

NewsLink

19th April - 2nd May 2026



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

Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone involved in making our Easter services so special: musicians, flower arrangers, ministry team, church wardens, welcomers, readers, intercessors, hospitality providers and Becky, our children and families worker. It is such a joy to be blessed by the gifts of our whole benefice family so thank you for your part in the last few weeks (and for that matter, the other 50 weeks of the year too).

Some of my favourite passages in the Bible are those that follow the story of Jesus' resurrection. I love the way that Jesus appears to his friends in just the way they need him to, it's never a one size fits all approach. Whether it is through talking through the scriptures whilst walking along a dusty road, giving someone the opportunity to physically touch the scars left on his hands and feet, calling someone's name, sharing bread and wine, coming into a fear-filled locked room, or catching fish by the beach.



Jesus comes alongside his friends to reassure them of his life-giving presence offering peace, unconditional love, reconciliation and forgiveness. Each of these encounters are uniquely special and filled with hope. But it didn't stop there, Jesus continues to meet with us today and as such we have our own stories to tell. We may feel that they are not as dramatic as those that we hear about in the Bible, but they are as uniquely special. Jesus comes alongside us in our day to day living, in our hopes and fears, in our moments of despondency and distress and in our moments of joy.

Over the coming few weeks, between Easter and Ascension Day, the theme for our Sunday services is 'Walking with Jesus'. As part of this, at each of our services around the benefice, we will be inviting someone to share a little of their story. When we did this last year it proved to be a real encouragement to everyone. It's a wonderful hope-filled reminder that Jesus is very much alive and active amongst us today.

'They asked each other, 'weren't our hearts burning within us'.

Luke 24:32

Every blessing,
Katie

Upcoming Services

Sunday 19th April

10am - Refresh (joined by Winsley Methodist Church) - Winsley Church Hall, 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 Paul Batson

Monday 20th April

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

Sunday 26th April

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

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

10:30am - Refresh (café-style worship) - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon led by Rev Tessa Mann

Monday 27th April

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

Wednesday 29th April

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

Sunday 3rd May

10am - Benefice Service - St James' Church, South Wraxall led by Rev Katie Jackson

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

  In Partnership with  

Conversation and Craft

Join us for fun crafts, cakes, and chat for people of all ages
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1SJ



Upcoming Dates
April 22, May 13,
June 3, June 24

1:30pm - 3pm

All are welcome



FAMILY TEATIME SERVICE



First Sunday of Every Month at 4pm
St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

A short, child-focused service followed by tea

ALL ARE WELCOME

Churchfield the Village School & St Peter's Church

Monkton Farleigh Scarecrow Trail

Nursery Rhymes

May 2nd - 4th

Last year's scarecrow trail was such a brilliant success—thanks to all of you!—and we're thrilled to be launching it again!

We'd love your help!
You can get involved by:

- **Hosting** a school-made scarecrow, or
- **Designing and displaying** your own in your garden or outside your home

If you'd like to join in, please let us know by 17th April so we can put the trail together



If you are interested in participating

Please contact the school office on 01225 703026 or email us on cvsfmreception@palladianacademytrust.com



SOUTH WRAXALL VILLAGE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL - 9-11:30AM

SOUTH WRAXALL VILLAGE HALL

We hope you will join us for our last Village Breakfast of the season. We will be serving our renowned Full English Breakfast, which also includes toast, homemade marmalade, tea, coffee and fruit juice. Do join with family and friends, neighbours and newbies in what is always a convivial and congenial start to the day.

Profits of the breakfast go towards maintaining the fabric of St James's, our village 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 in advance by emailing southwraxall@outlook.com



ST NICHOLAS, WINLSEY CHURCHYARD SPRING CLEAR UP

Please put **Saturday 15th May** in your diaries for the next St Nicholas churchyard clear up 10am - noon.

All welcome. Please bring along tools and a wheelbarrow if you have one.

John Baxter

Social Events Across the Benefice

Wednesday 22nd Apr - 10:30am - **Sunbeams** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
 Wednesday 22nd Apr - 10:30am - **Coffee & Company** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Wednesday 22nd Apr - 1:30pm - **Conversation & Craft** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Wednesday 22nd Apr - 7pm - **Men's & Ladies Group Talk** - Winsley Church Hall, Winsley
 Thursday 23rd Apr - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Thursday 23rd Apr - 3pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Sunday 26th Apr - 9-11:30am - **South Wraxall Village Breakfast** - South Wraxall Village Hall
 Thursday 30th Apr - 10am - **The Ark** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Thursday 30th Apr - 3pm - **BOA Youth Drop In** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Saturday 2nd May - 10am -12pm - **Christ Church Café** - Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
 Saturday 2nd - Monday 4th May - **Monkton Farleigh Scarecrow Trail** - Monkton Farleigh
(Refreshments served on the Saturday in Monkton Farleigh Village Hall)



Spring into Summer
 A collection of Songs Old and New
 Sung by Canzona
St James' Church, South Wraxall
Friday 15th May 2026 at 6pm
 Free Admission
 Retiring collection for Church



Christ Church Café
SATURDAY 3RD MAY
10AM - 12PM
COFFEE & CAKE
MUSIC
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
ALL WELCOME

