

NewsLink

9 January — 22 January 2022



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear friends

It's now New Year's Day and the village looks very quiet but it's 16.00 and time for the dog walkers to be coming out. I enjoy going out for a walk as dusk appears as I love seeing all the sparkling Christmas lights that people have gone to so much trouble to put up along the eaves of their houses or to decorate their trees and bushes.

As I walk, I catch up with people I meet and at the beginning of a New Year where Covid is still rampant, I'm not met by doom and gloom, but gratitude for time spent with families here or elsewhere, gratitude for children being able to gather again with friends. Yes of course, there have been some disappointments, for one family, a Christmas planned with relatives in Germany had to be cancelled, but other families were grateful for decisions taken in time for them to buy a turkey with the trimmings, and redirect Father Christmas.

This Christmas was a time of uncertainty. All our services were held, but the question in our minds was would people come? In the main, yes, they did come, perhaps not in the numbers we might expect. Some of our usual services moved to outdoor worship and even the pouring rain didn't detract from that opportunity to gather around a nativity scene, sing well-known and well-loved carols and celebrate the beginning of Christmas with members of their communities.



I was again surprised by the number of people who do not usually come to church, who have attended our Advent and Christmas services. Over mulled wine and mince pies, or juice and mini cupcakes there has been an opportunity to meet new people, young and not so young, and share the good news of the Christmas story.

Thank you to everyone who helped give such a warm welcome to those who came through our doors and who took the Christmas message through other doors, into our communities. Thank you to those who worked behind the scenes warming mulled wine, hoovering our churches or arranging flowers. Everyone involved played their part in making others feel welcome, whether to those who called in for a time of quiet, perhaps to light a candle for a loved one, or to attend a service. Making our churches and churchyards welcoming helped to share that message of love, care, forgiveness, and peace.

May we hold on to that sense of gratitude. Let's look forward prayerfully to all that 2022 brings, with joy and hope in our hearts, ready to serve and support one another and those in our communities.

God's blessing for a peaceful New Year to you all.

For all that has been, Thanks.

To all that shall be, Yes.

Dag Hammarskjold

With my love and prayers

Ann, Rector



A New Year's Eve wedding by candlelight

Events and Notices

Upcoming Services

Please continue to wear a face mask in church

Sunday, 9th January

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, joint with South Wraxall
10.00am Refresh at Winsley Church Hall
10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday, 16th January

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall
10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh
10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley

Sunday, 23rd January

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with Monkton Farleigh
10.00am Together in Worship at St Nicholas, Winsley
10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday, 30th January - Candlemas

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley -
A celebration of Candlemas

Wednesday, 2nd February

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday, 6th February

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall

Kettle's On

Winsley's Community Cafe

This will take place in the Church Hall on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 10am until midday in Winsley Church Hall. Dates for the first half of 2022 are:

5th and 19th January
2nd and 16th February
2nd and 16th March
6th and 20th April
4th and 18th May
1st and 15th June

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on the **23rd January**. Please email any relevant contributions to Caroline at nboabenefice@gmail.com by Tuesday, January 18th latest. You can read the full version on our website www.nboachurches.co.uk

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Baby and Toddler Café

The Ark

Every Thursday in term time, from the 13th January at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon from 10am until 11.30am.

Come along with your little ones for a fun time with toys, story, songs, craft and snacks to finish! **Please contact Zoe if you have any queries on zyeomans3@gmail.com**

Sunbeams

Parent or carer and baby/pre-school children's group every other Wednesday in term time, at 10.30am till 11.30am in Winsley Church Hall. Coffee, tea, delicious home made cakes and healthy snacks for the children together with many toys, activities and a story to keep the children entertained. Dates in 2022 up until Easter are:

January 12th and 26th

February 9th and 23rd

March 9th and 23rd

April 13th and 27th



Contact Mary Hewetson with any queries on 01225 722210 or maryhewetson49@gmail.com



Lego Church

Instead of Forest Church this month, we are holding Lego Church with the theme of building. All welcome! Especially suited to families.

Lego Church will be at **Winsley Church Hall on Sunday 23rd January at 3pm - 4pm.**

Please contact Zoe at zyeomans3@gmail.com if you have any lego that can be loaned for this event.

Church of England, Online Service

Each week the Church of England produces an online service which is available [here](#) on their YouTube channel. This link is now available on our website under Prayer and Resources for those who may be interested or unable to attend our services in person.

Denise Button

A REVIEW OF 2021

THROUGH THIS YEAR'S DRAWINGS

JANUARY FISH WE'RE DESPERATE TO CLAIM AS OURS HUMAN BEINGS WE'RE LESS DESPERATE TO CLAIM AS OURS A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE	FEBRUARY ASHING AT A DISTANCE MODIFIED RITUALS	MARCH THE RETURN TO THE CHURCH BUILDING	APRIL MARY... MEETINGS IN GARDENS PERMITTED
MAY THE PUBLIC ALLOWED INTO CLERGY STUDIES	JUNE FREEDOM FOR YOU - ISOLATION FOR ME PREPARING FOR 'FREEDOM DAY'	JULY 'LIMITING FACTORS'	AUGUST THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENT
SEPTEMBER GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS	OCTOBER OCCUPYING THE LYCH GATE COP26	NOVEMBER HOW TASSELS CAN BE USED TO AMPLIFY A MESSAGE GET YOUR BOOSTER JAB	DECEMBER CHRISTMAS TREES / CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY / HAPPY NEW YEAR!

By Dave Walker from The Church Times, December 31st, 2021