

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

Newsletter 12/4/26

Musings

We have certainly had a lot of weather recently! There was Storm Dave which gave a sleepless night as the wind whistled down the chimney and blew around anything not tied down. Then a few days later we had summer temperatures and bright sunshine. Then a return to showers, some heavy, and the temperature dropped with overnight frosts. It is true as they say, in Britain if you don't like the weather just wait a few hours and it will change. Compared with many parts of the world, however, we have a Goldilocks climate – not too hot and not too cold. And who could really complain this time of the year as we see the gardens and fields bursting into life. The vibrant colours of the spring flowers can cheer us up on even the dullest day.

I think it must be very strange to live in the southern hemisphere, in places such as Australia and New Zealand where Easter comes in the autumn. When the days are shortening and the growing season ending. For with Easter we see the arrival of new life and it seems fitting that the trees are turning green and the lambs are playing in the fields. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we celebrate the end of death and sin. Through him we have eternal life. Whatever the weather we can look forward to the future with hope.

Sandra

This week beginning 12/4/26:

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 19/4/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Matins

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer
(Common Worship)

Readings: 12/4/26 Acts 2: 14a, 22-32, John 20: 19-end
19/4/26 Acts 2: 14a, 36-41, Luke 24: 13-35

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The St Nicholas APCM will be held following the service this **Sunday, 12th April**. Reports from the last year and upcoming events. There will be elections for churchwardens, representatives to the Deanery Synod and to the PCC. If you feel God is calling you to any of these roles please complete a nomination form before the meeting. All those who are on the church electoral roll are eligible to vote.

PCC

Section 12 meeting for both PCCs, St Nicholas and Chetwynd, with Bishop Sarah. **Monday 13th April** at 7pm in St Nicholas Church.

St George's Day

The town will celebrate St George's Day on **Saturday 18th April** with events in the town and St George fighting (and hopefully defeating) the dragon.

Lunch

There will be a combined Ladies and Gentlemen's Lunch on **Friday 24th April** at 12.30pm in the New Inn. All are welcome. Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard in St Nicholas church.

We pray that God's choice of a new rector for the diocese will be appointed soon and we pray for all those involved in the selection process.

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

Jesus said: 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'

John 20, verse 21