

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

Newsletter 24/5/26

Musings

We are told to expect the first heatwave of the summer this weekend. So it must be time to put away the jumpers and get out the sandals. Mind you, on the grounds of '*one swallow doesn't make a summer*', perhaps we should be a bit more cautious. It is only a week since the weather felt like November with rain and icy winds. And only a few days since we had hailstones.

When we look back with nostalgia, it seems that summers were always sunny with a balmy breeze and winters brought bright frosty mornings and soft snow to build snowmen. But, if I'm honest, I can remember summer holidays spent walking along Blackpool prom in the wind and rain and that soft snow was soon replaced by slippery icy pavements. So although we are told that global warming will bring more summer heatwaves and winters will be milder but wet and windy, I think that our weather day to day will continue to be unpredictable.

Our lives too can be unpredictable. We can go along smoothly with a few little hiccups and then we can be faced with a series of setbacks. And then there are those wonderful unexpected joys. We never know what is around the corner.

We thank God that he is always the one constant in our lives. In good times and bad he walks alongside us. He shares our celebrations and comforts us in our sorrows. And, in the in-between times still he surrounds us with his love.

Thanks be to God

Sandra

This week beginning 24/5/26:

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 31/5/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

(*Book of Common Prayer*)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Readings 24/5/26 Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23
 31/5/26 2 Corinthians 13:11-end, Matthew 28:16-end

Lunches

The next combined Ladies and Gentlemen's lunch will be on Friday 29th May at 12.30pm in the New Inn. All are welcome. Please add your name and your choice from the menu to the list on the noticeboard in St Nicholas church.

Prayer Meeting

The next Churches Together in Newport prayer meeting will be on Monday 1st June at 9.30am in the Baptist church. Final arrangements for the activities on Carnival Day (13th June) will be made. All welcome

Church Cleaning

The St Nicholas church cleaning team will meet on Saturday 6th June from 9.15am. More willing volunteers always welcome.

Carnival

Newport Carnival will be on **Saturday 13th June**. There will be activities in St Nicholas church and in the church grounds. St Nicholas church are arranging the refreshments and helpers are needed. If you can spare an hour or two on the day or if you are able to contribute a cake please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the church or speak to Sue Wilson

Fashion Show

There will be a Fashion Show on **Tuesday 23rd June** at 7pm in the Parish Rooms in aid of St Nicholas Church funds. For tickets or more information speak to Irene Evans (07570 296304)

We pray for children and their families on their half term holiday. May they and all school staff enjoy their break.

We remember in our prayers: Margaret and Maurice, Pat, Iraj and Minoo, Vanessa and Chris. We remember too the families of Michael Parker, Joyce Parton, Joan West and Ron Howard.

'Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.'

2 Corinthians 3, verse 17