

# NewsLink

24 July — 27 August 2022 (Summer Edition)

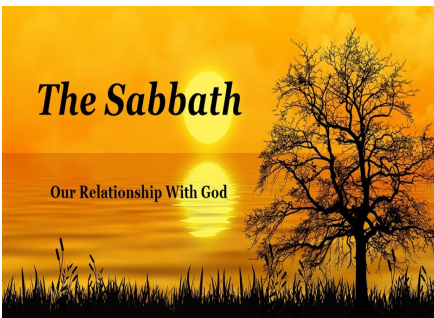


Churches of North  
Bradford on Avon  
& Villages

Dear friends

Last Wednesday, Tessa and I attended the annual Clergy Day at Bryanston School, which is set in a beautiful campus. It was a real joy to have the opportunity to connect and re-connect with colleagues and friends from across the diocese. It was also the first time many of us had met and listened our new Bishop Stephen. One of the themes for the day was wellbeing and we were encouraged to think about Jesus's phrase 'Life in all its fullness'. I wonder what that phrase means for you?

Those of us who have been into our schools towards the end of the term have seen how weary the staff and pupils were, but our schools have now closed for the summer holidays, and we hope they are blessed with time for lots of fun and relaxation. Life in all its fullness includes study, work, rest and play.



Some of you may be going away during the summer, others may be caring for children or grandchildren, but I hope and pray that you have some time for hobbies and interests and especially some sabbath time, some rest time with God during these summer months. What is The Sabbath and sabbath?

The origin of the Hebrew sabbat is uncertain, but it seems to have derived from the verb *sabat*, meaning to stop, to cease, or to keep. Its theological meaning is rooted in God's rest following the six days of creation (Gen 2:2-3).

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. In the Old Testament. The observance of the Sabbath is central to Jewish life. For the pious Jew, keeping the Sabbath holy is a *mitzvah*, or duty, before God. In the New Testament, the Gospels record six cases in which Jesus' action resulted in controversy over the Sabbath, and two more that did not. Jesus faces the accusation that his disciples have broken the Sabbath by picking grain and eating. He is interrogated about the healing of a man with a withered hand, a crippled woman, a blind man, and so on, but for example, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law seems not to have elicited any opposition. Just how Jesus regarded how we keep the Sabbath remains a matter of discussion.

The earliest Christians, themselves Jews, probably did worship on Saturday according to Jewish custom, but they also held Sunday to be a day of special significance. They called it "The Lord's Day" and observed it as a memorial of Christ's resurrection - a mini-version of Easter, celebrated on a weekly basis.

These days, we often use the word 'sabbath' as a general description of taking some time out, to set aside some time, time to rest or to be with God. If you are staying in a different part of the country, find a church service and enjoy worshipping with the congregation there.

Go for a walk and enjoy God's creation, or just sit on a bench somewhere quiet and just 'be'.

Life in all its fulness gives us plenty of scope for adventure, for trying something new, for working, for loving, for spending quality time with others, for caring for others and for time with God.

Have a very blessed summer.  
Ann, Rector

*I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*  
**John 10:10**



# Events and Notices

## Upcoming Services

### 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

**10.30am** Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall. **Please note the time change this week from the usual 10am.** *Ann/Keith B*  
4.00pm 'Pet Service' at St Peter's Churchyard, Monkton Farleigh. See page 4. *Tessa/Zoe/Tricia*

### Wednesday, 3rd August

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, BoA. *Bernard*

### Sunday, 7th August

10.30am Outside Benefice Service with Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. See poster on page 4 for more details. *Tessa/Zoe/Gerry*

### Sunday, 14th August

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, joint with SW. *Tessa/Gerry*  
10.00am Refresh at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Ann/Tricia and Music Group*  
10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, BoA. *Tim/Harold*

### Sunday, 21st August

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with MF. *Bernard/Gerry*  
10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Paul/Harold/Geoff*  
10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, BoA. *Keith/Tricia and Music Group*

### Sunday, 28th August

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with MF. *Paul/Keith B*  
10.00am Together in Worship at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Tessa or Ann/Pippa/Richard*  
10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, BoA. *Rachel, Ann or Tessa/Tricia and Music Group*

## Funeral and Thanksgiving Services

**Tuesday 2nd August** - Barbara (Barbie) Fowler  
Committal at Semington at 11.30am. Service of  
Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh at  
1.00pm. Ann taking

**Tuesday 9th August** - Mina Dudley  
Committal at 1.30pm at Haycombe. Service of Thanksgiving at St  
Nicholas Church, Winsley at 3.00pm. Ann taking

## Weddings and Baptisms

**Wedding** of David Sutton and Sally Fowle on  
Saturday, August 6th at 1pm at St Nicholas  
Church, Winsley. Tessa taking



**Baptism** on Sunday 7th August at 1pm at St Nicholas  
Church, Winsley. Ann taking

**Wedding** of Paul Farry and Ashleigh King on Thursday  
18th August at 1pm at Christ Church, BoA. Ann taking

**Wedding** of Marc Jason and Jennifer Van Griethuysen  
on Saturday 20th August at 1pm at St Nicholas Church,  
Winsley. Ann taking

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## **AFTERNOON TEA IN ST JAMES'S CHURCH**

Yes, we're back! The bees are buzzing and the temperatures soaring – it's time for Afternoon Tea. The church is opening its doors to welcome villagers and visitors to enjoy our delicious offerings in the peace and tranquillity of the Longs Chapel (and outside if the weather is fair).

