

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

## Newsletter 22/2/26

### Musings

On 27<sup>th</sup> February, the Church remembers George Herbert, Priest and Poet. George Herbert was born in Montgomery in 1593 into a wealthy family. He went to Cambridge University intending to become a priest but while he was there he became the University's Public Orator, attracting the attention of King James I. He went on to become a Member of Parliament. But in his 30's he left his public life and was ordained as a priest. He served as a parish priest in Fugglestone St Peter, a village near Salisbury. He was devoted to the people of his parish, caring for those in need. George had suffered from ill-health for most of his life and he died at the young age of 39.

Despite his early death, it is a tribute to the importance of his poetry that he is still read today. His deep faith comes through in his work. Poetry touches us in ways that prose cannot. There are many poems contained in the Bible, the Psalms, the Song of Songs (a poem of love), the songs of Moses and of Miriam. These are often the passages of the Bible which we remember. Many people on hearing the opening line of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 'The Lord is My Shepherd' will remember how it continues. The beauty of their words has led to many of the Bible poems such as the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis being used in services. But poetry not obviously written on a religious theme, or by a Christian writer, can draw us into praise of God through descriptions of his Creation and can cause us to ponder on the mysteries of life.

So, poetry can enrich our reading during this Lent season as we examine our relationship with God as we prepare for Good Friday and the celebrations of Easter.

Sandra

### This week beginning 22/2/26:

#### **St Michael and All Angels**

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

#### **St Nicholas**

Sunday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

### Next week beginning 1/3/26:

#### **St Michael and All Angels**

Sunday 9.00 Holy Communion

#### **St Nicholas**

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

*(Book of Common Prayer)*

6.30pm Choral Evensong

<b>Readings:</b>	22/2/26	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Matthew 4:1-11
	1/3/26	Genesis 12:1-4a	John 3:1-17

### **Lent Groups**

Lent Groups begin this week.      Mondays 10.30am Baptist Church  
   Mondays 11.30am The Swan  
   Tuesdays 2.00pm St Nicholas Church

All are welcome to join these groups.

### **Lunches**

The next Ladies and Gentlemen's lunches will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm. The ladies will meet at *Gunero's* and the gentlemen will meet at the *New Inn*. Please add your name to the lists on the noticeboard in St Nicholas Church.

### **PCC**

The next St Nicholas PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.00pm.

We pray for all Lent groups beginning this week in our town and around the world. We especially pray for those who have to meet in secret because of persecution and we ask God to keep them safe.

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

We remember too the family of Graham Walker.

**'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.'**

*Luke , verses 46 & 47*