

NewsLink

25 September - 8 October



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
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Dear friends

Many people commented on the amazing singing during our last Benefice Service! And they were right – people were singing out their praise to God and it was full of joy! We are all different, and moved by different things, perhaps the peacefulness of our countryside, the wonder experienced at a clear sky, strewn with stars. But I think for many of us, there is something about the ability of music that helps us express our deepest hopes and fears.

Those of you who listen to Thought for the Day will know of The Revd Lucy Winkett, the Rector of St James's, Piccadilly. She spoke recently about how music nourishes and waters her often too fragile faith, and she wrote the following:

'Over the summer, as one of our congregation was singing during the eucharist, I found myself at the altar not sure that I could go on. All the pandemic fear of sickness and sleeplessness about money, all the reassurance that I tried to give, and the un-anxious leadership that I attempted to exercise while feeling exactly the opposite and wanting half the time to run away – all this was somehow given expression in the "nevertheless" theology that I often find so helpful, hidden in the traditional words of the classic song that she sang.

Times are so hard for so many. Existential anxiety about environmental overheating mixes with fuel poverty and fear of the coming cold. It is not difficult for a hopelessness and helplessness to settle, as the polarised and combative political discourse seems never to end, and promised solutions seem never to land.'

But she goes on to say that the life of a parish – curious, complex, challenging, and bemusing as it is – ensures that she must return to the altar where all this fractiousness and fear is laid down, and through the song sung, realise once again that we are reassured that 'It is well, it is well with my soul'.



Lucy's words prompted me to say a huge 'thank you' to our musicians – our organists and all who play in our music groups. The music you make has a profound influence. It has the power to move us, excite us, calm us, challenge us, reassure us. It has the power to bring us back to the heart of worship, so we too can sing, 'it is well, it is well with my soul.'

May all be well with you, and may God bless you in the weeks to come.

Ann, Rector

Upcoming Services

Sunday 25th September

10.30 am Refresh at Christ Church, BoA *Tessa/Tricia and music group*

10.00am Together in Worship. The journey of faith through the years St Nicholas, Winsley *Paul/Karl/ IT Richard*

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall *Bernard/tbc*

10.00am Harvest Festival at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh *Ann/Gerry*

Sunday 2nd October

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Tessa/Gerry/Richard*. Dave Smith, Chaplain at Dorothy House, will be guest speaker. See page 3 for more information

Wednesday 5th October

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. *Keith C*

Sunday 9th October

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, joint with St James, South Wraxall.

Ann/Gerry

10.00am Refresh at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Keith C/Pippa and Music Group*

10.30am Harvest Festival with Holy Communion at Christ Church, BoA. *Tessa/Keith B*

3.00pm-4.00pm Forest Church at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Tessa/Zoe*. See poster on page 4

Sunday 16th October

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh. *Paul/Keith B*

10.00am Harvest Festival Service at St James, South Wraxall. *Bernard/Gerry*

11.00am Harvest Festival Service at St Nicholas, Winsley. Note change in time. *Ann/Pippa and Music group*. Followed by a simple lunch at 12 noon in the church hall. See poster on page 3

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. *Tim/Richard*

Tuesday, 18th October

7.30pm Healing Service for St Luke's Day at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Paul*. This will be a quiet, reflective service in which there will be an opportunity for the laying of hands and anointing for healing. You may wish to attend for yourself or on behalf of somebody else. All are welcome. Please contact Paul Batson if you have any queries.

Weddings and Baptisms



Wedding Blessing of Joshua Aldridge and Jessica Acheson at 1pm on Saturday 8th October at St James, South Wraxall.

Tessa taking

Wedding of Daniel Bamford and Amy Ford at 2pm on Saturday 22nd October at St James, South Wraxall.

