

NewsLink

4 December - 17 December



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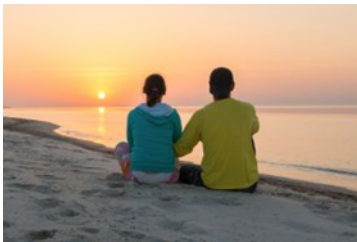
Dear friends

As you know, our ministers move around to a different church each week so that you experience a variety of ministry styles. This gives our ministers the opportunity to meet members of the congregations of each of our churches and we enjoy leading worship in our different communities.

There is one downside to this which is we do not always spot if we have not seen someone for a while. They may of course be fine, or away for those particular weekends. However, they may not have come to church for many months, they may be upset, or unwell without us realising.



In future weeks at our Thursday morning *Four Churches Forum* meeting, we will include *Pastoral issues*, to check that no one to our knowledge has fallen through the net.



There may also be members of our churches who are unwell and might welcome a visit or to have Holy Communion brought to them at home. If you know of someone, do mention it in confidence to one of your Churchwardens or to a member of the ministry team. We can then make arrangements for this privately over coffee during Four Churches Forum, sensitive to people's needs and wishes whilst maintaining privacy and confidentiality.

**Have you been coming to one of our churches
since the pandemic started?**

If so:

Save the date: 29 January 2023

Do join us for afternoon tea and conversation on Sunday afternoon **29th January, 3.00 pm at St Nicholas Church Hall.**

We look forward to seeing you and finding out what you are enjoying about coming to our churches and what you might be missing from your previous church communities that we could offer.



Ann, Rector

Upcoming Services

Sunday, 4th December

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

Wednesday 7th December

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

Sunday 11th December

10.00am Refresh Service at St Nicholas Church, Winsley. *Alison and Zoe, Tricia & the music group, IT: Vernon*

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

10.30am Holy Communion Service at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon. *Keith/Harold*

6.00pm Carol Service at St James Church, South Wraxall. *Ann/Keith B*

Sunday 18th December

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St James Church, South Wraxall. *Tim/Gerry*

10.30am Carol Service at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon. *Ann/Richard C/Tricia and the music group*

6.00pm Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. *Tessa/Gerry*

6.30pm Carol Service at St Nicholas Church, Winsley. *Ann/Keith B/Pippa & the music group, IT:Geoff*

New helpers are sought to provide projection and PA support for worship at

St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas' services benefit from the projection of slides for our hymns, prayers, liturgy and notices.

This depends on a small band of volunteers to set up and operate the tech.

We would now like to grow the team.

If this is an aspect of church life that you might like to support then please do get in touch for an initial conversation:

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(722230)

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Benefice Office:

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Website www.nboachurches.co.uk

Church Wardens:

Winsley: Roy Ludlow (868779) Linds
Batson (720069)

Christ Church: Hilary and Stephen
Pike (782537)

South Wraxall: Dave Wyper
(865384)

Valentine Thornhill (862552)

Monkton Farleigh: Rachel and Colin
Exley: (851485)

Lay Pastoral Assistants:

Stephen Pike (782537), Denise Davies (863678)
Gill Fairhurst (867560), Daphne Cox (868224)
Elizabeth Bush (866624), James Middleton (920564)

Children's and Families Worker:

Zoe Yeomans
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Funeral

Funeral of Phyllis Mulholland, latterly a resident of Wiltshire Heights on 8th December at 12.30 at West Wilts Crematorium (Ann taking)

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 18th December**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 13th December**.

You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

The Nativity

Join Revd Ann and Revd Tessa in watching and discussing the BBC Film: **The Nativity**. We will watch the first part of the film together, break for coffee, then discuss.

Thursday evenings from **7.00 – 9.00 pm**

St Nicholas Church on **Thursday 8th December** and **Thursday 15th December**.

Winsley Carol Service 18th December 6.30pm

Calling all bakers! If you are able to provide mince pies to serve with mulled wine after the Carol Service at St Nicholas Church, Winsley on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm, please let **Alison Wells** know.



Carol Singing in Winsley



Do come and join us for Carol Singing in Winsley at the following times:

Monday 12 December, 5.00-6.00pm - meet at Hollybush Close (**Roy Ludlow - 868779**)

Wednesday 14 December, 3.30-4.30pm - meet at the main entrance of Avon Park and we will sing in the lounge with the residents, followed by mince pies. (**Linds Batson - 720069**)

Salvation Army's Appeal for Christmas Presents

In South Wraxall, for the last few years, it has been the custom to support the Salvation Army's appeal for children's presents. These are for children from 0-18 years and need to be **new, unwrapped** donations.

There will be a box in St James's Church porch, alongside our Christmas Crib, for your gifts from Sunday 27th November until Sunday 4th December. We will be very grateful for all your offerings.

