

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

Newsletter 8/3/26

Musings

Last Monday 2nd March, the Church remembered St Chad. With his brothers, Cedd, Caelin and Cynibil, Chad grew up on the island of Lindisfarne and was taught by St Finan. All became important figures in the 7th century Celtic Church. Chad became the first Bishop of Lichfield in 669. One of the stories about St Chad which I like is that when he became bishop, each day he would go walking the streets and country lanes around Lichfield, talking to whomsoever he met. The cathedral staff were unhappy about this. They thought it wasn't becoming for a bishop to be seen walking on the muddy roads. So they bought him a horse. The next day off went Chad, riding on his horse. Many hours later he returned – walking. 'Where's your horse?' they asked. 'Oh!' replied Chad, 'I can't talk to people if I'm up there on the back of a horse and they are down on the ground. I need to be at their level. So I got off the horse. Then I saw a man in desperate need of a horse. So I gave him mine.'

Chad's reputation for humility spread far and wide. An example for us this Lent season as we examine ourselves to see how we can change to become more Christlike. Jesus, the King of Heaven, left his throne to live on earth like you and me. He was tired, he was hungry, he was thirsty, he was happy, he was sad. Just like us. Our God humbled himself by living as a man.

And St Chad followed in the footsteps of Jesus.

Sandra

This week beginning 8/3/26:

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 15/3/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Matins

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(*Common Worship*)

Readings: 8/3/26 Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:5-42
15/3/26 Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9

Lent Courses

Lent courses continue. Monday 10.30am Baptist Church
Monday 11.30am The Swan
Tuesday 2.00pm St Nicholas Church

All welcome to join any of these groups.

Weekly Giving Envelopes

A message from Linda Browning, our Gift Aid Secretary:

‘Our tax year is coming to an end (the last Sunday being Easter Day, 5th April) and I would be very grateful if you could bring your envelopes by then to ensure that we have all the envelopes in the correct tax year. If any one 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 22nd March.

With many thanks to all the church supporters, Linda Browning’

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Eggstravagaza

There will be an Eggstravagaza Easter Party for all primary school aged children on Monday 30th March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Trinity Church

Retelling the Easter story with games, crafts, songs and an Easter Egg Hunt.

All are welcome.

As conflicts increase around the world we pray for peace and that God’s kingdom will come.

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

‘Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34, verse 8