

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

Newsletter 12/10/25

Musings

It is hard to believe that it has been more than 2 months since Revd. Merry left to begin her new ministry in Pattingham. Two months of adjustment to running the churches in the absence of a rector. So far, so good. Most things are running smoothly. Our regular services are all being held. But there is so much more behind the scenes and for some they are stepping into roles which are outside their comfort zones. The summer and early autumn has given a quiet time for people to learn and adjust, but we are now about to enter the busy run-up to Christmas. St Nicholas is a fortunate church which has good links with the town. There are strong relationships between the church and the schools, town council and many other groups. These relationships are very much on show as we approach the end of the year, from Remembrance Sunday, Lights Switch-On, Civic Carol Service etc, and also schools' and nurseries' concerts and nativity plays in church. It sometimes feels that there aren't enough hours in the day nor days in the week to fit everything in! And so many more volunteers are needed to cover these events. We pray that God will send those whom we need.

For our God is a faithful God and we know that we can always rely on him. So, as we approach this busy time, whenever things seem difficult, or even impossible, we know that God is there with us. He will lead us by the hand and show the way. We can go forward in hope and confidence to serve our wonderful God as we serve his church.

Sandra

This week beginning 12/10/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(Common Worship)

Next week beginning 19/10/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Matins

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Readings

12/10/25 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
 Luke 17:11-19

19/10/25 Jeremiah 31:27-34
 Luke 18:1-8

Children's Society

“HELP” John Evans is organising a Coffee Morning to open and count the Children's Society Collection boxes for our Parish. The date is Saturday 18th October from 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Rooms. Help is required to Count the money but we also intend to have a stall selling books, jigsaw puzzles, games, gifts etc. including Beautiful knitted baby clothes and of course come along for a coffee and chat. The income from these stalls will be shared between our church and the Children's Society. Please let me or Irene know if you can help or have some items to donate. Many thanks John Evans. Telephone 01952 811734.

Deanery Meeting

All are invited to the Licensing of our new interim Rural Dean, Fr Stuart Howes, at Holy Trinity Church, Wrockwardine Wood on **Thursday 23rd October 7.00pm for 7.30pm start**. An opportunity to welcome Fr Stuart. The evening will include a talk on Dementia Friendly Church by Sarah Thorpe.

Christmas Events

Hard to believe that Christmas is approaching fast. All are invited to a meeting to organise cover for the events leading up to Christmas on Thursday 30th October at 3pm in St Nicholas Church. If you are able to offer any time, please do come along. It is always a very busy time for the church.

Light Party

Churches Together in Newport will be holding a Light Party for all primary school aged children on Friday 31st October from 5pm to 7pm in Trinity Church. There will be games, crafts, songs and food. Please see the notice on the noticeboard in St Nicholas church for more details.

Church Cleaning

The cleaning team will be meeting in St Nicholas church on Saturday 1st November from 9.15am. More volunteers always welcome.

We pray for the success of the peace deal between Israel and Gaza. We pray for the end of the killing and for a just and lasting settlement.

We remember in our prayers: John, Chris, Jenny and John, Jo and Mike, Geoff and Joyce, Gill, Ron, Angela, Lisa and Peter.

‘Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise.’

Psalm 48, verse 1a