

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

Newsletter 10/5/26

Musings

This Sunday, 10th May, is the last proper Sunday of Easter. (Next Sunday is the Seventh Sunday of Easter but is usually known as the Sunday after the Ascension.)

It may just be me but the Easter season has seemed long this year. As Easter was quite early, at the beginning of April, it felt as if spring had not properly begun and now, at the beginning of May, we are seeing the early summer flowers. It has been a topsy-turvy spring. Some plants, like bluebells, began to flower early while others are slow off the mark. We are told that with climate change our weather patterns will keep changing. We will have wetter winters, but they will not be so many cold spells and we should expect more heatwaves and droughts in summer. In our present climate the weather changes rapidly from day to day, or even hour to hour – hot to cold or rain to sun - so I expect we shall adjust to it no matter what may come. It's not so easy though for those living on Pacific islands where rising sea levels are encroaching on their land, nor for the polar bears as the Arctic ice melts. We pray for the work of scientists and environmentalists who are seeking ways to slow the rate of temperature rise.

God created a world so that it was all in balance. And we are told that he thought it was very good (Genesis 1 verse 31). God has given the human race the ingenuity and inventiveness to do so many good things, to find remedies for many diseases, to invent technologies to help us keep in touch and appliances to make daily life easier. And yet so often we have used these same gifts in the pursuit of selfishness and greed. We pray that God will show us how to be good stewards of his world. He loves us so much, may we find a way to love one another and all of God's creation.

Sandra

This 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

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

17/5/26 Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11

Next week beginning 17/5/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Matins

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(*Common Worship*)

Ascension Day

Ascension Day is on **Thursday 14th May**. There will be a Prayer Event organised by Churches Together in Newport at Trinity Church. There will be prayer stations to explore between 3.00pm and 5.00pm and 7.00-7.30pm. This will be followed by an evening of prayer from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. There will be prayers for our town, churches, businesses, the carnival, children and young people and health provision including care homes. The theme is: God with us. All are welcome.

Fashion Show

St Nicholas Church are holding a Fashion show on **Tuesday June 23rd at 7pm** in the Parish Rooms in aid of church funds. All are welcome. Tickets available. Please speak to Irene Evans (01952 811734) for more information.

Newport Bellringers

Newport Bellringers now have two collection points for your used ink cartridges. Newport Community Library and St Nicholas Church porch. Your donations help to keep Newport bells ringing. Many thanks from Newport Bellringers.

We pray for all those suffering from floods, droughts and other natural disasters.

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

‘This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go.’

Acts 1, verse 11b