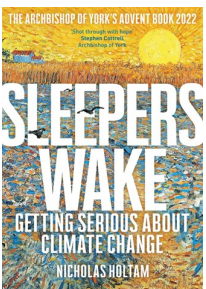




Dear friends,

Advent, the beginning of the church's year. A time of preparation, looking toward the coming of the light of the world. A time of watching and waiting amidst the bustle and busyness of Christmas preparations. After another year that has brought its fair share of confusion, and pain, the church begins a new cycle of faith, hope and love. Below are some suggested resources for personal or group use, and opportunities to gather and discuss.

Books



Sleepers Wake: Getting serious about Climate Change

This is written by our former Bishop, Nicholas Holtam and is the Archbishop of York's Advent Book for 2022. There are biblical reflections, prayers, poems, paintings and suggested music. Plus, Nicholas was the lead bishop on the Environment so knows the climate science, economics and the structures of governance. This is a serious book, an urgent wake-up call to action with questions ideal for discuss and individual reflection. What does the Lord require of us? Cost between £8.65 and £10.99

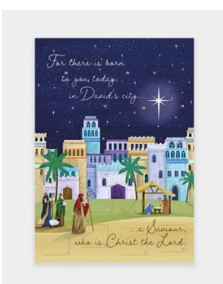
The first advent in Palestine

Trusted scholar and community organizer Kelley Nikondeha takes us back, to where the landscape of Palestine is once again the geographic, socioeconomic, and political backdrop for the Advent story. Reading the Advent narratives of Luke and Matthew anew, in their original context, changes so much about how we see the true story of resistance, abusive rulers and systems of oppression and God coming to earth. We bear witness to the economic hardship of Nazareth, Bethlehem, and the many villages in between--concerns about daily bread, crushing debt, land loss, and dispossession that ring a familiar echo to our modern ears. Throughout her explorations, Nikondeha features the stories of modern-day Palestinians, centring their voices to help us meet an Advent recognizable for today. This thought-provoking examination invites us into a season of discovery, one that is hopeful, realistic and honest, and that still wonders at the goodness of God's grace. Cost £15.99



Advent Calendars

If you are looking for Christian/ethical Advent Calendars this year, here are links to ones which may be suitable. The Real Advent Calendar is available through **Traidcraft**. A colourful Chocolate Advent Calendar with a lovely booklet telling the Nativity Story. **Traidcraft** also stock other Fairtrade Advent Calendars. www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/search/?q=advent%20calendar Winsley's Pippa Tate can order these for you. She needs orders by **20th November**. Her contact details are: Tel: 07891 697996 or email a0tate@yahoo.co.uk



Leprosy Mission: <https://www.theleprosymissionshop.com/cards/david-s-city-advent-calendar> £4.95 each

Embrace the Middle East: This excellent organisation has a range of Advent Calendars. There is one priced at £12.99 which raises money and awareness for Syrian Refugees. Take a look at their website. shop.embraceme.org/search?q=advent+calendars&options%5Bprefix%5D=last



Wishing you a very blessed Advent, with time to reflect, watch and wait.
Ann, Rector

Upcoming Services

Sunday 20th November

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh joint with South Wraxall. *Ann/Gerry*
10.00am Refresh at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Cedric and Penny Pierce. Pippa and the music group*
10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, BoA. *Keith C/Tricia and the music group*
3pm-4pm Forest Church at St James Churchyard, South Wraxall. Theme is Birds. *Tessa/Zoe*

Sunday, 27th November - ADVENT SUNDAY

10am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's. Monkton Farleigh. *Keith C./Gerry*
10am Holy Communion Service at St James, South Wraxall. *Paul /Keith B*
10am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas, Winsley. *Tessa /Pippa and the music group/IT Geoff*
10.30am Holy Communion Service at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon. *Ann/Richard*

Wednesday, 30th November

6pm Compline Service at St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh. *Tessa*

Sunday, 4th December

10.30am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon. *Ann/Gerry*

Living with Dying

**Wednesday 23rd November 10am - 12.30.
St Nicholas Church, Winsley**

There was a request for a follow up meeting to our October discussion and this is being held on Wednesday morning (23rd) and again led by Rev Paul and Rev Tessa - **All Welcome - come for as long as you can, there will be a coffee/tea break and scrumptious biscuits.**
Paul Batson

Baptisms

Baptism on Sunday 20th November at 1pm at Christ Church, BoA. Keith taking.

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Benefice Office Update

This is my last NewsLink (co-produced with Bridge) as I finish at the Benefice Office on Friday 18th November and hand over to Bridge Duncombe, who some of you have met already and know from Winsley. I have enjoyed working with all our churches and look forward to continuing to support the Benefice events locally. I know that Bridge is looking forward to getting to know you all and working with everyone. *Caroline and Bridge*

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 4th December**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 29th November**.

