



Dear Friends,

### How does your garden grow?

I wonder, if you have a garden, how is it growing?

If you have any veggies, how are they doing? Did you try anything new this year or do you stick to the same things, which seem to work well? It is really interesting to notice what plants do well in our gardens, and of course, this can change in different seasons. It is always lovely to visit other people's gardens, to talk about the joys and challenges and get ideas and even cuttings.

Planting new things is an act of hope. I always feel ridiculously excited when I see a plant pushing up through the ground or sprouting a shoot.

Over the coming weeks we are going to have a chance to reflect on the 'garden' of our Benefice – notice where the signs of growth and life are. I wonder what we celebrate, what our prayers for the future might be? What are the challenges we might experience or opportunities we'd love to take a risk with?

We have a fantastic team representing our four churches who are collating a profile of our Benefice, in preparation for the appointment of our new Rector. It is part of their remit to record our thoughts and reflections. This will really help them as they create a document which captures something of how God is at work amongst us, and our hopes and dreams for the future.

You will be invited to complete a specially prepared sheet of questions and return them to your Churchwardens or Parish Office. Our school pupils will also be involved in this process.

We will be reflecting on these things in some of our Sunday services over the next two weeks. In the same way it is nice to chat about our gardens with others, why not meet up with a friend or neighbour and talk about these things together? You could even meet in your garden! If you are artistic, create a picture or write a poem perhaps?

The most important thing is that we are prayerful. Prayer enables us to glimpse where God might be at work and sense how he might be calling us to join in with his great project of love and hope. Our Four Churches Forum and Thrive Group have written a special prayer to carry us through the vacancy. We are encouraging this prayer to be used every time we gather for worship, privately in our own homes, in PCC meetings, Home Groups etc. Copies will be available in all our churches, on our website etc.

So as an act of faith and hope, let us pray,

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for the many people and places that make up this part of the body of Christ.**

**As we work together to make Jesus known in the communities we serve, we look to you for all that we need.**

**Keep us faithful, generous and united in our love for you and each other as we prepare for a new beginning.**

**Give us courage to follow you with hope and joy in our hearts.**

**May we be open to change and ready graciously to welcome our new Rector, on whom we pray your blessing.**

**Amen.**

Every blessing, **Tessa**  
Rev Tessa Mann  
Associate Priest

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

10.00am Refresh at St Nicholas Church Winsley, led by Roy Ludlow.

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

10.30am Holy Communion Service at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Revd. Paul Batson.

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

6.00pm Compline Service at St James Church, South Wraxall, led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas Church Winsley, led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's Church Monkton Farleigh with St James' Church, South Wraxall, led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

10.30am Morning Prayer Service at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Stephen Pike.

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

10.00am Together in Worship at St Nicholas Church, Winsley, led by Rachel Pound.

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St James' Church, South Wraxall with St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, led by Revd. Bernard Hughes.

10.30am Refresh at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

10.30am Holy Communion Service at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

10.30am Benefice Service with Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Revd. Paul Batson.

### Sunday 6th August 2023

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

### Service of Thanksgiving for the late Celia Norrie

12 noon Thursday 27th July  
St James Church, South Wraxall  
Revd. Tim Hawkings

### Baptism of Leo Stark

1pm Sunday 16th July  
St Nicholas Church, Winsley  
Revd. Tessa Mann

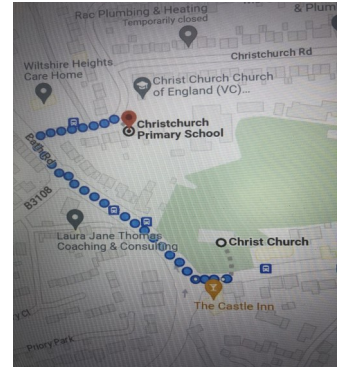
### Wedding of David Tregenza and Abigail Bowles

12pm Saturday 22nd July 2023  
St Nicholas Church, Winsley  
Revd. Tessa Mann



## Christ Church Parking

From this Sunday 9th July please note that all parking will be at Christ Church School for ALL Christ Church services and NOT the Mount Pleasant Centre.



## Church Tea St James' Church, South Wraxall

Our first Church Tea of the summer will be on Thursday 20th July from 2:00 - 5:00pm, in St James's Church, South Wraxall. We extend a warm invitation to join us for delicious refreshments and a chat with friends, neighbours and 'first-time' visitors. We will be serving tea, coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, savouries and a variety of delicious cakes .

