

NewsLink

10 July — 23 July 2022



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear friends

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Tim and Heather to our Benefice. Tim retired from full time ministry in Bath and Wells Diocese just over a year ago. He and Heather have made their home in Winsley where they are already very much part of village and parish life. Tim now has Permission to Officiate in Salisbury Diocese, so will be involved in ministry from time to time. We wish Tim and Heather a blessed retirement and warm welcome from all our church communities.

Rev Ann & Rev Tessa

What a week we're having?! I'm sure like me you have been watching wide-eyed what has been going on in Westminster and wondering what will happen next. There has been some extraordinary and absorbing tennis at Wimbledon with plenty of last set comebacks. Cameron Norrie described his quarter final match as bonkers ... And of course England hit 378 in the last innings of a test match at five an over losing only three wickets in the process...

Ben Stokes, England's new test captain, tried to put into words the turn-around that has taken place in the last few weeks with four successful run chases. **"A great way to explain it is that teams are perhaps better than us, but teams won't be braver than us.** Jack Leach said that to me and it is a great way to sum things up at the moment." Cricket lovers won't forget Leach, with his steamed up glasses, at Headingley in 2019 joining Ben Stokes for their last wicket still needing 76 to beat the Australians. Brave indeed!

Someone else who needs bottle is our new Bishop, Stephen Lake. On 19th June Salisbury Cathedral was packed for his enthronement and there was a joyous atmosphere with beautiful music, moving liturgy, and plenty of involvement from young people. Before the service the bishop made his way with a group of scouts into the city on foot from Old Sarum, acknowledging where his faith began.

In his sermon he talked about Jesus' parable of the talents.

The congregation were each handed a mystery envelope by a group of children. "Wait till I tell you to open it," he said. Then together everyone opened their gifts to find a crispy £10 note, along with a letter from Bishop Stephen inviting recipients to "make it grow as a sign of the kingdom of God". #SalisburyGotTalent challenge! He didn't want us to return it doubled, but to do something good with it, take someone out for a meal, give it to the local foodbank, buy a slate for the church roof or whatever. He was also quick to tell us that the £10,000 had been anonymously given for the purpose!

"You asked that your bishop be holy, visionary, transforming, courageous, unifying, visible, caring," he said. "This is my vocation, and this is now our vocation. We can do this; this is our time. You now bear the responsibility for this gift. This is His Kingdom here and now, amen." As one person put it,

"Exciting times ahead."

Let's pray for Bishop Stephen, and the others who been making headlines this week, especially those in leadership, and indeed ourselves, for the bravery and courage they and we need. Joshua was told: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Rev Tim Hawkings



Events and Notices

Upcoming Services

Sunday, 10th July

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, joint with South Wraxall *Tim /Gerry*
10.00am Refresh at St Nicholas Church, Winsley *Cedric and Penny Pierce/Tricia & Music Group*
10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon *Ann / Harold*

Sunday, 17th July

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with MF *Tessa/Keith B*
10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley *Ann/Pippa/Richard*
10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon *Paul/Gerry*

Sunday, 24th July

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, joint with South Wraxall. *Ann/Gerry*
10.00am Together in Worship at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Keith C/Keith B/Geoff*
10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, BoA. *Cedric and Penny Pierce/Tricia and Music Group*

Sunday, 31st July

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall. *Ann/Keith B*
4.00pm 'Pet Service' at St Peter's Churchyard, Monkton Farleigh. See page 3 for the poster
Tessa/Zoe

Sunday, 7th August

10.30am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. *Tessa/Zoe/Gerry*

Funeral and Thanksgiving Service

To celebrate the life of Ed Gilby on Friday 8th July.
Private cremation at Semington at 10.00 am followed
by a family funeral in St Nicholas Church, Winsley at
11.30 am. Ann taking.

A Service of Thanksgiving at Church Farm Cottages
will take place at 2.00pm.

Christian Aid Week

The total collected by the Bradford On Avon churches
in Christian Aid Week amounted to £4264.94 plus gift
aid of £848. This is in addition to sums given on line
and is a magnificent response. Many thanks to all who
gave and collected.

Wendy Brown
BACT

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on the **24th July**.
Please email any relevant contributions to Caroline by
Tuesday 19th July. You can read the full version on
our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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The Quiet Garden at Great Chalfield

2022-2023

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

Click [here](#) for the full Quiet Garden Leaflet



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PET Blessing SERVICE



All God's
creatures
welcome!!

Sunday July 31st 2022

4-5pm

St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh



Any questions? Please contact Rev Tessa Mann
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and Families worker on zyeomans3@gmail.com

This special **Pet Service** will celebrate all the love our pets bring to us. There will be an opportunity to bring your pet -furry, feathered, scaly, big or small! - for a special blessing during the service.

Everyone is welcome, with or without your pets. If you are unable to bring a pet, you are welcome to bring a photograph instead.

We plan to hold the service outside with refreshments after, so bring a chair or rug and please ensure ALL animals are suitably contained or harnessed.

All animals and their actions are the responsibility of their owners.