We look forward to your company on the following Thursday afternoons to enjoy sandwiches and other savouries, plus a varied selection of homemade cakes, with tea, coffee and soft drinks:

**Thursday 28th July**

**Thursday 11th August**

**Thursday 1st September**

**Teas will be available from 2pm until 5pm.** So please, do join us! Bring your family and friends (children are always welcome) and have a lovely time whilst supporting the upkeep of St James's Church, South Wraxall. If you have time to volunteer to help or bake us a cake please ring **Valentine Thornhill on 01225 862552.**

## **Sudanese Bishops coming to St James, South Wraxall**



Bishop Hassan from Kadugli and Bishop Ismail of El Obeid, Darfur are staying as guests in our Deanery following attendance at the Lambeth Conference. Revd Joanna from Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield, along with the churches from our Benefice, which together make up the Bradford area of our Deanery, thought that the visiting Bishops might like to experience a quintessential English tea in a traditional village church.

Each summer St James, South Wraxall welcome visitors to their church for such an afternoon tea (see above!) and as the Bishops are here on

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August**, it seems an ideal place to invite them, and to invite you to join us.

*If you are able to help with baking a cake, providing some sandwiches etc, please contact Valentine Thornhill on 01225 862552*

We look forward to welcoming you. There will also be a prayer evening with the Bishops at St Katharine's, Holt on **Tuesday evening 9<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.** We will here from Bishop Hassan and pray for Kadugli, El Obeid and Sudan. Everyone welcome.

**Revs Ann and Joanna**



## **NewsLink and the Benefice Office**

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **August 28th** to allow for people being away over the summer. Please email any relevant contributions to [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 23rd August.** You can read the full version on our website at [www.nboachurches.co.uk](http://www.nboachurches.co.uk)

If you need any Benefice related printing, Caroline will be in the office on Tuesday 26th July, but please email her first. Any queries over the summer, please contact Ann or Tessa, rather than calling the office or send an email if it is not for urgent attention, to the Benefice email above. Thank you!

## 'It's Your Move'

All the Year 6 children in our Benefice Schools; Christ Church, Winsley and Churchfields in Monkton Farleigh (and also Atworth), were presented with an 'It's Your Move' book from the Church as part of a workshop session for each school.



The fun and well-received sessions included a short video, tie tying, the egg drop challenge, discussing Secondary School dilemmas and more!  
**Zoe**

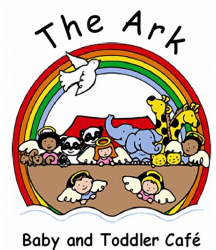
Thank you to Zoe for organising these workshops. It was great for Tessa and I to be with her and the year 6 pupils. Each year we present all leavers with It's Your Move: your secondary school survival guide published by Scripture Union as a gift from our churches. The young people really enjoy them and find them useful. There are pages on how to deal with homework, making friends, how to deal with bullying, and travelling to a new school etc. and as we held the workshops a few weeks before the end of term, the young people have chance to talk to their teachers about anything that concerns them.

If you have children or grandchildren making the move to secondary school this year, do get them a copy, available from eden.co.uk price £3.46

**Ann**

## The Ark

Children at the Ark having fun in the pop up sand pit and at their summer picnic in Sladesbrook Park! Thank you to all the families and the team. The Ark will meet back at **10am on Thursday, 15th September.**



Baby and Toddler Café

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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 01225 309374 or email Zoe Benefice Children's 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.

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Come and join us for

## Our Summer Service

with Holy Communion

**10:30 am, Sunday 7th August 2022**  
 Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Everyone welcome!

The theme is 'Our wonderful world!'

Please bring a rug or chair to sit on and dress for being outside if the weather is good.

We look forward to seeing you!

Aidan Dodson

# Tutankhamun

## King of Egypt

### His Life & Afterlife

Aidan Dodson, honorary Professor of Egyptology at the University of Bristol, explores what we know about the career of this young king of ancient Egypt, and how he became world-famous following the discovery of his almost-untouched tomb, a hundred years ago this November.

All proceeds to

The Children's Society

**Wednesday 10 August 2022**  
 7:30-9:00pm  
 Holy Trinity Church  
 Bradford-on-Avon  
 £4.50 on the door