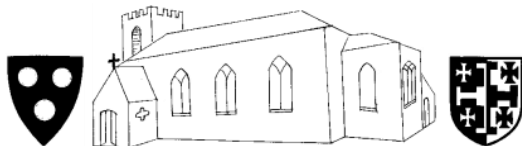


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St. Nicholas' Church,
Fulford will be
celebrating 200 years
since the current
church was re-built
and extended in 1825.

St. Nicholas' Church
1825-2025



Flower Festival
Photographic Display
Refreshments

CHURCH OPEN

Sat 23rd Aug 11:00am ~4:00pm

Sun 24th Aug 12:00noon ~4:00pm

Mon 25th Aug 11:00am ~4:00pm

A Service Of Celebration:
Sunday 24th August at 10:30 am

Led by:

The Rt Rev Jan McFarlane, Dean of Lichfield

The Vicar Writes..

This year is the 200th Anniversary of St Nicholas' Church, Fulford. However, long before the present building there has been a place of worship on the site since the 13th century. The early church, or chapel, is recorded as being in such a state of repair that, notwithstanding what *"...the inhabitants have done...to preserve it in Repair...the same is now in a very ruinous Stae, and an increased population has rendered the Chapel too small to accommodate those Persons which desire to assemble therein..."*!

When one looks around and sees a number of parish churches closed and/or turned into homes – such as the Calvinistic Chapel in Vicarage Lane and Wesleyan Chapel at Cross Gate - one would be forgiven for thinking that the Church no longer has a place in our society.

A quick on-line search, however, reveals an resurgence in church attendance in the UK, with notable increases in the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church. Whilst numbers are not yet back to pre-pandemic levels, these are sure signs of new growth.

So, why, might we ask, is this happening? Well, I think the following story from the time of the American Great Awakening reveals something about the human spirit. It is an exchange between two farmers when one suggests to the other that they go and listen to George Whitfield, Anglican minister and one of the founders of the Methodist movement.

"Hey, let's go to hear George Whitfield preach the Gospel."

The other farmer scoffed, "Why? You don't believe the Gospel."

"You're right," the first replied., "but he does."

Such a simple exchange, but an exchange that reveals something about the human spirit.

In an age of moral confusion and cultural uncertainty, there are more and more people looking for meaning in life, and they are finding this meaning through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

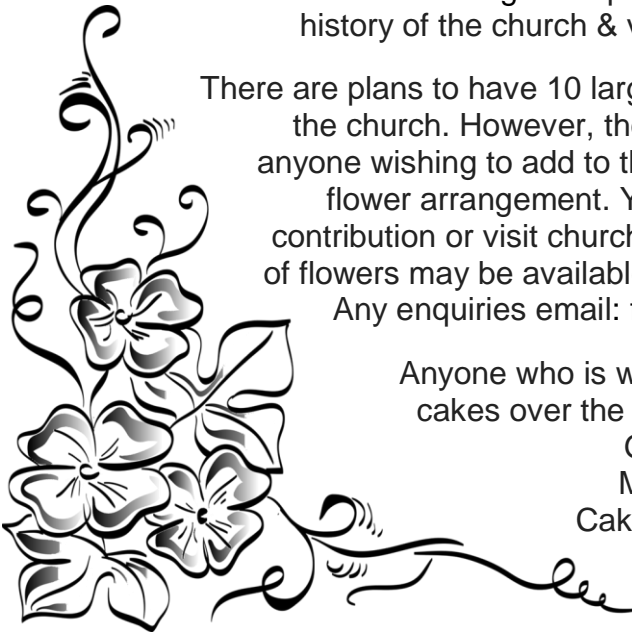
So, as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of St Nicholas' Church with our Flower Festival and Photographic Exhibition during August Bank Holiday weekend, do come and join us not only to see the wonderful displays but to come and listen to our very own Jan McFarlane (Assistant Bishop and Dean of Lichfield) preach the Gospel at our Community Service of Celebration at 10.30am on Sunday, 24th August. There will be refreshments afterwards!

Revd Lucinda Wray-Wear

During the festival there will be floral displays depicting landmarks from the village and photographs reflecting the history of the church & village will be on display.

There are plans to have 10 large arrangements around the church. However, there is still opportunity for anyone wishing to add to the festival with their own flower arrangement. You can either bring your contribution or visit church where, a limited supply of flowers may be available on Friday 22nd August. Any enquiries email: fulford200@outlook.com

Anyone who is willing and able to donate cakes over the weekend please contact Gwyn (07986 720675) or Marjorie (01782 475113). Cakes can be brought to the church on any morning of the festival.



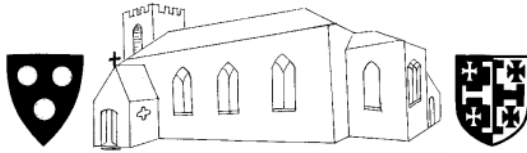
In other news...

FULFORD VILLAGE HALL

In April Fulford Village Hall Management Committee applied to the National Lottery Community Fund for a grant to help towards funding the much needed replacement floor in the main hall. We are now delighted to report that the application was successful and that the National Lottery Community Fund has awarded Fulford Village Hall £19,317 to help, as they say, our "community thrive". This funding will be very close to the full cost of the work necessary, and we are hugely appreciative to the National Lottery Community Fund for the financial support it continues to give our Village Hall.

Roger Barnard
Chairman - Fulford Village Hall Management Committee

St. Nicholas' Church 1825-2025



200th Anniversary

3 rd	August	9:30 am	Holy Communion
10 th	August	9:30 am	Holy Communion
17 th	August	9:30 am	BCP Holy Communion (said)

A Service Of Celebration: Marking 200 years

24th August **10:30 am** Led by The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane,
Dean of Lichfield

31 st	August	9:30 am	Holy Communion
7 th	September	9:30 am	Holy Communion
14 th	September	9:30 am	Holy Communion
21 st	September	9:30 am	BCP Holy Communion (said)
28 th	September	9:30 am	Holy Communion
5 th	October	9:30 am	Harvest Festival

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