Valentine Thornhill



Christmas Cards for Christ Church

Christ Church are selling Christmas Cards this year to help raise money for the Building Project. These will be available at the Benefice Service at Christ Church on 4th December. The cards show the Nativity Scene that we had in the South Porch last year, and the price is £5.00 for a pack of 10.

If you would like to buy some before that please contact **Hilary Pike, Church Warden**.

Toasty Toes at Monkton Farleigh!

Our coffee morning held on Saturday 19th November raised the amazing sum of £509.30! This has paid for one and a half new under pew heaters. We are hugely grateful to all who came and contributed to this event. It was a lovely get together as well.

Rachel Exley

MEN'S NIGHT, Wednesday
7th December 2022 at 7.30pm in St
Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley
(postponed from November)

VERDUN: THE PRICE OF GLORY (BY
STEWART TAVNER)

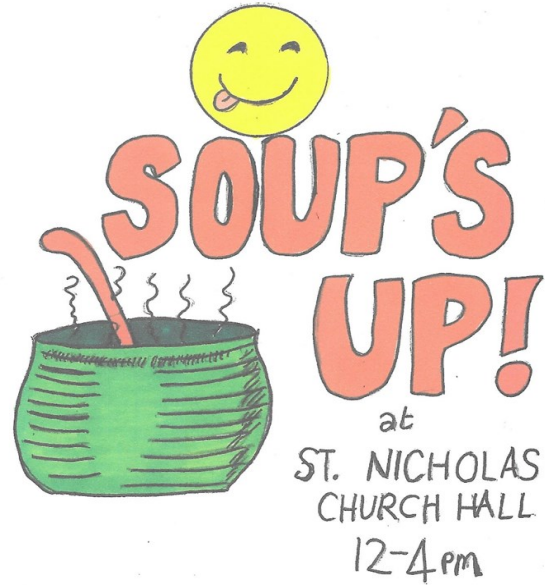
*In 1916, the Germans and the French
locked horns in the North East corner of
France, at Verdun. This was a battle with
devastating consequences for both
sides. In theory, the French won; but at
what cost?*

Supper will be a selection of Domino's
pizzas, with salad (bring your own drink).
Please book with **Paul Billingham** as
soon as possible: (pr24bill@aol.com or
01225 722229)

Carol Service at St James
Church, South Wraxall 11th De-
cember 2022

The collection at this service will be do-
nated to Stepping Stones in Trowbridge
(steppingstonetrowbridge.co.uk)

Valentine Thornhill



Fr Fridays 4+18 Nov. + 2+16 Dec

Soup + roll and dessert/cake: hot drinks
Served from 12-30

Pre-booking helpful, but not essential
Call Penny on 01225 723284

Afternoon activities eg: board games · quiz · craft

**Fundraising to update and restore Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon as a
community hub fit for the 21st century!**

Your donation will help add essential toilets and a kitchen, create
flexible open spaces, restore our spire clock and magnificent
nave and rare wall paintings, and install new energy efficient and
flexible lighting.

If you would like to give a donation in memory or celebration of
someone, a special occasion, or something memorable to you,
please email: discovercc@gmail.com



To donate, scan the QR Code or use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mrt6dn3x>

Thank you so much for your contribution to the Future for Christ Church com-
munity project.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Discover Christ Church!: Project Coordinator

Salary: £32,789 pro rata for an average of 6 days per month for 24 months

Annual leave entitlement: 4 weeks per year pro rata

Summary

Discover Christ Church! is an exciting secular National Lottery Heritage Funded project that will involve the community in a wide range of inclusive, intergenerational, and 'hands-on' activities, workshops, events, and celebrations inspired by the heritage of Christ Church and its programme of restoration.

We are looking for a highly motivated person who will oversee the work of the Community Outreach Project Officer and ensure delivery on the agreed project programme, outputs and outcomes, and deliver monitoring, evaluation and progress reports that meet the needs of the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Please ask for a full Job Description before applying. These may be obtained from the Church Office: nboabenefice@gmail.com or via this link [Job%20Ads%20and%20Job%20Descriptions](#)

Applications will be by CV with a covering letter detailing your suitability for this post to rev.ann.keating@btinternet.com by 18 December 2022.

Interviews to be held in January, start date to be agreed.



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Discover Christ Church!: Community Outreach Project Officer

Salary: £28,226 pro rata 3 days per week for 21 months

Due to the nature of the role an Enhanced DBS check will be required.

Annual leave entitlement: 4 weeks per year pro rata

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We are looking for a highly motivated person who can engage effectively with people of all ages and diverse backgrounds to co-design and deliver an inspiring, supportive and sustainable programme of community engagement and multimedia heritage interpretation – putting Christ Church on the map as a community hub and visitor destination in the town.

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