

Benefice of St Nicholas Newport and St Michael and All Angels Chetwynd

Newsletter 31/8/25

Musings

September marks the beginning of meteorological autumn. And the weather has made due note of it. It looks like we have seen the last of the heatwaves for this year and perhaps of sunny days too. It is beginning to feel like autumn. This time of year we notice the days getting shorter and sunny periods and scattered showers are the order of the day.

The effects of what meteorologists are telling us is the warmest summer on record in Britain are still being felt however. Wildfires have been raging on the Yorkshire Moors for weeks now, and, in the usually wetter west there was a fire on the Great Orme in Llandudno. And even more destructive fires rage across Europe. The heat has had a devastating affect on crops too and poor harvests will likely be felt in even more price rises in the shops.

The climate experts have kept saying that we can't judge climate change on a few year's weather patterns, but now they seem agreed that we are seeing the effects of global warming.

Throughout history people have exploited the natural world for their own ends, mining, cutting down forests, damming rivers. The world seemed so big, it did not seem possible that our feeble actions could have a global impact. But now on our televisions we can see the worldwide results, fires and floods. And it seems that those who have contributed least to global warming are suffering most from its effects.

But God is always good and we pray that he will show us what actions we can take to restore nature's balance. We pray that God will teach us how to be good stewards of the amazing world he has created.

Sandra

This week beginning 31/8/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Next week beginning 7/9/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Readings

31/8/25

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

7/9/25

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Luke 14:25-33

PCC

The next meeting of St Nicholas PCC will be on Tuesday 2nd September at 2.00pm in the vestry.

Church Cleaning

The cleaning team will be meeting in St Nicholas church on Saturday 6th September from 9.15am. More willing dusters always welcome.

CTiN AGM

The AGM of Churches Together in Newport will be held on Wednesday 10th September at 7.15pm at the Baptist church on Water Lane. All are welcome.

Ride+Stride : A message from Chris Gregory

'Ride+Stride is on 13th September this year. As Linda has done this for the last two years I have decided to give her a rest and take part myself but I shall travel by car. I hope to visit churches in the Hodnet deanery. If anyone is willing to sponsor me there will be a form on the table where we sit for tea/coffee after the service on Sundays and Wednesdays. Half the sponsorship money goes to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and the other half to our church.' Chris Gregory

We pray for all those who have lost homes, belongings and livelihoods because of natural disasters. And we pray for all disaster relief agencies that God will help them and keep them safe.

We remember in our prayers Rory and his parents Sarah and Ben, Chris, Joyce and Geoff, Jo and Mike, Gill, Ron, Angela, Lisa and Peter

‘Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand, You guide me with your counsel, and afterwards you will take me into glory.’

Psalm 73, verses 22&24