

NewsLink

9th - 22nd November 2025



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

Dear Friends

Taking time to pause to remember is important, it matters more than perhaps we might realise. This is often best seen in the impact that a telephone call from an old friend or an unexpected birthday card through the post has on our emotions. That moment of joy when we hear the voice at the end of the phone or the smile that comes to our face as we realise that someone has thought of us.

Last week we had our annual service for the loss of a loved one, which provided a precious space to pause, reflect, and give thanks for those who have meant so much to us. The memories that were shared in conversation afterwards over tea and cake reminded me of how shared stories and shared experiences, help to shape our identity and the way that we live.

In many ways remembering helps to connect the past, the present and the future. Which is why up and down the country this Sunday, we will be taking time out of the normal rhythm of life to pause to remember those who have given their lives to defend the freedom of both us and others. And as we pause at 11 o'clock, in recognition that it was at this hour on the 11th November 1918 that the guns fell silent, we are also reminded that right now, all over the world, the sounds, sights and smells of war are a lived reality.



Remembrance Services
Sunday 9th November 2025

All services will have an Act of Remembrance at the associated war memorial and observe a two-minute silence at 11am.

- 10:00am St James' Church, South Wraxall
- 10:30am Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
- 10:40am Winsley War Memorial
- 10:50am St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh

All Welcome

As we remember the past and honour the names of those who gave their lives, we do so rooted in the present and as such we need to pledge ourselves once again to strive for all that makes for peace, to seek to heal the wounds of war, and to work for a just future for all humanity. Freedom can never be taken for granted but requires us to give of ourselves; living lives where we seek to follow the greatest commandment of loving our neighbour as ourselves. Whilst we remember the great sacrifice of others, we also need to offer our own small daily sacrifice: seeking to place others first, striving to be peace-makers and living lives overflowing with love. This is the path that Jesus has asked us to follow, the path that led him to the cross. Freedom comes at a cost, are we prepared to roll up our sleeves and follow?

***Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;
render no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.***

Amen

Every blessing
Katie

Upcoming Services

Sunday 9th November

10am - Remembrance Sunday - St James' Church, South Wraxall
10:30am - Remembrance Sunday - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
10:40am - Remembrance Sunday - Winsley War Memorial
10:50am - Remembrance Sunday - St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh
3pm - Archbishop Ezekiel & Bishop Hassan of Sudan at St Katharine's Church, Holt

Monday 10th November

4:30pm - Christian Meditation - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

Tuesday 11th November

10:40am - Avonpark Remembrance Service - Avonpark, Limpley Stoke
2:30pm - Wiltshire Heights Holy Communion - Wiltshire Heights, Bradford on Avon

Sunday 16th November

10am - Holy Communion - St James' Church, South Wraxall
10am - Refresh - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
10:30am - Refresh - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Monday 17th November

4:30pm - Christian Meditation - St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

Sunday 23rd November

10:30am - A Service of Celebration - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Bishop Andrew

You are warmly invited to

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AT CHRIST CHURCH

WITH THE RIGHT REVD. ANDREW RUMSEY, BISHOP OF RAMSBURY

**Sunday 23rd November 2025
10:30am**

A service of thanksgiving and dedication to celebrate our new facilities, conservation work and community outreach.



Advent Service of Light

Sunday 30th November - 5pm
St James' Church, South Wraxall



Please join us for a
candlelight service to
begin the season of
Advent.

Everyone welcome



REAL ADVENT CALENDAR FROM THE MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE CO.

These are wonderful fair trade advent calendars that have a booklet with the nativity story & activities...as well as chocolates! Mary Hewetson has these in stock at a cost of £4.59 per calendar. If you would like to buy one please contact Mary Hewetson at maryhewetson49@gmail.com or 01225 722210

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Rector: Rev Katie Jackson (01225 722230)
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Winsley: Richard Mann (309374) Penny Pierce (723284)

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Valentine Thornhill (862552)

Monkton Farleigh: Rachel & Colin Exley (851485)

Social Events Across the Benefice

Friday 7th Nov - 12-3pm - **Soup's Up** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
 Saturday 8th Nov - 7:30pm - **BOA Choral Society Concert** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Sunday 9th Nov - 7:30pm - **Canzona Remembrance Concert** - St Nicholas Church, Winsley
 Wednesday 12th Nov - 10:30am - **Sunbeams Parent & Toddler Group** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
 Wednesday 12th Nov - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Wednesday 12th Nov - 1:30pm - **Conversation & Craft** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Wednesday 12th Nov - 7pm - **Men's & Ladies Group - Tales of Somerset** - Winsley Church Hall
 Thursday 13th Nov - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Saturday 15th Nov - 7pm - **Christ Church Race Night** - Mount Pleasant Social Club, Bradford on Avon
 Wednesday 19th Nov - 10am - **Kettle's On** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
 Wednesday 19th Nov - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Thursday 20th Nov - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Friday 21st Nov - 12-3pm - **Soup's Up** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley

Be a Star and donate a gift

Be a Star!

