

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

Newsletter 10/8/25

Musings

When August comes around each year, we begin to notice the nights drawing in. Only a few weeks ago it was light-ish at bedtime but now we need to put on the light in the evening to watch television or read. Our earth is in constant movement around the sun and so our seasons change. I heard recently that the planet Venus rotates so slowly that a year on Venus is longer than a day! I can't get my head around that. But it is true. Venus goes around the sun every 225 earth days but it takes 243 earth days to rotate on its axis once! The planets in our solar system are all different, to say nothing of all the stars and their planets in our galaxy. And the universe is made up of more galaxies than we can count. All created by our Almighty God.

And yet Jesus tells us that cares for every little sparrow that falls and he tells us that we mean much more to God than many sparrows. (Matt 10:24, 31b) The creator of the universe has made us in his image and he loves and cares for each and every one of us.

So as the seasons change and changes happen in our lives and in the world, we can face the future with confidence and hope.

Sandra

This week beginning 10/8/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Readings:

Hebrews 11 v1-3, 8-16

Luke 12 v32-40

Next week beginning 17/8/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Matins

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(Common Worship)

Hebrews 11 v29 – 12 v2

Luke 12 v49-56

Election of Churchwardens

Following the service in St Nicholas church on **Sunday 10th August**, there will be an election of churchwardens. All residents of St Nicholas parish and those on the electoral roll of the church are eligible to vote.

We pray for our churches of **St Nicholas** and **St Michael and All Angels** during this time of vacancy. We pray especially for the churchwardens, members of the PCCs and all who are taking on extra responsibilities at this time.

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

‘In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.’

Genesis , verse 1