



Dear Friends,

September is a month of new beginnings for children and young people as they move into new classes and schools or head off to college or university. Please do keep them in your prayers over the coming weeks. It can be a time of mixed emotions bringing apprehension and fear as well as carrying a sense of possibility, hope and excitement as to what may lie ahead.

It seems somewhat fitting therefore that September is also a month known in the Church of England known as Creantide, or the Season of Creation. A time where we are encouraged to give thanks and reflect upon God, the creator and sustainer of life. In the same way that our young people may have mixed feelings about the new academic year, our created world can cause both immense joy but also worry as we face the realities of the years in which we have treated our world as a resource to be exploited rather than cherished.

But there is also a third option available to us, and that is to hope for a better future. As God's children and co-workers in Christ, nothing is impossible and our actions really can make a difference. So over the coming month, as we enjoy and give thanks for the immense creativity of God in the beautiful corner of the world that we live in, let's also pause to think of one thing we can do to be bearers of hope; it might be increasing our recycling efforts, not taking our water for granted, walking rather than using the car, having a chat with our local farmers, buying Fairtrade wherever possible, praying for governments as they make decisions that impact on the environment. Recently I have had a few conversations about eco-church (how as a church we can engage more fully in this issue) and if anyone else is interested in getting involved in this area of church life then please do let me know.



Julian of Norwich once wrote: 'And he showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, on the palm of my hand, round like a ball. I looked at it thoughtfully and wondered, 'What is this?' And the answer came, 'It is all that is made'. I marvelled that it continued to exist and did not suddenly disintegrate; it was so small. And again my mind supplied the answer, 'It exists, both now and for ever, because God loves it'. In short, everything owes its existence to the love of God. In this 'little thing' I saw three truths. The first is that God made it; the second is that God loves it; and the third is that God sustains it'. (cited in *The Church of England, A Time for Creation, Liturgical Resources for Creation and the Environment*, p.5)

What a privilege and responsibility we hold; the creator and sustainer of the world has entrusted the care of his creation to us....how are we going to respond?

Every blessing, Katie

Upcoming Services

Sunday 1st September

10.00am United Benefice Communion, St James', South Wraxall, led by Rev Katie Jackson and Tessa Mann (Please Note: This has been changed to St James' because of the building work at Winsley)

Wednesday 4th September

3.00pm Holy Communion, Avonpark

6.00pm Compline, St James', South Wraxall

Sunday 8th September

10.00am Holy Communion, St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh jointly with South Wraxall, led by Rev Katie Jackson

10.00am Refresh, St Nicholas' Church Hall, led by Zoe Yeomans and Alison Wells

10.30am Holy Communion, Christ Church, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

2.30pm Baptism, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Katie Jackson

Tuesday 10th September

2.30pm Wiltshire Heights HC

Sunday 15th September

10.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas', Winsley, led by Rev Paul Batson

10.00am Holy Communion St James', South Wraxall, jointly with Monkton Farleigh, led by Rev Tim Hawkings

10.30am Morning Prayer, Christ Church, Bradford on Avon, led by Rev Katie Jackson



KETTLE'S ON

Wednesday 4th September

10.00am – 12.00pm

Friendly café style morning

Please note this is in
St Nicholas' Church.



A massive warm welcome to our new administrator **Kate Davies**. She starts on Monday and will be using the office phone number 01225 865046 and available by email at nboabenefice@gmail.com
Kate, it is a joy to have you as part of our benefice family and we are really looking forward to getting to know you over the coming months. We hope you will be really happy working with us.

NewsLink

The next edition of NewsLink will be on **Sunday 15th September 2024**. Please email any relevant contributions to katiejacks139@gmail.com by **9.30am Monday 9th September**. You can read the full version on our website at www.nboachurches.co.uk

