

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

Newsletter 3/5/26

Musings

Pandita Mary Ramabai is remembered by the Church on 30th April. An eminent Indian social reformer she set up schools for women and girls and worked to improve their status in Indian society. In her mid-twenties she travelled to England to begin medical training. While in England she became a Christian and after her return to India, she translated the Bible into her native language, Marathi.

Being able to read the Bible in our own language is something we probably all take for granted. Many of us will know the story of Mary Jones and her Bible. After working and saving for 6 years, in 1800, at the age of 15, Mary Jones walked 26 miles barefoot to the town of Bala, the nearest place where she could buy a copy of the Bible in Welsh. When she got there, they were sold out. The seller, Thomas Charles was so impressed by Mary's efforts that he gave her a Bible that had been promised to another. Thomas Charles was concerned with the lack of Bibles in Welsh and so amazed at the lengths to which Mary had gone to obtain one, that with his friends he established the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Society is dedicated to translating and distributing Bibles so that everyone in the world can read it in their native language. The work continues today, making translations into new languages and updating Bibles to adapt them for changes in languages.

Perhaps today as we open our Bibles, we will thank God for them and pray for all those who work tirelessly translating, printing and distributing Bibles so that all may read about our wonderful God and learn for themselves the stories of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Sandra

This week beginning 3/5/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

Next week beginning 10/5/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

(Book of Common Prayer)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Readings

3/5/26 Acts 7:55-end. John 14:1-14

10/5/26 Acts 17:22-31. John 14:15-21

Church Cleaning

The St Nicholas cleaning team will be meeting in church on **Saturday 9th May** at 9.15am. Everyone welcome.

We continue to pray for peace in our troubled world. For the compassion of world leaders for those who suffer and a willingness to negotiate.

We remember in our prayers: Pat, Iraj and Minoo, Chris, Phil, Vanessa. Brian, Jo and Mike and Gill and all the Howard family.

‘Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.’

Proverbs 30, verse 5

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