Paul taking

Baptism at 3pm on Sunday 25th September at St Nicholas, Winsley. Tessa taking

Baptism at 12.30pm on Sunday 2nd October at St James, South Wraxall. Tessa taking

Baptism at 12 noon on Sunday, 9th October at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Ann taking

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 9th October**. Please email any relevant contributions to nboabenefice@gmail.com by **Tuesday 4th October**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk



Remembering her late Majesty The Queen

It was so important that we were able to keep our churches open during the day for people to pop in and spend some quiet time, light a candle and sign the book or pages of condolence after the Queen's death. Our services last Sunday were greatly appreciated by all those who attended.

The books of condolence are now closed. Thank you to all who contributed.

Linds Batson

Dorothy House and Reflecting on Christian Hope and Peace

A reminder that we have Dave Smith, the Chaplain of Dorothy House at our Benefice Service on the 2nd October at St Nicholas. He will be telling us more about Dorothy House and reflecting on Christian hope and peace.

Then on **Tuesday 4th October at 10am till 12.30pm at St Nicholas Church**, Revd Paul Batson will lead a conversation to follow up on the themes that are raised at the Benefice service. This will be an occasion for open conversation about how our faith shapes and informs our understanding and experience of death and dying. Refreshments will be available. All welcome!

Paul Batson



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Harvest Festival at Christ Church, BoA

...will be on **Sunday 9th October at 10.30am** when we will celebrate the Eucharist and afterwards share the harvest loaf with our refreshments. All harvest donations will be given to The Hub - if you would like to donate there is a list of items suggested by The Hub on the blue board at the back of church.

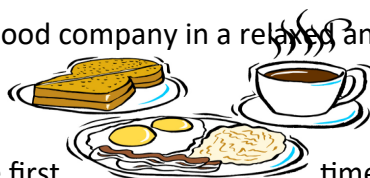
Many thanks
Stephen Pike



Breakfast in South Wraxall Village Hall - Sunday, 9th October from 9am

The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting longer and the leaves are beginning to fall – it must be time to welcome you all back to another Village Breakfast in South Wraxall! We will be serving all the usual fare: a full English Breakfast, fruit juice, tea and coffee, toast and, of course, Marian's marvellous marmalade.

Do come and enjoy fantastic food and good company in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, from 9am onwards. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of St James's Church, so you are asked to be as generous as possible. We look forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time. All welcome!



Jean Atkin



Harvest Festival Sunday 16th October at St Nicholas Church, Winsley

Service to start at 11.00 am followed by a simple harvest themed lunch in the Church Hall

Are you able to make soup for 8? Vegetable/Leek and Potato/Carrot and Co-riander or a Fruit crumble/Fruit tart...If so, please contact Sue Wright on 01225 863497

If you can come, please sign up on the sheet in church. Everyone welcome, do please invite friends and neighbours. We will decorate the church on Saturday 15th so please leave any produce near the front of the church.

Donations of food will be delivered to The Hub

There will be no charge for lunch but any cash donations will be given to the charity **Farming Community Network** which supports farmers and their families who are struggling in any way.

Ann

The Hub

You are warmly welcomed to the Hub@BA15 Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 20th October**. The meeting will be held at the United Church St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon BA15 1DD.

Hot drinks and cake will be available before the meeting starts at **7pm** where the speaker will be the team leader and project coordinator - Louis Shortall from the Rough Sleepers team based at the housing department at Wiltshire Council. Please contact **Avril Clarke** on 01225 920748 (10-1pm) with any queries. All welcome.



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Come and join us for our next
Forest Church
St. Nicholas Church, Winsley
3-4pm Sunday 9th October 2022,
in the Churchyard
Everyone welcome!
The theme is "Fungi"



Please bring a rug or chair to sit on and dress warmly as we will be outside.
We look forward to seeing you!

Holiday Club

If there is anyone would like to get involved in the next Holiday Club, probably on **Thursday 27th October**, either on the morning or in advance, please get in touch with Zoe, zyeomans3@gmail.com

More info to follow.

Many thanks! Zoe