



Dear friends,

Well, what a wonderful send off for Ann!

Thank you for the very many ways everyone contributed to such a joyful service in celebration of Ann's 10 years as our Rector.

The combination of our prayers, sharing bread and wine, music and song, cake and prosecco, bells and flowers lifted our worship, and our hearts to joyous heights. Ann definitely went out with joy and we were all led forth in peace.

The service marked an ending but also a beginning for Ann and also for us all. Loss and future hope are of course two sides of the same coin, like tears and laughter. Setting the service within the context of Pentecost felt very right, as we welcomed the empowering work of the God's Spirit amongst and within us.

It reminded me that it is in and through God's Spirit, that we walk together into the future. It also returns us to the radical joy at the heart of our faith, which often does not have room to express itself enough! On The Day of Pentecost, bystanders accused the Disciples of being drunk! But we know joy is a different animal to jollity.

CS Lewis wrote '*Joy is the serious business of heaven*'

When we pray in The Lord's Prayer '*Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,*' we are praying for the joy of heaven to be experienced on earth, which calls us to work for justice and care for those who experience the many manifestations of loss and suffering – in bereavement, loss of agency, loss of home, loss of independence etc.

Desmond Tutu said '*In the end, generosity is the best way of becoming more and more joyful*'

St Paul wrote in his letter to The Galatians 5: 22,23
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Our own Paul Batson used those words to sum up Ann's character during the service. May we move forward with the same spirit at work in and through us, growing signs of joy and generosity of heart, overflowing to the communities we serve.

Every blessing for the journey ahead.
It is a shared journey with hope and joy at its heart.

Tessa



Upcoming Services

Sunday 11th June 2023

10am Refresh Service at St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Cedric and Penny Pierce.

10am Holy Communion Service at St James Church, South Wraxall with St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Paul Batson.

10.30am Holy Communion Service at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

Wednesday 14th June 2023

6pm Compline Service at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

Sunday 18th June 2023

10am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

10am with Holy Communion Service at St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh with St James Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

10.30am Together in Worship at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Zoe Yeomans and Alison Wells.

Sunday 25th June 2023

10am Morning Prayer Service at St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Linds Batson.

10am Holy Communion Service at St James Church, South Wraxall with St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Paul Batson.

10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Rachel Pound.

The funeral of Heather Harris

12.30pm Monday 26th June 2023

Semington Crematorium

Led by Revd. Paul Batson

Burial of Ashes of Else & John Burt

11.00am Friday 9th June 2023

St Nicholas Church, Winsley

Led by Revd. Tessa Mann

Thank you!

Wow, what a farewell service! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to such an amazing last service for me.

It was almost ten years ago that I arrived and was welcomed by you all, again at Christ Church, to the bells ringing out and such a celebratory atmosphere! Thank you for your gifts, your cards, the parties and your prayers. I have been truly blessed by my time with you and I shall continue to hold you in my prayers for your future ministry.

I shall never forget you.....Take care and God Bless.....

Now on with the Adventure! Revd Ann x



Prayers for Emily....

Many of you will remember Emily who was on placement with us in the summer of 2021. She is being ordained Deacon at Carlisle Cathedral at 11.30 am on Saturday 1st July. Please could you hold her in your prayers, especially for a sense of God's closeness as she attends her pre-ordination retreat in preparation for the next step in her ministry which is a Curacy in the Lake District.

Please also pray for her husband Marcus and their daughter Lydia as they prepare to move home and also prepare to make this next step in their lives. Many thanks, Revd Ann

JOINT MEN'S AND LADIES' NIGHT

QUIZ EVENING, 7.00 pm Wednesday 12th July 2023 in St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

All men and ladies are welcome (but numbers may be limited, so please book early)

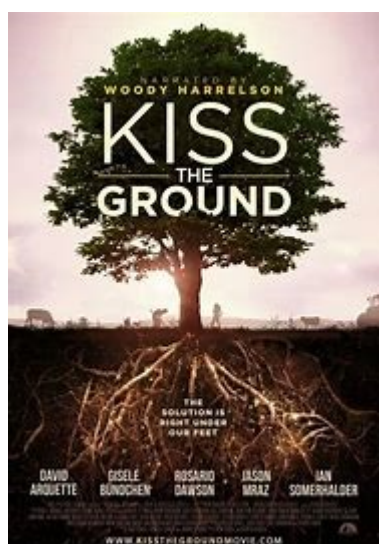
A fish and chip supper will be served at about 8.00 pm, followed by a pudding; bring your own drink

All men and ladies in the four parishes, whether church members or not, are warmly invited. Come as individuals or make up a team

Please book with Phillip Bush as soon as possible (phillipbush08@btinternet.com or 01225 866624)

Next week is 'Great Big Green week' across the UK-celebrating Nature and the work being done to address nature recovery and climate change.

**THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK** 



As part of our contribution locally there will be a screening of the film

"Kiss the Ground" at St. Nicholas Church, 7.30pm -10.00pm on Wednesday 14th June.

This film is a full-length documentary that sheds light on a "new, old approach" to farming called "regenerative agriculture" that has the potential to balance our climate, replenish our water supplies, and feed the world.

Immediately after the film there will be a conversation about the issues raised for the audience with the help of Kate Collyns of 'Grown Green' the commercial organic market garden in Winsley.

Please book a free ticket via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kiss-the-ground-tickets-613395651907>.

Richard Mann

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 25th June 2023**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 20th June 2023**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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Donkey Rides
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Teas and Cakes
Summer Fruit Drinks
Raffles
Kids' Fancy Dress
China Smashing

Stalls
Garden Fete

in the grounds of
Monkton Farleigh Manor

Saturday 17th June 2023

2pm - 5pm

Fancy Dress Theme - Kings and Queens



By kind permission of Sir Charles and Lady Hobhouse

Entry £2 per adult, children free. Please bring cash we are unable to accept cards.