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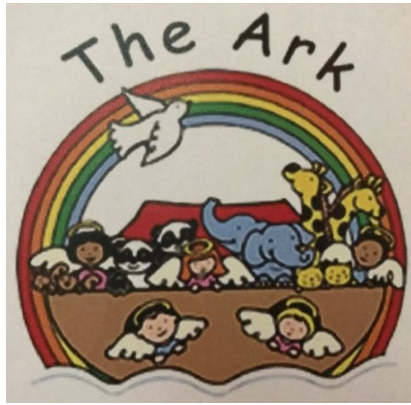
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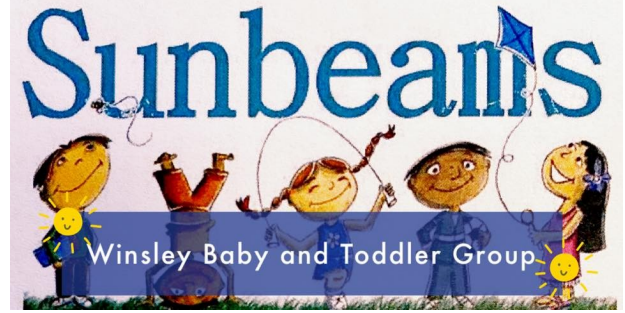
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The Ark Parent and Toddler group starts on Thursday 12th September and then every Thursday in term time at Christ Church, Bradford on Avon from 10.00am to 11.30am. Come along with your little ones for a fun time with toys, story, songs, craft and snacks to finish. Please contact Hilary Pike 01225 782527, thearkatboa@gmail.com thearkatboa.blogspot.co.uk for more details.



Sunbeams is a Parent and Toddler group which normally meets at St Nicholas' Church Hall, Winsley on the second and fourth Wednesday at 10.30am. Please note that it **restarts on Wednesday September 11th in St Nicholas' Church, not the Hall.**

Please contact Mary Hewetson for more details: 01225 722210
All are welcome.

WINSLEY CHURCH HALL UPDATE

Work on the New Roof – Timescale and Restrictions - The work on the roof is planned to start on Monday 2nd September and will take 3-4 weeks with fair weather. In September the arrangements and restrictions for using the hall are:

- It will be closed during the working day – Monday to Friday – and some Saturdays.
- It is planned that it will be available for use in the evenings and on Sundays.
- It will be open for the Ride & Stride event on Saturday 14th.
- Sunbeams and Kettle's On will take place in the church during September. Access to the toilets in the hall will be possible on Wednesday mornings.
- With the exception of a few spaces reserved for the social club and School House, the church hall car park will be closed as the space is needed by the contractor.
- The hall will be surrounded by low-level scaffolding, but gaps will be left so that the principal entrances can be used.

By October, we hope that the hall will be fully functional again. Phase 2 of the hall refurbishment, the replacement of the windows and doors, will take place at a suitable date in 2025.

**North Bradford and Villages
Men's and Ladies' Groups**

**Wednesday 25th September 2024
7.00 pm in St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley**

**TALES FROM VICTORIAN ENGLAND AND
INDIA**

Phillip Bush will tell stories from a very different time, inspired by the letters of his grandfather, the Reverend Herbert Wheler Bush
*Supper will be a range of Indian curries
(bring your own drinks).*

All men and ladies in the four parishes, whether church members or not, are warmly invited (because of building works, no parking available in the Church Hall car park). Please book with Paul Billingham as soon as possible (pr24bill@aol.com or 01225 722229)

Winsley Village Project Presents...

**Safari Supper
Saturday 14th September 6.30pm**

Tickets are available to purchase until 6th September - £25 per adult for a 3-course meal and drinks.



Purchase online at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/winsley-village-project or by email to colquhounjames@hotmail.com

or by phone to James Colquhoun on 07753 255944

See you there!



Sunday 8th September 2024 at 3.00pm

St Peter's Church, Monkton Farleigh

Musical Pairings

Music from Gilbert and Sullivan
and Lennon and McCartney

performed by

CanZona

followed by tea and cake

Retiring collection for Church funds

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust



Last chance to sign up...for the Ride and Stride – 14 September 2024

Sponsorship **forms** are available from your Parish Organiser:

Christ Church, Bradford on Avon – Stephen Pike

stephen.pike@btinternet.com or 782537

St James', South Wraxall– Diane Aderyn diane.walnuts@gmail.com or 863472

St Nicholas', Winsley – Linds Batson linds.batson@gmail.com or 720069

St Peter's, Monkton Farleigh – Valerie Calpin v.calpin@yahoo.com or 850886

This is a great opportunity to support Wiltshire's historic churches and our own four parish churches.

