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25 July—7 August, 2021



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear Friends...

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time to reply to our 'Reflections' on the past and future to help inform the ministry and mission of our churches. I really appreciate your responses and your creative ideas for the way forward. The ministry team are reading through and praying through your answers prior to our meeting.

As we come to the end of yet another academic year, do please pray for our schools, the staff, and young people. They have had a difficult year, as have many parents balancing work and home-schooling.

As I write, Winsley School are hoping for an open-air leavers service, and we are in the planning stage of an online leavers service for Christ Church. All the year 6 leavers from Churchfields, Christ Church and Monkton Farleigh will be receiving from our churches, a copy of *It's Your Move; Your Secondary School Survival Guide* published by Scripture Union. We hope the *Top 40 Survival Tips* and articles on topics such as how to make new friends and start up a conversation, will help them with their transition from primary to secondary school.

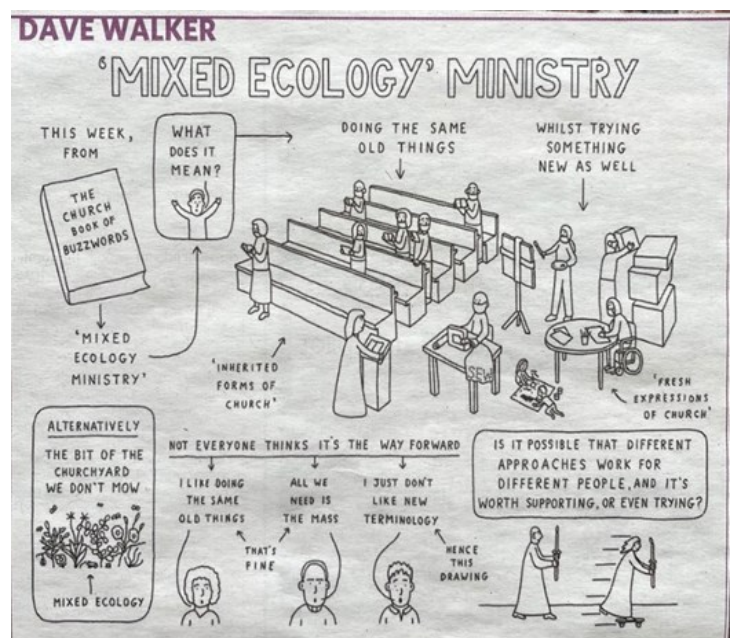
Do pray for these young people as this can be an anxious time for some, as well as being an exciting new adventure.

Usually, our Cathedral is packed with year 6 children for their annual Leavers Service. This year it is online so do download it. You can access it from the Diocesan newsletter *Grapevine* which also includes a *Video of the Week* for you to watch. This week's is 'We seek your kingdom', a worship song by Noel Robinson, Andy Flanagan and Graham Hunter, set to the tune of 'Abide with me'. It inspires us to see our daily tasks through God's eyes – and live out the prayer 'Your kingdom come' in every part of our lives. If you don't yet receive *Grapevine*, please email Michael.ford@salisbury.anglican.org

As many of you will be away for holidays with friends and families during the weeks to come, I hope you have a very blessed time.
Ann, Rector

Welcome to...

An ordinand from Cranmer Hall, Durham, Emily Bagg, is joining us for two week's placement. We will try to involve her in as much as possible so she gains an insight into ministry and mission in a Benefice, rather than in a one church setting. She will be profiling our four churches and communities, exploring all that we do, and probably asking lots of questions! Please do help her if you are approached and pray for her. Ann, Rector



Upcoming Events and Notices

Funerals

Brian Pollock (formerly of St Nicholas, Winsley) Haycombe Crematorium on 28th July at 12.30. Conducted by Revd Tessa

This service is live-streamed:

Website: <https://watch.obitus.com>

Username: butu2620

Password: 231333

Live webcast starts 5 minutes before the service.

Olga Petrova Miles

(mother of Tish Foreman) Memorial Service at St Nicholas Church, Winsley on the 31st July at 3.30pm. Conducted by Paul Baston

Benefice Picnic Cancelled, 25th July at South Wraxall

Sadly the weather prediction for Sunday is so bad that the picnic is being cancelled for now.



We hope to find another opportunity in due course but meanwhile wish everyone a very happy summer.

Loan of a Keyboard Required!

The Benefice needs to borrow a keyboard and stand for the music group to accompany the hymns for the outdoor church service at **St Peter's on the 8th August** and for a practise before. Please contact Zoe Yeomans at zyeomans3@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you!

Kettle's On

Has re-started! Do you enjoy a good cup of tea, delicious biscuits and a friendly face?

This will take place in **Winsley Church Hall on the first and third Wednesday of every month, at 10am till 12 noon.**



Upcoming Services

Booking is no longer required as from July 19th but please continue to wear a face mask in church.

Sunday July 25

10am St James, South Wraxall (SW, MF)

10.30 am Christ Church (CC, W)
(Winsley service cancelled)

Sunday August 1st

10am St James, South Wraxall (SW, MF)

10am St Nicholas, Winsley. All churches joined with Winsley Methodist Church. ***See details below:**

Sunday August 8th

10am St Nicholas, Winsley

10am Open Air, HC service at MF (MF, SW)

10.30 am Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

*** August 1st, Winsley— Family Friendly Communion Service for Lammas Day (Loaf Mass) with a procession starting at 10am from Turleigh Cross. Activities for children during the service of approximately 45 minutes. Everyone welcome, please join us. Any queries, contact Zoe.**

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Climate Change Walk

On Monday 19th July several members of our benefice supported two members of the Young Christians' Climate Network (YCCN), and their backup team, as they walked the local leg (Bath to Trowbridge) of their relay taking them from the G7 summit of world leaders held in St Ives, Cornwall in June to the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow in November.

The Y.C.C.N. are an action-focused community of young Christians in the UK aged 18-30, choosing to follow Jesus in the pursuit of climate justice. They explained to

us on the walk to St. Nicholas Church, Winsley, where we provided them lunch and refreshments, that they are organising the relay to COP26 to show that they care about climate justice and creation care.

They want to see systematic change on a global and a local scale and hope that by running the relay they can raise awareness of COP26 and our imperative as Christians to engage in creation care theology, individually and corporately. More details can be found at <https://www.yccn.uk/> and <https://ukcop26.org/>

Richard Mann

House Groups

House Groups play an important role in our churches' community, encouraging faith through fellowship in the informal setting of a host's home or similar venue. All church members are encouraged to attend a House Group for support, learning, prayer, fellowship and deepening faith. Being a member helps each one of us to grow as disciples.

They can take place in the evening or daytime, and in a variety of settings. The key to them working well is that the numbers in each group are quite small, 6-7 is ideal, members commit to attending so that they can get to know one another well, can share in confidence, pray for one another, study the Bible or a book that enables reflection on faith themes and of course that the group has fun!

We are seeking to grow our number of house groups and are actively seeking new members in the hope that groups can start meeting in person from September onwards.

Currently there is a group of about 17 who are meeting fortnightly on Zoom studying the Gospel of John and will continue to do so during the summer.

If you would like to know more, if you would like to join a House Group from September or join in the study group on Zoom, please get in touch with me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ann, Rector

