

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

Newsletter 16/11/25

Musings

St Hugh of Lincoln is remembered by the Church on 17th November. He was born in Burgundy in about 1140. His mother was known for her kindness and especially for washing the sores of lepers. Young Hugh would be taken along with her in these ministries and hold the towels. Sadly, his mother died when Hugh was about 8 years old and he was sent to a religious community, Canons Regular of St Augustine, to be educated. Canons Regular were not monks but communities of priests who went out into parishes to help nurse the sick, run schools and rebuild ruined shrines. They would work humbly at these humdrum tasks and at the age of 15 Hugh joined them in their work.

In his twenties, however, he left this life for one of contemplation as a Carthusian monk. His piety reached the ears of King Henry 1st of England who appointed him Prior of a new Carthusian monastery in Somerset. He found the monastery incomplete and the monks full of grumbles. He rebuilt the monastery and gained compensation from the king for those who had been forced off their land so that the monastery could be built.

In 1186 he was consecrated Bishop of Lincoln. He travelled widely around his diocese and was known for being generous and just. He also played an active role in the protection of Jews who were being persecuted and would be expelled from England in 1290.

St Hugh loved all the animals in the monastery garden and is usually portrayed with a swan. A wild swan became his constant companion, eating from his hand and protecting him from anyone who got too close.

So what can we learn from the life of St Hugh? Well, he was described in his lifetime as 'uniting patience, courtesy, courage and gentleness'. Someone who 'loved the whole human race like himself.'

That's something to be getting on with!

Sandra

This week beginning 16/11/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Matins

Next week beginning 23/11/25:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(*Common Worship*)

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Readings

16/11/25 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19
23/11/25 Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

Harper Adams Christian Union

On **Sunday 16th November** members of Harper Adams Christian Union will be joining the congregation of St Nicholas for worship. We look forward to welcoming them.

Churches Together in Newport

CTiN are meeting on **Wednesday 19th November** at 7.15pm in Trinity Church to discuss upcoming plans. All welcome.

Joint PCC Meeting

Chetwynd and St Nicholas PCCs will be holding a joint meeting on **Thursday 20th November** at 7.00pm in the vestry of St Nicholas.

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Newport town Christmas lights will be switched on on Saturday 22nd November. There will be entertainment in town all day. The lights will be switched on at 6pm and this will be followed by a carol service in St Nicholas church. All welcome

Lunches

The next Ladies and Gentlemen's lunches will be on **Friday 28th November** at 12.30pm. The ladies will meet in *Gunero's* and the gentlemen in the *New Inn*. There will be a joint Christmas lunch on **Friday 12th December** at 12.30pm at the New Inn. Please add your name to the appropriate list.

Fashion Show

There will be a fashion show on **Friday 28th November** at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Tickets £10. Proceeds to the St Nicholas Church Bells Repair Fund. Kathryn will be in church on Sunday 16th November with tickets.

Civic Carol Service

The Civic Carol Service will be on **Sunday 30th November** at 6.30pm. All welcome.

We pray for all who give their time to serve others and spread the love of God.
We remember in our prayers; John, Jenny and John, Jo and Mike, Joyce and Geoff,
Chris, Gill, Ron, Angela, Peter and Lisa

‘Never tire of doing what is good.’

2 Thessalonians 3, verse 13b