

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

Newsletter 8/2/26

Musings

St Scholastica is remembered by the Church on 10th February. She was the sister (some say the twin) of St Benedict who is widely regarded as the founder of western monasticism. St Scholastica was born at the end of the 5th century in Italy. After her brother founded the Benedictine order of monks, Scholastica founded a community of women who followed the rules of the Benedictines.

Although the brother and sister were very close and lived only a short distance apart, in respect to their orders they only met once a year. They would meet in a house between their two communities and they would spend the day in prayer and talking about God. Then one year as evening drew on, Benedict prepared to return to his monastery, but his sister begged him to stay so that they could continue talking through the night. Benedict said that he couldn't, he must go back. Scholastica prayed and suddenly a huge storm erupted and travel was impossible. They spent the night in conversation. Three days later, as Benedict was in his cell at the monastery, he saw the soul of his sister rising to heaven in the form of a dove. He had her body buried in the grave he had prepared for himself and, when he died four years later, he was buried with her.

Their story reminds us how important it is for Christians to meet together, to pray and to talk about God. And we are reminded of this at this time of year as we prepare to join Lent groups or, perhaps, with a group of friends agree to read the same book during Lent and to meet together, in person or online, to discuss it. We grow closer to Jesus as we read, pray and meet together to share our faith.

Sandra

This week beginning 8/2/26:

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 15/2/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Matins

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Ash 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday

Readings: 8/2/26 Genesis 1:1-2:3, Matthew 6:25-34
15/2/26 Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9

Lent Groups

The Lent groups will begin the week beginning 23rd February.

St Nicholas Tuesday 2.00pm List on noticeboard

Swan Group Monday 11.30am

Baptist Church Monday 10.30am

Children and Young People

‘Signposts’

After school church club for primary school children.

Every Thursday during term time 3.45pm-4.45pm in Trinity Church

Bible stories, games, crafts, refreshments and a chance for carers to have a chat over a cuppa.

Traitors

11 – 18 year olds

Friday 13th February 7.30pm – 9.00pm in Cosy Hall

Pizza, Games, Sabotage

Easter Eggstravaganza

For all primary school aged children

Monday 30th March 2.00pm- 4.00pm at Trinity Church

Fun, Games, Easter crafts, Easter Egg Hunt

We pray for all those preparing Lent groups and for those who will come.

We remember in our prayers: Chris, Jenny and John, Jo and Mike, Joyce and Geoff.

Gill and all the Howard family

We remember too the families of **Carol Cartwright** and **Graham Walker**.

**‘Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.’**

1 Thessalonians, verses 16,17 &18