

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

Newsletter 26/10/25

Musings

The clocks go back this weekend. An extra hour in bed. But we will notice the darker evenings. When it is dark by teatime, we say a definite goodbye to summer. No more chance of an Indian Summer, it is definitely autumn and winter lies ahead. Time to get out the winter coats, dust off the boots and fetch the jumpers out of storage. Time too to enjoy the changing colours of the leaves on the trees and bushes, the spiders' webs glistening with dew or frost. It is only 8 weeks to Christmas. The town's Christmas lights will be switched on in 4 weeks and the minds of those in our churches turn to the arrangement for these coming busy weeks. Although it keeps all of us on our toes it is wonderful to welcome so many children and young people into church. We are always amazed at the talents they have and the quality of their carol services, nativity plays and concerts. It is lovely too to welcome families to school events and to carol services and Christingle. The excitement as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles fill the churches.

We all come to celebrate the Nativity. To see the little ones telling again the story of the Baby in the stable, visited by shepherds and wise men. To hear of angels singing and a guiding star. And for those a little bit older to join with them in this reminder that God loves us so much that his Son came down to earth to share our lives.

Sandra

This week beginning 26/10/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(Common Worship)

Readings

26/10/25 Joel 2:23-32, Luke 18:9-14

2/11/25 Ephesians 1:11-end, Luke 6:20-31

Next week beginning 2/11/25:

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

Treasurer

After long service, Chris Gregory will retire as treasurer of St Nicholas at the end of the year. Many thanks to Chris. If you think you could be our next treasurer, please speak to any member of the PCC.

Christmas Events

As usual, St Nicholas church is very booked up during late November and throughout December with Christmas events. Offers of help are needed to manage these events successfully. If you may be able to help please come along for a cuppa, cake and fellowship on **Thursday 30th October** at 3.pm in church. All are welcome.

Light Party

There will be a 'Light Party' for all primary school aged children on **Friday 31st October** in the Baptist church on Water Lane from 5pm to 7pm. Games, crafts, songs, food and more. All welcome. Please see the notice on the noticeboard in St Nicholas church.

Church Cleaning

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

PCC

St Nicholas PCC will be meeting on **Tuesday 4th November** at 2pm in the church vestry.

Shared Lunch

Members of Harper Adams University Christian Union will be joining us for worship on **Sunday 16th November**. This will be followed by a shared lunch. If you are able to contribute to this please bring items to the service.

Churches Together in Newport

CTiN will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday 19th November** at Trinity church at 7.15pm to discuss plans for upcoming events.

Fashion Show

There will be a fashion show in the Parish Rooms on **Friday 28th November** at 7.30pm. tickets £10. The proceeds will go to the St Nicholas Church Bells Repair Fund. Kathryn will have tickets for sale in church after the Sunday service.

As the weather becomes colder, we pray for all those struggling to keep their homes warm.

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

‘You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.’

Isaiah 55, verse 12a