There is level access into The Longs Chapel and we are able to provide a wheelchair ramp at the main door. We look forward to your company in our beautiful surroundings. All your donations go towards the upkeep of St James's Church.

If you have time to help on the day or to bake us a cake please ring George Parker on [07778 679202](tel:07778679202).

Further Teas in 2023: Thursdays 10th August, 31st August and 21st September.



## JOINT MEN'S AND LADIES' NIGHT

**QUIZ EVENING, 7.00 pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:phillipbush08@btinternet.com) or 01225 866624)**

## NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 30th July 2023**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at [nboabenefice@gmail.com](mailto:nboabenefice@gmail.com) by **9.30am Tuesday 25th July 2023**. You can read the full version on our website at [www.nboachurches.co.uk](http://www.nboachurches.co.uk)

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## PRAYER FOR OUR BENEFICE DURING THE VACANCY

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Amen.

## Living with Dying - Tuesday 1st August 10 -12 am St Nicholas Church

Tessa and I will be leading another morning discussion on aspects of this important subject. All are welcome to join in the informal discussions which have been widely appreciated in the past (especially the refreshments). Please just come along, but if you've not been before and would like to know more before attending, then please contact me on 07917360049 or 01225 720069 or [plbatson@gmail.com](mailto:plbatson@gmail.com)

**Rev Paul Batson**

## Opus 5 woodwind concert

Join the Opus 5 woodwind quintet for a varied concert of beautiful music in aid of St Peter's

**7.30pm on Saturday, 29 July 2023 at St Peter's church, Monkton Farleigh BA15 2QJ**

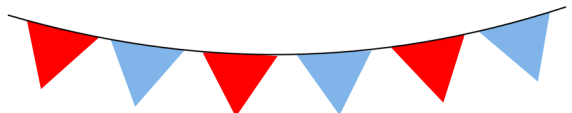
Tickets £10 (including a glass of wine). Call 01225 850886



## Monkton Farleigh Fete!

Thank you to everyone who came, donated cakes, helped on the day and enjoyed the sunny afternoon in the beautiful Manor garden. Glorious weather, a traditional village fete complete with Morris Men and coconut shy. We raised over £3,300 for St Peter's church and village organisations.

**Rachel Exley, Church Warden**



## The HUB Foodbank, Bradford on Avon

The Hub foodbank has been very busy filling boxes for delivery to the local schools to help families over the long summer holidays using the generous donations from the local community. Their stocks are now low and they would be very grateful for donations of any of the following to replenish their shelves.

Rice, pasta including spaghetti, pasta sauce.

Tins of hot dogs, vegetables, fruit, soup, rice, custard, beans, spaghetti, macaroni cheese, meat and fish.

Toilet rolls, shower gel

There are collection boxes in various sites locally eg: St Nicholas Church, Winsley, St Peter's Church Monkton Farleigh, the Coop on Winsley Rd and Sainsburys, Bradford on Avon.

Thank you for your help.

## KETTLE'S ON DATES 2023

Kettle's On Community Café 10-12pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month in St Nicholas Church Hall.

Coffee, tea, cake and chat. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends, neighbours and those new to the village.

**5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**



## Sunbeams



All are invited to bring along their babies, toddlers and children. There will be tea, coffee and scrumptious cake for the adults and squash and healthy treats for the children followed by a Bible story.

**St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley on the following Wednesdays at 10.30-11.30am:**

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (Harvest)

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> (only session)

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# Project Update

## April - June 2023

- ◆ The project has been introduced to the Ark, Dementia Action Alliance and to Christ Church School pupils at two assemblies and a biodiversity workshop with year 5
- ◆ Eye catching display boards have been created in the south porch which has been useful outreach to the 6-7000 pedestrians passing through the church yard
- ◆ Local carpenters have repaired the rotten areas of the clock and bell chamber floors, and have restored the door to the bell chamber with reclaimed Victorian boards.



## Looking ahead

- ◆ 4th, 6th and 7th July - Whole school events with Christ Church School to explore the church and share ideas for workshops and activities.
- ◆ 15th July – community open day – all are welcome to explore the church, raise funds for Future for Christ Church and share ideas. See our poster for more details!

**Please contact [admin@discoverchristchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@discoverchristchurch.org.uk) if you would like to know more**

**With grateful thanks to our funders**



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