

NewsLink

24th March —13th April 2024



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear Friends,

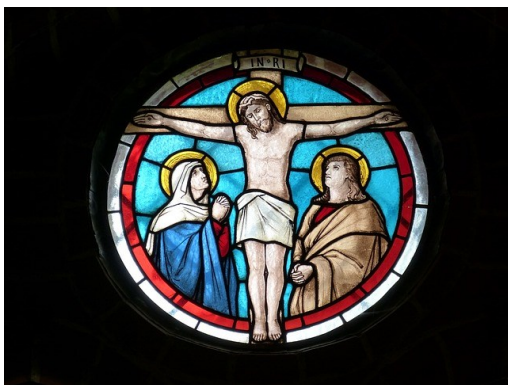
As we journey with Jesus into Jerusalem once more, let's be encouraged to stop and pause along the way, contemplating what this immense act of love means for you and me today.

If we were to place ourselves into the story, where would we be standing as Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. Maybe we are in the thick of it shouting and waving, or maybe we are standing a little further back just taking it all in. What are we hoping for in our hearts, as we welcome the Prince of Peace once more? Are we willing to lay down our cloaks on the road in an act of both welcome and invitation? Welcoming Jesus into our homes and communities, but also inviting Him to do things his way, rather than in the way that we think things should be done?



Later in the week, as Jesus reclines around the table with his friends, can we imagine ourselves there, sensing the intimacy of the moment? The conversation is flowing but what are the things that we long to say to Jesus, laugh about together, or mourn with him over? As he stands up to remove his outer garments and wash his friends' feet, do we feel a bit like Peter, horrified at the thought of Him washing our feet?

As we sense the atmosphere changing, are we aware of our own acts of betrayal, where we too have chosen the easy way out? Are we prepared to keep watch and pray with Jesus, lifting to the Father all that lies heavy on our hearts?



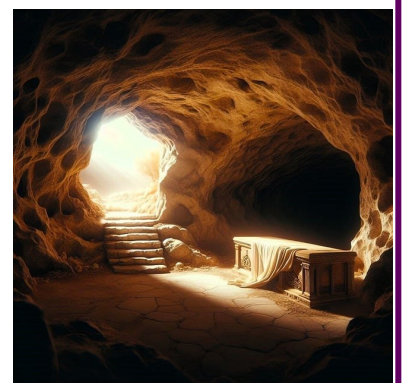
Standing at the foot of the cross, what do we see and feel? Alongside the agony and horror of it all, are we able to look Jesus in the eye to see the total love that he gazes back upon us with. In that moment, how does it feel to know that we are so totally loved that Jesus was prepared to go to any lengths to offer us forgiveness and hope. What does the cross mean to you and me?

And then on the third day, are we one of those who runs to the tomb? What hopes do we lay in the empty space this year? Imagine hearing your name being spoken by Jesus as we stand alongside Mary in the early hours of that morning.

What joy, what hope, what love floods her heart and ours. This is His story, but it is also our story. In the same way that Mary couldn't wait to share the news, we too have a story that is worth sharing and worth hearing. A story that brings transformation and eternal hope.

So let's journey with Jesus through the events of Holy Week together once more, pondering on all that it means for us and for the world that we live in.

I hope you have a very blessed Easter! **Katie**



Upcoming Services

Sunday 24th March

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

10.00am Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion, St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

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

Monday 25th March

6.00pm Compline Service. St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

Tuesday 26th March

6.00pm A time for reflection for Holy week. St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

Wednesday 27th March

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

8.00pm Tenebrae – from light to dark. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

Thursday 28th March

8.00pm A service of Holy Communion with foot and hand washing. St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson and Revd. Tessa Mann.

Friday 29th March

2pm The Final Hour. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

2pm The Final Hour. St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

2pm The Final Hour. St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

Sunday 31st March

10.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service. St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

10.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service. St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Tessa Mann.

10.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service. St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Paul Batson.

10.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

Sunday 7th April

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

Wednesday 10th April

6.00pm Compline Service. St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

Upcoming Services (continued)

Sunday 14th April

10.00am Morning Worship Service. St James' Church, South Wraxall, jointly with St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh. Led by TBC.

10.00am Refresh Service. St Nicholas' Church hall, Winsley. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

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

Funeral Service for Mr Archibald Barr

12pm Friday 5th April

St Nicholas' Church, Winsley

Revd. Paul Batson

Wedding of Imogen and Kit

1pm Saturday 6th April

St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh

Revd. Tessa Mann

Social Events Across the Benefice

10.00am 3rd April Kettle's on – a friendly café style morning. St Nicholas' Church Hall.

10.00am 17th April Kettle's on – a friendly café style morning. St Nicholas' Church Hall.

7.00pm 17th April Men's and Ladies' Group meeting—"The National Gallery in war and peacetime." St Nicholas Church Hall.

9.00am onwards 21st April Village Breakfast. South Wraxall Village Hall.

1.15pm 24th April Conversation & Craft Café. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon.



Music Concerts at St Nicholas Church

7.30pm 27th April The Chords Welsh choir

3.00pm 11th May Monkton School Community Choir and soloists

All Music events support the work of St Nicholas Church (including church hall roof replacement) & local charities

**13th and 14th July St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh,
in 100 Objects your church explained.**

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 14th April 2024**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 9th April 2024**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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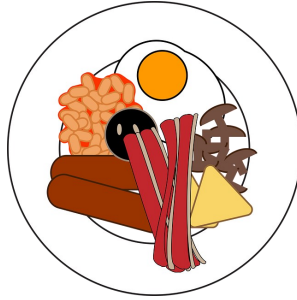
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South Wraxall Breakfast

From 9am Sunday 21st April

We invite you to join us for our last Breakfast of the season on Sunday 21st April. Come and relax with friends and family in South Wraxall village hall while we serve

your favourite Full English Breakfast. It also includes toast, homemade marmalade, tea, coffee and fruit juice.



