

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

Newsletter 25/1/26

Musings

Sunday 25th January is the day when the Church remembers the Conversion of St Paul and the following day, 26th, we remember Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul.

Following Paul's miraculous conversion when he met with Jesus on the road to Damascus, he changed from a persecutor of the early Church to one of its prominent missionaries, travelling widely and founding many churches until his arrest and his imprisonment and eventual execution in Rome. One of the churches Paul founded on his first missionary journey was at Lystra. When he returned there on his second journey he found that the church was still thriving. Among the congregation was a young man called Timothy whose mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois, were both converts of Paul and Timothy had been brought up as a believer by them. Paul invited Timothy to accompany him on his journey. Titus is believed to have been a Gentile who was converted by St Paul and acted as his secretary and interpreter. These two young men travelled with Paul and also visited churches Paul had founded to encourage, and sometimes criticise, the congregations. Eventually Timothy became the first Bishop of Ephesus and Titus was, according to early church traditions, was made Bishop of Crete.

When we read the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of St Paul and others, it is amazing how quickly the early church grew and how far those early missionaries travelled. And the message they took was the same as the message we still tell today. Because God loves us so much, his Son, Jesus, lived on earth just like us. He died and rose again from the dead, so gaining for us life eternal with him.

This is the Good News of the Gospel, as true today as when Paul, Timothy and Titus told it so long ago.

Sandra

This week beginning 25/1/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

Next week beginning 1/2/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion
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(Book of Common Prayer)
6.30pm Choral Communion

Readings

25/1/26 Isaiah 9:1-4. Matthew 4:12-23

1/2/26 Malachi 3:1-5, Luke 2:22-40

PCC

St Nicholas PCC will meet on **Tuesday 3rd February** at 2.00pm in the vestry.

We pray for the Bible Society, their translators and distributors and for all who work to spread the Good News of Jesus

We remember in our prayers: Jenny and John, Jo and Mike, Geoff and Joyce and Gill and all the Howard family.

‘Jesus said, ‘Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.’

Matthew 28, verses 19 & 20