

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

Newsletter 30/11/25

Musings

On Saturday 29th November, it was a day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church. Missionary work has been an integral part of the church since it began nearly 2000 years ago. We read in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles that, after Pentecost, that small group who had been hiding in an upstairs room since the Crucifixion began to speak out about Jesus. After the killing of St Stephen many in the church left Jerusalem. But they did not stop preaching the Gospel. Wherever they went they told people about Jesus. And they travelled far and wide, even as far as India and China. The Acts of the Apostles tells us in detail of the missionary journeys of St Paul and how he and his followers founded churches.

The word missionary originated in 1598 when the Roman Catholic Society of Jesus began to send out its members to reach out to those who had not heard about Jesus. Since that time, Christian missionaries of many denominations have spread the Good News around the world. Many were also a practical force for good. They built hospitals and schools, dug wells and installed sanitation, as well as founding churches. So they improved the lives of those with whom they lived both physically and spiritually.

The Church Mission Society was formed in 1799 and is still a worldwide organisation. It spreads the love of God through many activities, for the underprivileged in societies, for the disabled, by running schools and by supporting women and ethnic minorities.

But we are all called to be missionaries, each of us is called to spread the Good News of Jesus and his love among those where we live.

Sandra

This week beginning 30/11/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Next week beginning 7/12/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer
(Book of Common Prayer)
6.30pm Choral Evensong
Readings 30/11/25 Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 36-44
 7/12/25 Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

Civic Carol Service

The Civic Carol Service will be held in St Nicholas church on **Sunday 30th November** with contributions from local schools and organisations. All are welcome.

Prayer Meeting

Churches Together in Newport's monthly prayer meeting will be held on **Monday 1st December** at 9.30am in Baptist Church. All are welcome.

PCC

St Nicholas PCC will be meeting on Tuesday 2nd December at 2.00pm in the vestry.

Choral Evensong

There will be a Christmas Choral evensong on **Wednesday 3rd December** at 6.30pm in St Nicholas. All welcome.

Church Cleaning

The team will be meeting in St Nicholas church on **Saturday 6th December** from 9.15am. More willing hands always welcome.

Christmas Memorial Service

All are welcome to meet to remember loved ones in a Memorial Service in St Nicholas church on **Tuesday 9th December** at 6.30pm.

Christmas Lunches

There will be a combined Ladies and Gentlemen's Christmas Lunch in the New Inn on **Friday 12th December** at 12.30pm. Numbers and menus are needed by **Friday 5th December**. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in St Nicholas church or in writing or by email to Rosemary or David Briston

We pray for the negotiations between Ukraine and Russia that they may lead to a just and lasting peace.

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

‘Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.’

Psalm 97, v11