NORTH BRADFORD & VILLAGES MEN'S GROUP
Wednesday 6th May 2026 - 7pm
St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley
CURRY & BOARD GAMES
EVENING
 Mike Young will bring a selection of board games for us to try, and to play with different opponents. Supper will be an Indian curry, with a wide selection of dishes. Bring your own drinks or buy from Social Club.
 All men in the four parishes, whether church members or not, are warmly invited.
 Please book via Paul Billingham asap (pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)

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.

christian aid **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**
10th-16th May 2026
 There will be no door-to-door collection again this year. However, envelopes will be available from St Nicholas Church from 9th May. Please collect one if you wish to support this worthy charity. Winsley has always collected a significant sum towards their work which is now even more important than ever. I hope we can continue even in these difficult times. You may also contribute online. Details can be found on their website www.christianaid.org.uk
 Envelopes may be returned direct to Christian Aid - details will be on the envelope. Otherwise, they may be returned to me at 22 Late Broads, Winsley. Thank you, Alison Wells

Forget-me-not Café
 free refreshments, home-made cakes, fun, good company



A friendly café for those living with dementia and their carers.



The first Thursday afternoon of the month 3 - 4:30pm
 Winsley Church Hall

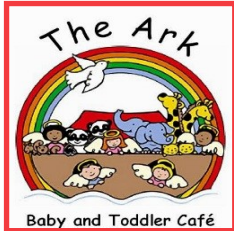
May 7th June 4th July 2nd August 6th
 "looking forward to the next one" "really enjoyed ourselves" "delicious tea"

Cafes are also held at Holy Trinity Bradford on Avon on the third Thursday morning of the month 11 - 12:30pm

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 20th June -
Monkton Farleigh Village
Fete

Baby & Toddler Group Christ Church



Baby and Toddler Café

Thursdays in term time
10am - 11:30am

**The Ark is back
Thursday 23rd April**

Come along with your little ones for fun, toys, stories, songs, craft & snacks.

For more details contact
Hilary - 01225 782527

CHRIST CHURCH PLANT STALL 2026

Saturday 2nd &
Sunday 3rd May

13 Newtown,
Bradford on Avon



If you have spare seedlings, potted cuttings or plants to donate please do drop off on Friday 1st May.

Many thanks, Gillian, Val and Barbara



Donors and Supporters, we want to hear from you!

Current donors, supporters and anyone interested, please get in touch so we can update you on what your generous donations and prayers are helping to achieve.

Contact: Ella Liversage
ella.liversage@salisbury.anglican.org
- Donations Administrator -
www.salisburysudanspartnership.co.uk

Our Mission

The conflict in Sudan has created one of the gravest humanitarian crises of our time. For more than 1,000 days, communities have endured unimaginable loss and displacement. In the Salisbury-Sudans Partnership, we stand alongside them in faith, friendship, and practical support - built on decades of trusted, local links that ensure help reaches those who need it most.

Thanks to the generosity of donors within the Salisbury Diocese, we provide life-changing Humanitarian Aid, Medical Support, Education and Advocacy, across Sudan and South Sudan. Recent support has enabled emergency food deliveries, medical supplies for 16 clinics, safer births through our 'Mama Pack' kits, and opportunities for students - including over 100 sponsored learners at JDMSS, now one of the best-performing schools in the country.

The Salisbury-Sudans Partnership works closely with the government to help ensure the realities faced by communities in Sudan and South Sudan are understood.

Every prayer and every gift, large or small, strengthens our mission - enabling us to expand our aid, support those most affected, and continue advocating for peace in the Sudans.



Saturday 6th June - 6pm
St Nicholas' Church,
Winsley



Eco-poetry
Evening
with
Dr Helen Moore

An evening with internationally acclaimed eco-poet Dr Helen Moore who will be reading from her two latest books.

The Last Lighthouse in Rising Seas, forthcoming from Palewell Press in May 2026, and *river/run*, an eco-poetic trilogy, (Cape Farewell Books, 2024).

This should prove to be an inspiring and thought-provoking evening.

Tickets are free. To book tickets visit
www.wildwatersfestival.com

Donations will be invited to cover modest church expenses and the rest will be sent to the charity River Action.

Parent & Toddler Group



Winsley Church Hall
2nd & 4th Wednesday of
month

10:30 - 11:30am

Toys & games, coffee & cake for adults, squash & healthy treats for children followed by a bible story.

Next Sunbeams 22nd April

Contact Mary Hewetson
01225 722210

Electoral Roll Revision

Ahead of our Annual Parochial Church Meetings in May, the Electoral Roll for all four churches will soon be revised and final numbers on the electoral rolls will be reported to the ACPMs.

St Nicholas' Church (APCM 10th May) revision during the period 21st March - 23rd April 2026. Application forms are available on the noticeboard at the back of the church. If you are interested in being included on the Roll, please contact Electoral Roll Officer, Mary Anne Baxter at: jbma40@btinternet.com or 01225 863072.

Christ Church (APCM 17th May) revision during the period 28th March and 26th April 2026. If you are interested in being included on the Roll, please contact Electoral Roll Officer, Hilary Pike at: hilary.pike@btinternet.com or 01225 782527.

St Peter's Church (APCM 6th May) revision during the period 25th March and 22nd April 2026. If you are interested in being included on the Roll, please contact Diana Dobson at: di.dobson@btinternet.com or 07884 321238.

St James' Church (APCM 3rd May) Revision details TBC

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **3rd May**.

Please send any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Monday 27th April**.

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