

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

Newsletter 5/10/25

Musings

I am sure that we are all stunned and shocked by the terrible events in Manchester on Thursday. Worshippers attacked as they met together in a synagogue on the Jewish holiest day, Yom Kippur. Our thoughts and our prayers go out to all those affected and to the whole Jewish community in Britain. One shocking thing was to realise that this was not unexpected, that synagogues, and Jewish schools, employ security guards so widespread is antisemitism. We live in a society that prides itself on freedom of speech, the right to voice disagreements, the right to hold different political opinions and to hold different religious points of view. But there is never any place or excuse for violence.

In the Book of Genesis, we are told that on the sixth day, God decided to make people in his image, male and female. And he told them to fill the earth. And human beings have done a pretty good job of doing that. But no matter how we interpret the Creation story, we are all of one species, homo sapiens. Divisions between us are man-made not God-made. We have far more in common than there are differences between us. We pray for an end to all discrimination, racial, sexist and religious. Discrimination leads to an idea of them and us which leads to violence.

Jesus came to show us how much we are loved by God and he asks us to share this love with all God's children so that God's kingdom may grow.

Sandra

This week beginning 5/10/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Next 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)

Readings:

5/10/25 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Luke 17:5-10

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

Churches Together in Newport

CTiN will be meeting on **Monday 6th October** at **9.30am** in the Baptist Church to pray for Newport and the surrounding area and for upcoming events. All welcome.

PCC

Newport PCC will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 6th October at 2.00pm in the vestry.

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 12noon in the Parish Rooms. Help 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

Light Party

Churches Together in Newport will be holding a Light Party on **Thursday 31st October** from 5pm to 7pm at Trinity Church for all primary school aged children. Games, crafts, songs. All welcome. Please see the notices in St Nicholas church for more information.

We pray for the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally as she prepared to take up her new role. We ask that God will support and guide her.

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

'Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.'

Psalm 3, verse 24