because of them and we can marvel at nature partly because of their work."

So to any farmers reading this: Thank you for your time, talents and care of our land.

But as we enjoy the fruits of harvest, we are also reminded that for some people both in our communities and further afield, cupboards are empty and stomachs are hungry. Equally the farming life can be very tough (suicide among farmers is proportionally more prevalent than among members of any other profession).

Harvest thanksgiving is not just something we should do at our churches around the country, but it should also impact on how we act. Having a heart of thankfulness compels us to reach out to bless others and to share what we have freely and generously. One way we can do this is to support the work of the Hub, by bringing donations of food, not just at harvest time but whenever we are able to. We can also support through money or prayer the work of the FCN which offers support to farmers through difficult seasons in their lives. However we choose to live out our thanksgiving, thank you.

HARVEST SERVICES

ST PETER'S CHURCH
MONKTON FARLEIGH
SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER - 10AM

CHRIST CHURCH
BRADFORD ON AVON
SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER - 10:30AM

ST JAMES' CHURCH
SOUTH WRAXALL
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER - 10AM

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH
WINSLEY
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER - 10AM

ALL WARMLY WELCOME

***For those whose lives are caught up with
your creation,
and who work with you in tending and
nurturing it;
those who even now suffer as a result of the
crisis in our countryside;
those afraid for their future, those struggling
to survive;
all whose livelihood and existence is under
threat.
Lord, may your Kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen***

Every blessing
Katie

Upcoming Services

Sunday 28th September

10am - Harvest Service - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, led by Rev Katie Jackson

10am - Holy Communion - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

10:30am - Harvest Service - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Tessa Mann

Monday 29th September

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

Wednesday 1st October

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

Sunday 5th October

10am - Benefice Service - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Katie Jackson

4pm - Family Teatime Service - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Katie Jackson

Monday 6th October

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

Sunday 12th October

10am - Holy Communion (Generosity Sunday) - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh led by Rev Paul Batson

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

3pm - Refresh (Thanksgiving for the Church Hall) - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, led by Rev Katie Jackson, Cedric Pierce and Penny Pierce

A Service for the Loss of Loved Ones



SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2025

3PM - ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, WINSLEY

**ALL WELCOME
FOLLOWED BY TEA & CAKES IN THE CHURCH HALL**

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY REV PAUL BATSON AND PENNY PIERCE

South Wraxall Village Breakfast

We invite you to join us at the **South Wraxall Village Hall** on **Sunday 12th October, 9-11:30am** for a relaxing morning with family & friends.



As usual, we will be serving a Full English Breakfast, which also includes toast, homemade marmalade, tea, coffee & fruit juice.

All the profits go towards the upkeep of St James's Church.

You are welcome to take pot luck and turn up on the day.

However, it does help us to know how many people to expect if you reserve your table by emailing **southwraxall@outlook.com**

CHRIST CHURCH CAFÉ

Once we have the kitchen and facilities fully open and up-and-running at Christ Church, the PCC would like to open a café every weekday (except Thursdays when we have BOA Youth Drop In) between 3pm and 4pm. We already have young people calling in daily at this time and would like to extend our hospitality to others on the school run.

We need at least two volunteers each day to make sure this runs smoothly. If you would like to help with this, please get in touch with Verity via the Office nboabenefice@gmail.com or 01225 865046.

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)

Benefice Office:

Kate Davies (865046) nboabenefice@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)

Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 1st October - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
 Wednesday 1st October - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Thursday 2nd October - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Saturday 4th October - 3pm - **Serenata Concert** - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
 Wednesday 8th October - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
 Wednesday 8th October - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Wednesday 8th October - 1:30pm - **Conversation & Craft** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Thursday 9th October - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Sunday 12th October - 9-11:30 - **South Wraxall Village Breakfast** - South Wraxall Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us for

"SOUP'S UP"

Delicious homemade soup with roll and butter
 Warm desserts and custard with tea and coffee

Winsley Church Hall

12-3pm

Friday 17th October

Friday 7th & 21st November

Friday 5th December



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

CONVERSATION & CRAFT

CHRIST CHURCH, BRADFORD-ON-AVON

AUTUMN 2025 ✂ 1.30PM - 3PM

<small>WEDNESDAY</small> 8 <small>OCTOBER</small>	<small>WEDNESDAY</small> 12 <small>NOVEMBER</small>	<small>WEDNESDAY</small> 26 <small>NOVEMBER</small>
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DELICIOUS CAKES

HOT DRINKS

FRIENDLY CHAT

GAMES & QUIZZES

VARIETY OF CRAFT

Free community event - all welcome

With grateful thanks to our funders

In aid of
 St Nicholas' Church Funds

POETRY TEA

Enjoy sandwiches and tea while
 listening to an amusing
 assortment of poems about the
 Animal World!

WEDNESDAY 22ND
 OCTOBER - 3PM
 Winsley Church Hall



No need to book, just come along

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Heather Hawkings, Sue Roberts and Linds Batson would like to thank you for your generous support for our Ride and Stride walk on 13 September. Sue heroically stepped in at the last minute to accompany Heather as Linds unfortunately had Covid. They visited thirteen churches in all.

With your generous donations we raised £645, to be divided equally between Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and Winsley church. Thank you all very much.

Heather, Sue and Linds





Fairtrade Packaging Wanted Please

Conversation and Craft on 8th October will be a Fairtrade theme week. We would like to inspire everyone to think about Fairtrade products.

If you have any clean, unwanted packaging, with the Fairtrade logo visible, please leave them for Becky in the box under the notice table at Christ Church. Thank you.



KETTLE'S ON

Community Café



1ST & 3RD
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.

NORTH BRADFORD & VILLAGES MEN'S GROUP

Wednesday 15th October - 7pm

Winsley Village Club

(please note change of date and different venue)

CENTURY OF BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER IN WINSLEY

Michael Cottle, Secretary of the Village Club, will give a talk and a practical demonstration, using the Club's historic billiards table.

A buffet will be provided by the Club, with drinks available from the Bar.

All men 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)

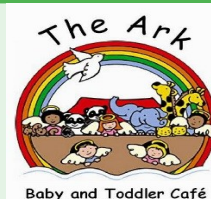
Parent & Toddler Group

Christ Church

Bradford on Avon

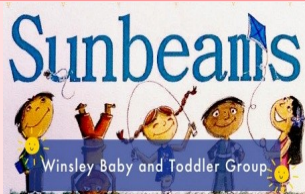
Every Thursday in term time

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 & Toddler Group

**Winsley Church
Hall**

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 10:30am

Our next Sunbeams will be 8th October

For more details please contact
Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210

SERENATA GUITAR TRIO

JOHN MILLS - COBIE SMIT - RICHARD MILLS



"SERENATA - THE AUTUMN 2025 CONCERT"

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, WINSLEY, BA15 2LH

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 3PM

Serenata return to present a new selection of pieces from Haydn, Faure, Ravel and music from Sweden

Admission £10 at the door (cash preferred)
Proceeds will be shared between St Nicholas' Church and Serenata

Refreshments available following the performance

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **12th October**. Please ensure any relevant contributions are sent to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Monday 6th October**.

The Benefice Office will be moving out of Mount Pleasant at the end of September and will be moving into Christ Church early October once the building work is complete. During this interim period Kate is still available on email, but please note we will be unable to print until we are set up in the new office space.