



Dear Friends,

Isn't it wonderful to slowly see the signs of new life springing up around us; I have loved watching the new lambs in the fields, new leaf buds slowly appearing on the trees, and the primroses popping up all over the place. As I drove between Monkton Farleigh and South Wraxall earlier this week, Diane was kind enough to point out to me a small, wooded area where the ground is about to turn blue with bluebells. What a beautiful time of year this is in God's creation!



The Easter season is also a time of new life, as we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and his appearances to his friends. I love reading each of the encounters that took place, as we see these tired, heavy-hearted disciples find a new joy and lease of life. This is possibly best summed up in the words of the travellers on the road who remarked; '*were not our hearts burning within us*', as they recognised Jesus with them and suddenly found the energy and enthusiasm to turn tail and walk straight back to Jerusalem to share the news.

So, what about us; do we sense our hearts burning within us? Are we feeling full of the joy and hope of the resurrection that we are ready to walk forward with new found energy and confidence? At the Chrism Eucharist at Salisbury Cathedral, all people, ordained and lay, were asked to recommit themselves as disciples of Jesus. It was particularly poignant for me to renew my ordination vows with others from our ministry team, as I start my first incumbency post.



I would like to invite you to join me in this. As we see signs of new life springing up around us, as we continue to sing out our praise for all that Jesus has done and for the power of his resurrection, can we as a benefice offer ourselves once again to his service, renewing our baptismal promises and stepping back out onto the road, with our hearts burning within us. We may not know what is round the corner, the disciples certainly didn't, but we can be

confident that with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible.

Every blessing, **Katie**

Upcoming Services

Sunday 14th April

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

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

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

Sunday 21st April

10.00am Holy Communion Service, St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Revd. Tim Hawkings.

10.00am Holy Communion Service, St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh, jointly with St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

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

Wednesday 24th April

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

Sunday 28th April

10.00am Holy Communion Service, St James' Church, South Wraxall, jointly with St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

10.00am Together in Worship, St Nicholas Church, Winsley. Led by Penny Pierce.

10.30am Refresh Service, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon. Led by Denise Leigh and the Refresh team.

Funeral of Freda Violet Thomas

3.15pm Friday 5th April

Haycombe Crematorium
Revd. Tim Hawkings

APCMs

11.30am Sunday 14th April St James' Church

12 noon Sunday 21st April Christ Church

10.00am Tuesday 23rd April St Peter's Church

11.30am Sunday 28th April St Nicholas' Church

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 28th April 2024**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 23rd April 2024**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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Social Events Across the Benefice

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.

3.00pm—4.30pm 18th April Meet the Electricians—come and meet the skilled electricians replacing Christ Church's lighting system. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon.

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

Save the dates!

6th and 7th July Heritage Celebration weekend at Christ Church

13th and 14th July St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh,

your church explained in 100 objects.

Breakfast at South Wraxall

Sunday 21st April

We will be serving all your usual favourites in South Wraxall village hall from 9:00 am until at least 11:30 am. We look forward to your company.

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th-18th MAY 2024

There will be no door-to-door collection again this year. However, envelopes will be available from St Nicholas Church from **11th May**. Please collect one if you wish to support this worthy charity. Winsley has always collected a significant sum towards their work and I hope we may be able to continue even in these difficult times. You may, of course, contribute online. Details may be found on their website www.christianaid.org.uk

The envelopes may be returned direct to C Aid - the details will be on the envelope. Otherwise, they may be returned to me at 22 Late Broads, Winsley.



Thank You, **Alison Wells**

Monkton Parent Community Choir
&

Pupils from Monkton Prep School

MUSIC CONCERT

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, WINSLEY

MAY 11TH 3PM

FREE ADMISSION

RETIRING COLLECTION TOWARDS
CHURCH HALL ROOF REPAIRS



Children & Families News

Zoe Yeomans, children and families worker



The Good Friday Workshop was another fun, meaningful and successful morning, with children decorating egg cups, painting a rather beautiful cross with flowers to fill the aisle, playing bunny beetle and crafting Easter decorations. We shared hot cross buns and when the Walk of Witness ended at Christ Church we filled the Church and sang Lord of the Dance altogether. Huge thanks to everyone involved and to everyone who came.



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

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!




Find us on
 Facebook
 Instagram
 Youtube

Meet our Electricians

Thursday 18th April from 3pm, Christ Church, BoA

- Come and meet our skilled church electricians Stuart and Martin
- Talk to them about their skills and the work they have done in Christ Church
- Come and see our wonderful, new lighting system
- Join us for hot drinks and refreshments as part of our BOA Youth Drop In

All are Welcome!




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

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→ Drop-in activities
 → Bookable workshops
 → Barbecue & refreshments
 → All are welcome, bring the whole family!

HERITAGE CELEBRATION

CHRIST CHURCH, BRADFORD-ON-AVON | 6TH & 7TH JULY



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