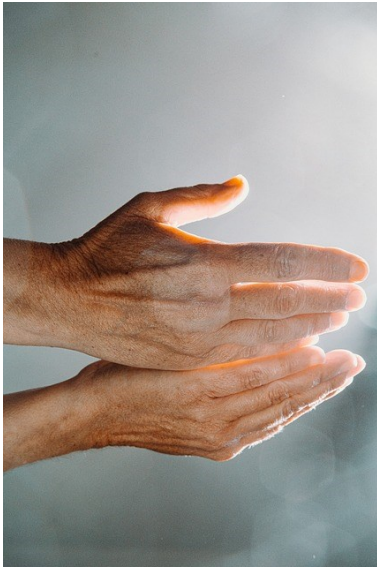




Dear Friends,



Have you ever wondered how to best make use of the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (Thursday 9th to Sunday 19th May)? I would like to encourage you to join the worldwide call to prayer. Thy Kingdom Come, is a global, ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians from around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Since it began in 2016, it now unites nearly 90% of countries worldwide across 85 different denominations and traditions (if I am honest, I didn't know there were that many, did you?).

I am excited to share with you that thanks to a team of wonderful volunteers across the Benefice, we are joining this movement of prayer this year. The main focus for Thy Kingdom Come is something called 'praying for 5' where we are each invited to think of 5 people who we would like to come to know Jesus or experience his touch afresh, and then commit to praying for them every day for the duration of the 11 days.

Can you imagine what would happen to our churches (locally, nationally, and internationally) if just one of each of our five people, came to discover Jesus. Maths was never my strong point, however even I know that that this would make a difference; the most important difference would be to the life of the individual but there would also be a profound impact upon the life of the worldwide church family.

To help us on our journey of prayer, at each of our churches, there will be interactive prayer stations for us to use and enjoy. I have found over the years, having a visual stimulus as well as an activity to do, can often help focus our thoughts as we talk with our Heavenly Father. As the prayer stations will look different at each church, if you have the time why not try to go round all 4? Or perhaps you could find a convenient time to go to one of the churches as a home group, or group of friends. Knowing that we are praying alongside each other, even if silently, can have a profound impact. However, for those who will struggle to get to one of our churches during this time, fear not, praying is something that we can do in the comfort of our own home. Just prayerfully choose your five people and off you go!



Every blessing, **Katie**

Upcoming Services

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.

Sunday 5th May 2024

10.00am Benefice Service with Holy Communion, St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

Thursday 9th May 2024

6.00pm Ascension Day Holy Communion Service, St James' Church, South Wraxall. Led by Revd. Katie Jackson.

Sunday 12th May 2024

10.00am Refresh Service, St Nicholas' Church, Winsley. Led by Zoe Yeomans and Alison Wells.

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

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

Celebration of Life service for Bryan Ellis
2pm Tuesday 30th April 2024
Christ Church, Bradford on Avon
Led by Revd. Paul Batson

Funeral of Sheliah Fry
3.30pm Wednesday 1st May 2024
West Wiltshire Crematorium
Led by Revd. Katie Jackson

Funeral of David Machin
11.30am Friday 10th May 2024
St Nicholas' Church, Winsley
Led by Revd. Paul Batson

Baptism of Ellie Grace
2.30pm Sunday 5th May
St Nicholas Church, Winsley
Led by Revd. Katie Jackson

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 12th May 2024**. Please email any relevant contributions to the Benefice Office at nboabenefice@gmail.com by **9.30am Tuesday 7th May 2024**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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11.30am Sunday 28th April St Nicholas' Church, Winsley.

Social Events Across the Benefice

10.00am 1st May Kettle's on – a friendly café style morning. St Nicholas' Church Hall.

10.00am 15th May Kettle's on – a friendly café style morning. St Nicholas' Church Hall.

7.00pm 15th May Men's Group meeting—"BRITAIN STANDS ALONE: 1940." St Nicholas Church Hall.

1.15pm 22nd May Conservation and Craft. Christ Church, Bradford on Avon.

Music Concerts at St Nicholas Church, Winsley

3.00pm 11th May Monkton School Community Choir and soloists from the Prep School Music Excellence Programme

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

Save the dates!

Showing of the film 'The Ants and the Grasshopper' on Wednesday 12th June at 7pm in St. Nicholas Church, Winsley.

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.

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

8th May 2024

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Have you ever thought about being confirmed? If you would be interested, I would love to have a chat with you.

