

NewsLink

22nd October— 4th November 2023



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

My dear friends,

Autumn has well and truly arrived this week – the temperature has dropped; leaves have started to turn colour and haven't those nights started to draw in. I've even lit my first real fire of the season!



There are so many jobs to do in the garden – it makes me glad that my garden is small. Even so, I've been clearing out pots, uprooting plants to split them so they have enough room for their roots – room to grow. It's important to have room to grow, isn't it.

I, too, am approaching autumn – digging up my roots here to transplant into somewhere new. As I'm sure you know, I shall be moving from Bradford on Avon on 31st October. It's hard to believe that we've been here for over 11 years. We're making the move now so that we will be well established for when our winter arrives.



We all need room to grow, we all need things to challenge us, to help us see things from a different angle and help us live our lives to the full. And this is a very exciting time for the Benefice, with a new Rector coming and the opportunity for growth that they will bring to all the parishes.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have lived amongst you and worshipped with you – I shall miss you...

But new horizons beckon, new challenges await. For all of us!

With much love and many blessings,

Rachel

Upcoming Services

Sunday 22nd October

10.00am Holy Communion Service, at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh with St James Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

10.00am Morning Worship Service, St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Roy Ludlow.

10.30am Refresh Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. The Refresh team.

Wednesday 25th October

10.30am Holy Communion Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Bernard Hughes.

Sunday 29th October

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion, St James Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings and LLM Rachel Pound.

Saturday 4th November

2.30pm All Souls Service, St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Paul Batson, Revd. Tim Hawkings, Revd. Tessa Mann. Followed by tea in St Nicholas Church hall.

Sunday 5th November

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

ALL SOULS SERVICE

2.30pm Saturday 4th November 2023

St Nicholas Church,
Winsley, BA15 2LH

Please join us for this very special
service to remember loved ones.
Followed by tea in the church hall.

The Baptism of Rory Jones

12.30pm Saturday 28th
October

Christ Church,
Bradford on Avon

Led by Revd. Tim
Hawkings

RECTOR VACANCY UPDATE

We are now entering a very important phase of the process to recruit our new Rector.

On Thursday 19th October (after this article was written) the interview panel were due to meet with the Archdeacon to review the application and prepare for the interview. The next stage will be the orientation day on Tuesday 31st October and the interview itself the following day.

The purpose of the orientation day is for the candidate to see all of the four churches, find out about the Benefice and ask questions. The day will include visits to the Rectory, Benefice Office and one of the schools. During the visits, the candidate will be meeting PCC Members, LPAs, LWLs, the Associate Priest and Retired Clergy. Those involved are being contacted about this separately. The interview itself will be chaired by Bishop Andrew with panel members comprising the Archdeacon, Rural Dean and the four Parish Representatives. As has been explained previously, the Parish Representatives form the majority of the interviewing panel. The day will begin at 9.30 with morning prayer in St Nicholas Church, which everyone in the Benefice is invited to attend, to pray in particular for the candidate and the interview panel.

It is very important that we continue to cover this whole process in prayer, particularly over the two days of orientation and interview. Sign-up sheets continue to be available in all of the four churches where we are all asked to commit to praying whilst the orientation day and interview are proceeding. You do not need to pray for the whole hour that you sign up for, but to offer prayers at some point during that hour.

Let us trust God in faith to lead us to the Rector that He has in mind for us.

***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thess 5: 16-18***

It is with sadness that we at Christ Church heard that Peggy Carden died on 3rd Oct. in Bridport, where she lived near her family after husband Bob died in 2008. She supported Bob during his years as churchwarden, and was fully involved herself in the life of Christ Church, and made newcomers so welcome. She was a member of the Mothers Union and the Wives Group, and Bible study sessions took place at their home. I remember her selling sliced ham and cheddar cheese at many autumn fairs with Delia Fricker, and at the autumn social evening in the school hall where she and Bob would lead the country dancing. She set up and ran the Luncheon Club for around 50 of the over-60s in the Lambert Rooms, and was part of the kitchen team at Christian Aid lunches. She was also part of the kneeler embroidery group, so we can still see her handiwork each Sunday. It is lovely to know that she is now re-united with Bob. **Ann Chapman**

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The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 5th November 2023**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 31st October 2023**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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South Wraxall Village Breakfast



It's that time of year again: crunchy leaves, conkers, pumpkins and South Wraxall breakfasts. We invite you to join us in the village hall on Sunday 22nd October to enjoy a delicious breakfast. A

great start to the day!