We will be there from 9:00 am until at least 11:30 am. All the profits go towards the upkeep of St James's Church.

Jean Atkin, Sec. to St James' Church PCC.

BOA youth DROP-IN

Discover Christ Church!
COMMUNITY | DISCOVERY | RESTORATION

Christ Church
Bradford-on-Avon

Every Thursday, term-time only
From 3pm – 4:15pm

- Enjoy hot chocolates, snacks & games
- Activities with a heritage twist
- Safe, warm and welcoming
- Space to relax and chat

All are welcome!

For more info, email becky.strike@discoverchristchurch.org.uk

With grateful thanks to our funders



MENS' AND LADIES' GROUP

Wednesday 17th April 2024

7.00 pm in St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley



THE NATIONAL GALLERY IN WAR AND PEACETIME:

John Salvat will reflect on the remarkable, eventful and sometimes controversial history of this much-loved institution.

This is a joint event - ladies are invited

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

All men and ladies in the four parishes, whether church members or not, are warmly invited

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

WALK OF WITNESS

Good Friday 29th March 2024

Meet at Westbury Gardens, at 11.00am

Stopping around town for bible readings, prayers and hymns

and ending at Christ Church for coffee and hot cross buns

Wendy Brown

Bradford-on-Avon Area Churches Together



Children & Families News

Zoe Yeomans, children and families worker



Good Friday Workshop

on Friday, March 29th at
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
10.30am till noon for children and families.

Join us for Easter themed activities, crafts, games, hot cross buns and more. Stay, or drop off* your children while you join the Good Friday Walk of Witness from Westbury Gardens at 11am

*please email zyeomans3@gmail.com for a registration form



The Ark

Thursdays at 10.00am to
11.30am in Christ Church

and will continue every Thursday morning during school term time. Come along with your little ones for a fun time with toys, story, songs, craft and snacks to finish!

Sunbeams

St Nicholas Church hall, Winsley
10.30am—11.30am
10th April and 24th April

Electoral Roll review—St Nicholas' Church

The Electoral Roll is a list of members who are entitled to participate in the government of the church and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

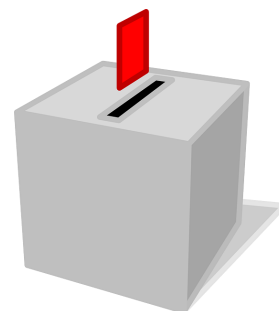
If anyone who attends St Nicholas, who is not already on the roll, and who would like to be added to the 2024 Electoral Roll, please complete an application form. Blank copies are available at the back of the church. Once completed, please give them to one of the churchwardens or the clergy. Completed forms should be returned by **Thursday 11th April**, ready for our Annual Church Meeting on **Sunday 28th April 2023**.

Who can be on the electoral roll? To be on the electoral roll a person needs to have been baptised, be at least 16 years old and either:

- Living in the parish and a member of the Church of England or a Church in communion with the Church of England
- Not resident in the parish but is a member of the Church of England (or a Church with which the Church of England is in communion) and has regularly attended worship in the parish during the six months prior to enrolment
- A member in good standing of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and they are prepared to declare themselves a member of the Church of England, having regularly attended worship during the six months prior to enrolment.

Thank you

Mary Anne Baxter, Electoral Roll Officer.



Wood mounds in St Nicholas churchyard

Please note that the neat wood mounds in St Nicholas Churchyard close to where the bonfire is usually lit are not to be touched as these all belong to the next door neighbour and come from the large yew tree that fell in the last heavy winds. There will eventually be some other wood that will be made available to parishioners and we will let people know when this is the case. We know that it looks very messy



in that area at present but the idea is that we have a working party after Easter to help tidy up the damaged stones to the party wall and the former hut which was completely destroyed by the fallen tree. Over the next few months, as we work with our new neighbours, this area will be considerably enhanced including what might seem some extensive pruning of the yew trees near the dividing wall, and it will take a few months before the results bear fruit.

John Baxter, Chairman, Fabric Committee

Lee Abbey Benefice Weekend away 17th - 19th May (Pentecost weekend).

Spaces available.

There are over 30 members of our four churches attending this weekend away, including Rev Katie and her husband Rob. We now know that that the theme for the Pentecost weekend will be 'The Sounds of the Spirit'. The speakers Rupert and Sally Martin will explore the 'noises, sounds and sweet airs' which resonate throughout the Bible culminating in the astonishing sound of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost.



We may still have some availability in twin or double rooms (£195 pp ensuite or £155 pp standard room if sharing, supplement applies for single use) and so if you would like to attend but haven't yet expressed interest, or would like to know more please contact Daphne Cox (cox.daphne@gmail.com 01225 868224) as soon as possible. The full amount would be payable now.

Easter at Salisbury Cathedral

For those of you who offer service to the church as LPAs, LWLs etc, you are invited to the traditional Maundy Thursday Chrism Eucharist which takes place at 11am at the Cathedral. Please speak with Katie or Tessa to discuss travel arrangements.

There are many Holy Week events at the cathedral and this handy link will lead you to further information:

<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/arrangements/holy-week-and-easter/>

Thanks to Daphne Cox for her photos (right) of the Easter garden at Salisbury Cathedral, which will be there until Pentecost.

The Benefice Office.

