Churches of North Bradford on Avon & Villages

12 June — 25 June 2022

#### Dear friends

I hope you were able to enjoy much of the wonderful celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was a real blessing, and such fun, to meet with so many people over that long weekend, whether at the lighting of a beacon at Monkton Farleigh, at various tea parties, hearing the bells rung for their first time officially at St James, watching my cuddly lamb descending the zip wire at Christ Church or at our Sunday services which were so well attended. I hope you enjoy the collection of photos of the memorable weekend that Caroline has put together for NewsLink.

Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard to reach out to our church, village, and town communities to make the weekend such a success. I want to share with you a poem and blessing that was used at some of our Jubilee services that many people commented on and appreciated. In 1939 King George VI used the following poem, given to him by his 13 year old daughter Princess Elizabeth, in a radio broadcast. The words inspired the nation as war loomed.

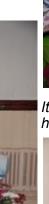
"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way." (Minnie Louise Haskins).

So may we too, living in our own very difficult and challenging times put our hands into the hand of God, trusting that by his spirit, he will help, guide, and support us as we journey on.

So, let us pray, may the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

God Bless you all

Ann Rector



From flowers to 'hats' - pith helmet (Treetops - top left), tiara and Coronation hats



It looks as though Her Majesty may have paid a secret visit..?



Pentecost colours in a depiction of the Coronation Coach



Beacon at Monkton Farleigh

# **Events and Notices**

# **Upcoming Services**

## Sunday, 12th June - Trinity Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with MF Keith C/Keith B

10.00am Refresh at Winsley Church Hall Roy/Pippa and music group

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon Paul/Gerry

#### Sunday, 19th June - First Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh, joint with South Wraxall *Paul/Gerry* 10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley *Tessa/Harold/Vernon* 

#### Sunday, 26th June

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with Monkton Farleigh *Bernard/ Keith B* 

10.00am Together in Worship at St Nicholas, Winsley Tessa/Gerry/Richard

10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. *Cedric and Penny Pierce/Tricia and Music Group* 

4pm-5pm Forest Church at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. See page 4. Tessa/Zoe

### **Sunday 3rd July**

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Ann/Paul/Pippa and Music Group/Geoff* 

#### NewsLink

Please ensure all contributions for each NewsLink are emailed to Caroline at the Benefice office at <a href="mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com">nboabenefice@gmail.com</a> by 5pm on the Tuesday stated, otherwise your item will not make that edition.

The next edition of NewsLink wlll be on the **26th June**. Please email any relevant contributions to Caroline by **Tuesday 21st June**. You can read the full version on our website at <a href="https://www.nboachurches.co.uk">www.nboachurches.co.uk</a>

If you would like an electronic version of NewsLink or require a hard copy, please email or leave a message for Caroline at the Benefice office on 01225 865046.

# A Vacancy Exists

Are you interested in being on the Board of Trustees of a BOA Charity? If so the Mount Pleasant Centre Board would like to hear from you. You will be working alongside Revd Ann Keating and Derek Robins as a Christ Church Representative.

We have a monthly meeting which takes no longer than two hours. Please contact Ann or Derek Robins on 868072 or <a href="mailto:danderobins@talktalk.net">danderobins@talktalk.net</a>

There is also an Open Day for the Centre and the Club on the 18th June from 11am till 4pm.

# **Christian Aid Week**

The collection I received from the congregation at St Nicholas amounted to £222 plus some Gift Aid. I am sure that many others will have donated online. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to such a good cause.

Alison Wells

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Monkton Farleigh: Rachel and Colin

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### **Lay Pastoral Assistants:**

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# Jubilee Celebration and Fundraising Launch at Christ Church

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Christ Church on Thursday afternoon. There was a quiz and mouse hunt as well as a cup of tea and cake to enjoy inside the church.

Outside, there was information about our building plans for Christ Church, a raffle and a very popular 'teddy bear zip wire' from a window in the Bell Tower which children (both old and young) enjoyed watching their teddies and other animals come down and the brave cuddly toys were given a medal to show they had taken part.

We also had a visit from our local MP Michelle Donelan who helped us plant a tree. As well as a very successful and joyful afternoon we raised £1,000! Well done to everyone involved.

# Wendy Brown and FfCC Working Group















South Wraxall Celebrations...





Kettle's On - THE place to be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings at Winsley Church Hall!





Party at Monkton Farleigh



Please bring a rug or chair to sit on and dress for being outside.

We look forward to seeing you!