We will be serving Full English Breakfast, which includes toast, homemade marmalade, tea, coffee and fruit juice, from 9:00 am until at least 11:30 am.

You are welcome to take pot luck and turn up on the day, but it does help us to know how many people to expect. So, if possible, please reserve your table by emailing southwraxall@outlook.com.

First Aid Course Friday 3rd November, 9:30am – 4:30pm, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon BA15 1SJ

We have 7 spaces on our upcoming first aid course with added child and infant CPR. This course is ideal for church wardens or anyone involved in children and toddler groups.



The cost for the course is around £65 per person. If you are interested, please contact admin@discoverchristchurch.org.uk for more information.

Churchyard Clear-up

The late Autumn St Nicholas churchyard clear up will be from 10 am until 12 noon on Saturday November 4th when we will have the bonfire going. If you can spare 30 minutes to an hour, there is plenty to do as we will be concentrating on clearing the weeds around the church perimeter walls and the church walls. Refreshment will be provided - please bring tools and if you have a wheelbarrow so much the better.

John Baxter



Benefice Advent Group

Judith and Bernard are holding a Benefice Advent Group that will be held at Sue and Jonathan's home at 25 Downs Close, BonA on the following Wednesdays: 29th November; 6th, 13th, and 20th December. If you are interested please contact Bernard and Judith on 01225 868679.

NewsLink Publication Dates

Sunday 12th November

Sunday 26th November

Sunday 10th December

Sunday 7th January 2024

Sunday 21st January 2024

Soup's Up is Back!

St Nicholas Church is again running its Soup's Up lunches on the following dates:

Friday 3rd November

Friday 17th November

Noon—3pm in the Church Hall



Experience Church

Last week Christ Church hosted a most wonderful opportunity for mission in our community: Experience Church! The week saw over 400 children experience Church, learn more about our faith and explore both what it means to be a Christian but also how important the holy space of a church is.

Revd. Tessa started the week telling the volunteers that they would be as blessed as the children attending and this was definitely the case. Volunteers worked hard to help the children from Christ Church school understand the displays and were met with enthusiasm, smiles and a keenness to learn more.

The week ended with a very special service on Friday which was exceptionally beautiful with the children knowing many of the hymns as they had learnt them at school and from previous work with the Discover Christ Church! team. A great moment of wonder came when the children were allowed to process behind the organ and they stared in awe at how the organ's sound was created and was carried across the church.

A big thank-you to all who volunteered their time and effort and the displays are still in the church for you to view.



Dear all possible and wonderful Christmas knitters and crocheters

It is that time of year again when we can begin to think about Christmas, and as the evenings draw in perhaps dig out some wool and needles!

This year the theme is 'Stars' I know this hasn't been everyone's favourite in the past however there is no preference as to what pattern is used or what colour they are. I know of some ladies who have or are able to make a start soon. Thank you! and to everyone else thank you in advance for any that you can make. You are all stars!

If you have any ideas for star decoration using another craft e.g. felt or fabric instead that is good too and we are open to whatever suits the time and abilities that can be offered.. The children always love and treasure the decorations very much.

I will see about arranging some knit and natter sessions after half term however, if you are able to make a start that would be wonderful as I realise I am bit later sending this out - apologies for that.

As always, any questions or thoughts do get in touch.

Zoe Yeomans, Children and Families worker





Project Update

Clock-tober

- A team of volunteers and DCC! employees had the privilege of visiting Smith of Derby to see the restoration in action, and to add gold leaf to our clock.
- A celebration event took place on 10th and 11th October, with close to 200 people coming along to mark the restored clock dials being raised.
- We were joined by Ben Prater from BBC Radio Wiltshire, and a reporter from the Wiltshire Times who have both been covering the event and the project itself.



A Special Moment In Time

- On Thursday 12th October at 12 noon our clock restarted, and is now working again for the first time in around 15 years!
- We are so grateful to all involved in making this special moment happen.

Please contact admin@discoverchristchurch.org.uk if you would like to know more

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