

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

## **Newsletter 15/3/26**

### **Musings**

This Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March is Mothering Sunday. The celebration of Mothering Sunday has been held on the middle Sunday of Lent since medieval times. It was a day when everyone tried to return to worship in their mother church, the church where they were baptised. This middle Sunday was also known as Refreshment Sunday, when the fast of Lent was relaxed for a day. So Mothering Sunday was a celebration.

In later centuries, those working in service away from home were given a day off so that they might return to their mother church and also spend the day with their families. On the way, some would pick the spring flowers at the roadside as a present for their mothers. And today, in many churches, mothers are given a posy of flowers.

Today the celebration of Mothering Sunday is merged with that of Mothers Day. This was begun in the United States of America by Anna Jarvis as the Mother's Day for Peace. A day when church services were held and mothers prayed that their husbands and sons would no longer be killed in war. It soon became commercialised and by the 1920s Mothers Day cards were being sold. Hearing of this, in Britain, Constance Adelaide Smith began a revival of Mothering Sunday. The day remains a mixture of Christian and secular celebrations.

But it remains a celebration of love, love for the church and love from and to mothers. And where there is love, there is God. For God is love.

So in whatever way today is celebrated, we thank God for mothers, our baptism and love.  
Sandra

### **This week beginning 15/3/26:**

#### **St Michael and all Angels**

Sunday 11.00am Matins

#### **St Nicholas**

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

### **Next week beginning 22/3/26:**

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

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

#### **St Nicholas**

Sunday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

*(Common Worship)*

**Readings:** 15/3/26 Chetwynd - 1 Samuel 1:20-end, Luke 2:33-35  
St Nicholas – Colossians 3:12-17, John 19:25b-27

## **Lent Courses**

Lent courses continue.

Monday 10.30am Baptist Church

Monday 11.30am The Swan

Tuesday 2.00pm St Nicholas Church

*All are welcome to attend.*

## **Lunches**

There is a combined lunch for ladies and gentlemen on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm in the **New Inn**. All are welcome. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in St Nicholas Church.

## **Eggstravagaza**

There is an Easter party for all primary school aged children on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Trinity Church. A retelling of the Easter story with games, crafts, songs and an Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome.

## **Weekly Giving Envelopes**

A message from St Nicholas Gift aid Secretary:

*'Our tax year is coming to an end (the last Sunday being Easter Day 5<sup>th</sup> April) and I would be very grateful if you could bring your envelopes by then to ensure we have all the envelopes in the correct tax year. If anyone is unable to bring the envelopes into church, please give me a ring and I will call and collect them. The church is very grateful to you all for your continued generous support especially now as we will be facing huge costs for the roof, and rot problems which need urgent repair. I will be distributing the envelopes for the next year from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. With Many thanks to all the church supporters, Linda Browning'*

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## **APCM**

St Nicholas Church Annual Parochial Church Council will be on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April** after the morning service. There will be elections for church wardens and representatives to Deanery Synod and PCC.

In our troubled world we continue to pray for peace. We pray that God will guide the hearts of all world leaders.

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

**‘Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.’**

***1 John 8, verse 7***