Could you help us make Christmas special for children who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

If YES, please bring brand-new, unwrapped gifts for children aged 0-18 to any of our four churches during opening times from **Monday 10th – Thursday 27th November**. There will be a collection box in each church.

Gift ideas for children and young people

0-3 yrs: soft toys, colourful and fun educational toys, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys
 3-5 yrs: books, dressing up clothes, cars, dolls, action figures and soft toys, colourful, fun educational toys, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles, footballs;
 5-9 yrs: dolls and action figures, educational games and toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, word search, crosswords, sports equipment and clothing;
 9-12 yrs: games and toys, sports equipment and clothing, stationery, books, T-Shirts, gloves/scarves/hats;
 13-16 yrs: books, toiletries (non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves/scarves/hats/accessories

If you'd like to make a financial donation, please use this QR code or visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thefsalvationarmychristmas-2025-430>

 REGULATOR
 The Salvation Army, Castle Street, Trowbridge, BA14 6AR
 Call us on 01225 752 459

Discover Christ Church! bluebird care IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Christ Church CE VC Primary School Dementia Action Alliance

CONVERSATION & CRAFT

CHRIST CHURCH, BRADFORD-ON-AVON

AUTUMN 2025 1.30PM - 3PM

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER
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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









Christ Church Fundraiser

RACE Night

Join us for an evening filled with fun, excitement, and good company!

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - 7:30PM

**MOUNT PLEASANT SOCIAL CLUB
BRADFORD ON AVON**



Tickets are £5 on the door which includes 2 race tickets. Light finger food will be provided and there is a cash bar available at the Club.

For more details contact nboabenefice@gmail.com





A Remembrance

7:30pm on 9 November
at St Nicholas' Winsley

Howard Goodall's
Eternal Light Requiem

Sung by Canzona
Musical Director
David Bishop

No ticket required but there will be a retiring collection with profits split equally between Canzona and St Nicholas' Church

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 7th & 21st November

Friday 5th December

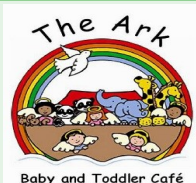
Friday 16th January



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Anne Hilton will be placing an order for Christmas cards from The Children's Society. There are some beautiful designs available and all sales raise valuable funds for the charity. For details speak to Anne at Christ Church or email nboabenefice@gmail.com

The Children's Society



**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 on 01225 782527



**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HALL
10AM-12PM**

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



**HEAL
THE LAND**

An inspiring and hopeful film about the transformation of a former intensive dairy farm in Somerset into a thriving new place for nature and people

Winsley Nature Chain in partnership with St. Nicholas Church are pleased to invite you to a screening of the film *Heal the Land* from local rewilding charity Heal Somerset.

Wednesday 26 November, 7.30pm to 9pm
St. Nicholas Church, Winsley

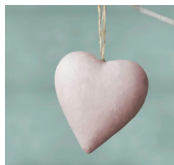
Admission is free
Donations are welcome for Heal Somerset (after church expenses)

The evening will include the chance to put questions about the film and the charity's work to Richard Mann who is a regular volunteer with Heal Somerset.



A Special Saying Goodbye Service

Saying Goodbye, (part of Mariposa International) are coming to Wiltshire this month with a very special baby loss remembrance and support service.



On the 22nd November at 4pm in Malmesbury Cathedral, they will be hosting one of their Saying Goodbye Services. This is the most local service to us in Wiltshire and is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. To find out more about the charity visit www.sayinggoodbye.org

**NORTH BRADFORD & VILLAGES
MEN'S & LADIES VILLAGES GROUP**

**Wednesday 12th November - 7pm
Winsley Church Hall**

THE LAND OF SUNSHINE, SIXES & CIDER

More tales from Old Somerset. Tim Hawkings will be taking another light-hearted look at his home county.

Supper will be a selection of Domino's pizzas and a salad.

Bring your own drinks or buy from the Social Club.

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

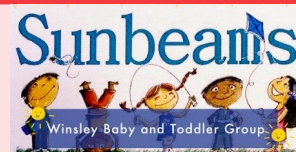
Please book via Paul Billingham as soon as possible (pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)

**Parent & Toddler Group
Winsley Church Hall**

**2nd & 4th Wednesday at
10:30am**

Our next Sunbeams will be 12th November

For more details please contact
Mary Hewetson on 01225 722210



Thank You from The Hub

Throughout October, we celebrated the harvest season with some wonderful services within our schools and beautifully decorated churches.

Each year we collect donations for The Hub Food Bank in Bradford on Avon. As a Benefice we donated 160kgs of food items. Thank you to everyone who donated and gave their time to make this a wonderful harvest celebration.

"Thank you so much for your Harvest donations... We are so grateful for this. Many thanks, as always, for your continued support, which is phenomenal and so appreciated." The Hub



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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **23rd November**. Please send any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Monday 17th November**.