



Dear friends

I hope you had a very blessed Easter. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Lent and Holy Week provision, for the creativity in poetry, art, music, literature and preaching that helped us to reflect on our faith.

Exploring our faith from different perspectives helps us to discern what our faith means to us and what impact that faith has on us as we go forward as Easter people, in joyful and exciting hope of new possibilities in our own lives, the lives of our churches and the lives of our communities. As we follow in Acts the story of our fledgling faith and the lives and activities of those first followers, we read of joys, disappointments and the unexpected.

Bishop Karen shares with us her experience of when the unexpected happens...



'Being struck down with Covid over Holy Week and Easter was certainly not in my plans. Sermons were written, arrangements made and then the two lines on the lateral flow test showed up. I am grateful to colleagues who stepped in, and for the ability to view so much creativity of worship online.

The last thing Mary expected to see on that first Easter morning was Jesus. Her plans were for anointing the body of her dead friend and requesting the stone be rolled to allow her into the tomb. Instead, she was called to turn around and to spread the news far and wide. Christ had risen. God's plans turned things upside down that day as death was defeated, despair turned to hope and the possibilities of the impossible happening made the future bright.

So as we walk this Easter season as God's people, we can do so with hope in our hearts. Praying earnestly for peace in Ukraine, calling for the just treatment of asylum seekers, seeking wisdom for the climate crisis and waiting expectantly for the arrival of our new Bishop, trusting in the God of surprises, and standing firm in faith when the unexpected happens'.

Bishop Karen

Wishing you a very blessed Easter season

Ann, Rector

Events and Notices

Upcoming Services

Sunday, 1st May - Third Sunday of Easter

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh. (Revd Tim Hawkings preaching)

Wednesday, 4th May

10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Sunday, 8th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Communion service 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

3.00pm-4.00pm Forest Church at St James, South Wraxall (see page 3)

Sunday, 15th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, South Wraxall, joint with Monkton Farleigh

10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Winsley

Thanksgiving Service

To celebrate the life of **Don Harwood** is being held at St Nicholas church on **Saturday 7th May at 2.00pm**, followed by the burial of his ashes. Ann and Paul taking.

From Don and Doreen Harwood's daughter Julia:

Following the service my father's ashes will be buried alongside my mother's in the churchyard. After that we will move on to the Seven Stars, where part of the restaurant will be kept aside for us.

I would be delighted if you could come and be with me that afternoon. There will be the opportunity at the pub to eat and drink whilst we reminisce.

*With best wishes
Julia Harwood*

Christ Church Plant Stall

Our plant stall will be open at 13 Newtown, BoA from 10.30am on **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May**. We have lots of tomatoes, courgettes, vegetables and flowering plants for sale. All proceeds to the Future for Christ Church project. We hope to see you then. Thank you!

Gillian (866503) and Dorna

The next edition of NewsLink will be on the **15th May**. Please email any relevant contributions to Caroline at nboabenefice@gmail.com by Tuesday 10th May. You can read the full version (4 pages) on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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.

Benefice Directory

Please pick up a form at the back of church if you would like to be added to the Directory and return it to your church leader by the **8th May**. Any changes to your current details can be emailed to Caroline at the office. Thank you!

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

Christ Church: vacant, Contact Rev Ann Keating

South Wraxall: Dave Wyper (865384) Valentine Thornhill (862552)

Monkton Farleigh: Vacant. Contact Rachel Exley PCC Secretary (851485)

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Stephen Pike (782537), Denise Davies (863678)
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St Nicholas Churchyard Spring 'Clear-Up' Saturday, 21st May 10.00am till Midday

The months fly by and it is once again time to give the churchyard a little attention. So, if you could spare an hour or two on the morning of the 21st May, it would be greatly appreciated. Even better if you could bring with you the odd wheelbarrow, rake, pruners, etc. Mid-morning refreshment will be available in the Church Hall. Many thanks.

Bob Williams



St Nicholas, Winsley - Limestone Edging Stones

Behind Winsley church, to its right and close to the graveyard, there is a substantial amount of limestone stones which would be ideal if you are creating any garden feature. It will need to be removed in due course, as we look at transforming this area over time. If parishioners from any of the Benefice churches wish to avail themselves of any of the stones, please do take them away, at your own risk of course.

They are free to good homes but if you wanted to make a small donation to church funds, then pop this into the box inside the church. Many thanks

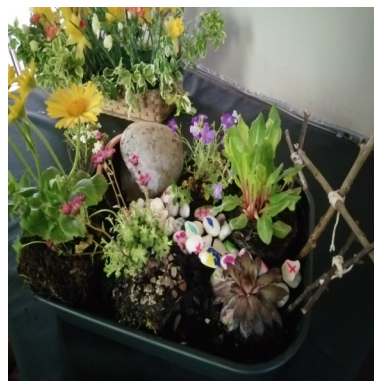
John Baxter

Good Friday Workshop

On Good Friday, over 20 children and their families joined us at Christ Church for a lovely morning of activities, beading, playdoh, designing Easter story pebbles and wheels, and creating a giant cardboard tomb complete with a rolling door! We gathered together to create an Easter garden and to reflect on Holy week and then shared hot cross buns together.

We were delighted to be joined by Barnaby who played his guitar while we sang at the end, joined by the walkers at the end of their Walk of Witness. A big thank you to everyone who was involved. Photos below!

Zoe



Our next Forest Church:



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Come and join us for our next

Forest Church

St James's Church, South Wraxall
3-4pm Sunday 8th May 2022,

in the Churchyard
Everyone welcome!

The theme is "Growing"



Please bring a rug or chair to sit on and dress warmly as we will be outside.

We look forward to seeing you!

The Future for Christ Church LAUNCH!

Friday, 3rd June 2.00pm - 4.00pm in Christ Church

Come and find out about all the plans that now have approval!
More information coming soon, but there will be:

- Cream teas
- Plants for sale
- Activities for children
- Visits up to the bell tower



APCM Meetings

The meetings are open to everyone within their parish. The dates for this year are:

St Nicholas, Winsley

Tuesday, 10th May at 11.00am in St Nicholas Church

Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm in Christ Church

St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh

Sunday 8th May, after the 10am service in St Peter's Church

St James, South Wraxall

To be advised

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