You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

The Nativity

Join Revd Ann and Revd Tessa in watching and discussing the BBC Film: **The Nativity**. We will watch the first part of the film together, break for coffee, then discuss.

Thursday evenings from **7.00 – 9.00 pm**

St Nicholas Church on **Thursday 8th December** and **Thursday 15th December**.

Living in Love and Faith

The College of Bishops met for three days to discuss the Living in Love and Faith Process. The College includes all bishops. We were pleased by the level of engagement, grace and honest discussion from everyone present. Working in groups, we were able to express hopes and concerns in a context of prayer and fellowship. The Eucharist was celebrated each day. Much time was spent reflecting on passages from scripture which included:

Philippians 2.1-11	‘in humility regard others as better than yourselves’
Matthew 5.1-12	The Beatitudes in Matthew
Isaiah 35. 1-10	‘They shall see the glory of the Lord’
Luke 9.18-27	‘Who do the crowds say that I am?’
Luke 6.20-31	The Beatitudes in Luke
Luke 10.38-42	Mary and Martha
Isaiah 55.1-13	‘Seek the Lord while he may be found’
Luke 24. 13-35	The Road to Emmaus

We commend these passages for your reflection and prayer over the next few months as we continue to reflect and pray ourselves. The College will meet again in December (after further work has been undertaken on various options and the nature of our offering to the whole Church) and then again in January.

Bishops Stephen, Karen and Andrew

Fundraising Coffee Morning for St Nicholas Church

Wednesday 30th November, 10am - Midday

Fundraising Coffee Morning to help fund an induction loop and PA for the church hall as well as a new projector. Any surplus will go to the general funds. There will be coffee, cake and biscuits, a raffle (prize is a small Christmas hamper) and tables to rent for sale of work and other small items in good condition. We hope to see you there. For more information or to book a table please contact Heather Hawkings on 01225 684908 or heatherhawkings@gmail.com

Cedric Pierce

Salvation Army's Appeal for Christmas Presents

In South Wraxall, for the last few years, it has been the custom to support the Salvation Army's appeal for children's presents. These are for children from 0-18 years and need to be **new, unwrapped** donations.

There will be a box in St James's Church porch, alongside our Christmas Crib, for your gifts from Sunday 27th November until Sunday 4th December. We will be very grateful for all your offerings.

Valentine Thornhill



Christmas Cards for Christ Church

Christ Church are selling Christmas Cards this year to help raise money for the Building Project. These will be available at the Benefice Service at Christ Church on 4th December. The cards show the Nativity Scene that we had in the South Porch last year, and the price is £5.00 for a pack of 10.

If you would like to buy some before that please contact ***Hilary Pike, Church Warden***.

**MEN'S NIGHT, Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 7.30pm in St
Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley
(postponed from November)**

VERDUN: THE PRICE OF GLORY (BY STEWART TAVNER)

In 1916, the Germans and the French locked horns in the North East corner of France, at Verdun. This was a battle with devastating consequences for both sides. In theory, the French won; but at what cost?

Supper will be a selection of Domino's pizzas, with salad (bring your own drink).

Please book with **Paul Billingham** as soon as possible; (pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)



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Come and join us for our next

Forest Church

St. James's Church, South Wraxall
3-4pm Sunday 20th November 2022,

in the Churchyard

Everyone welcome!

The theme is "Birds"



Please bring binoculars if you have them, a rug or chair to sit on and dress warmly as we will be outside.

We look forward to seeing you!



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Advent Activity Tea

Sunday 4th December, 3.00 – 4.30pm
Monkton Farleigh Village Hall, BA15 2QD



Join us for Christmas crafts, games and activities
with a delicious festive tea.

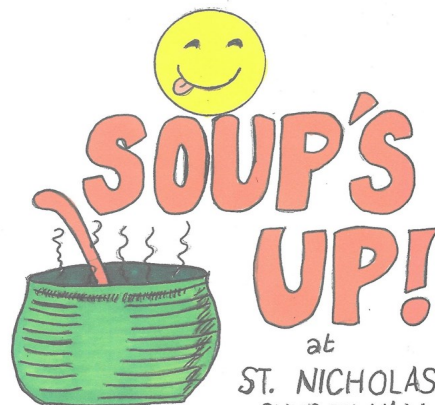
Mulled wine and mince pies for the adults!

All welcome... Fun for all the family!

No charge but donations welcome

It would be helpful to know if you coming but not essential or if
you have any dietary requirements. please email Zoe at
zyeomans3@gmail.com

Volunteers and donations requested for this ADVENT TEA. Please contact Zoe as soon as possible if you can help in any way.



at
ST. NICHOLAS
CHURCH HALL
12-4pm

Fridays 4+18 Nov. + 2+16 Dec

Soup + roll and dessert/cake: hot drinks
Served from 12.30

Pre-booking helpful, but not essential
Call Penny on 01225 723284

Afternoon activities eg: board games · quiz · craft