Revd. Katie

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 Christian Aid - the details will be on the envelope. Otherwise, they may be returned to me at 22, Late Broads, Winsley. Thank You, **Alison Wells**



Christ Church Plant Stall



Tomatoes, Peppers, Courgettes, other veg, perennials etc!

Saturday 04 May
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Saturday 25 May 2024
From 10.30am – 3.30pm

@ 13 Newtown Bradford on Avon
We hope to see you there!

Donations of plants very welcome, please drop off at 13 Newtown
All proceeds to the Future for Christ Church Project
Thank you Gillian (07746623945) and Val



MENS' GROUP - Wednesday 15th May 2024

7.00 pm in St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

BRITAIN STANDS ALONE: 1940. Historian Stewart Tavner will talk about how Britain survived the threat of invasion after losing so much material at the time of the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940.

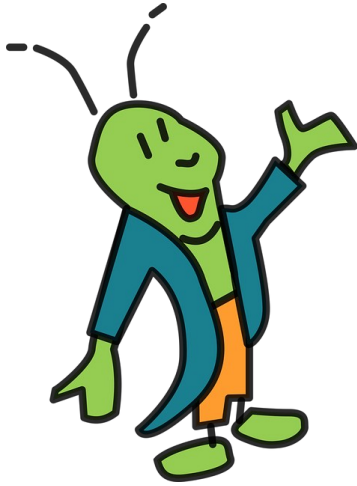
Supper will be fish and chips (bring your own drink).

All men 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)

FILM: 'The Ants and the Grasshopper'



There will be a screening of the film 'The Ants and the Grasshopper' on **Wednesday 12th June at 7pm in St. Nicholas Church, Winsley.**

The film is being shown by the Church as a local contribution to the '**Great Big Green Week**' (8th-16th June) which is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature: <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

This documentary film (run time: 1h 15m) explores in a powerful way the question: how do you change someone's mind about the most important thing in the world? The film follows Anita Chitaya who has a gift: she can change farmers' minds about what to grow, she can change what people love to eat, and she can even persuade men to fight for gender equality. Now, to save her home in Malawi from extreme weather, she faces her greatest challenge: persuading Americans that climate change is real.

The film promises to raise important issues and immediately following the film there will be opportunity to spend some time sharing our responses over some light refreshments. **This part of the evening will be facilitated by our new Rector Rev. Katie Jackson.** The evening will end by 9pm.

There is no charge for tickets, although donations will be invited on the evening to cover expenses.

A film trailer can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6J29qHOMm8k&t=2s>

The total number of tickets is limited to 50 and can be booked (at no charge) via this link:

<https://kinema.com/events/the-ants-and-the-grasshopper-ciesi/tickets>

We look forward to seeing you at St. Nicholas!

Richard Mann rmcourses@gmail.com



Monkton Parent Community Choir



Pupils from Monkton Prep School
Excellence Programme

MUSIC CONCERT

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, WINSLEY
MAY 11TH 3PM
FREE ADMISSION
RETIRING COLLECTION TOWARDS
ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH HALL ROOF REPAIRS



HOME-MADE

MARMALADE FOR SALE

Dorna Daw has been busy in the kitchen again creating her lovely home-made marmalade. She is selling the marmalade in aid of Christ Church at a very reasonable £3.50 a jar. Please do call her on 01225 862834 to secure your supply.

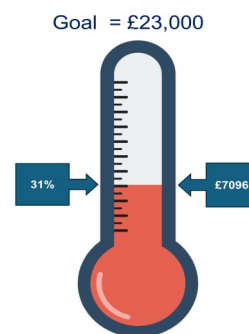


Spring Clean!

There will be a late Spring churchyard clear up at St Nicholas on **Saturday, May 11th between 10 am and noon**. Please bring along any useful implements and meet at the church hall for details of the jobs required. **John Baxter, Chair of Fabric Committee, St Nicholas Church PCC**



St Nicholas Church Hall Roof Appeal



Winsley Fabric Committee and the PCC are grateful for the generosity of parishioners towards the costs of the Church Hall roof replacement appeal which to date has raised an excellent £7096. Current quotations indicate that the likely costs will be around £23,000 so we are still some way short of our target. If you haven't yet donated, please consider doing so as the coming warmer months will be an ideal time to get the work carried out. One incentive we have is that once the roof is replaced our annual heating and lighting costs are expected to fall by over 25%; we will have a 30 year paint guarantee for the roof and an end to the leaks that have become increasingly obvious over the last couple of years. Thanks in advance for any donations you make. If you pay tax, please make sure we know as we can obtain a further 25% on any donation you make. **John Baxter, Chair of Fabric Committee, St Nicholas Church PCC**