

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

Newsletter 28/6/26

Musings

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through this year already. We have passed the summer solstice so the nights are drawing in and the days are getting shorter. (Not that I have noticed it yet!) it is quite remarkable – God’s creation. When I think about the universe and all the stars and planets stretching further than we can see and then when I think how God placed the earth, close enough to the sun, but not too close. Not too hot and not too cold. A bit like Goldilocks’ porridge. But then having set the earth in the right place, he made it so it tilts on its axis and we have the seasons. The seasons so the different plants can grow and bloom at different times, adding to the beauty of the earth and giving us food all year round. Creation is indeed an amazing thing and year by year, scientists and astronomers discover more and more wonderful things. The surprises never end.

As the hymn says: ‘*O Lord My God.....How Great Thou Art*’

And this great God loves us and cares about us. He knows everything we do and say and think. He guides us by the Holy Spirit and picks up the pieces when we ignore him and go our own way. Jesus told us the Father cares about every sparrow and we are more important to him than a sparrow.

There are always so many things daily to thank God for, our praises are never enough. Mind you, I hope he makes next week a bit cooler.

Sandra

This week beginning 28/6/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Civic Service

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Next week beginning 5/7/26:

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*)

Readings: 28/6/26 Romans 6:12-end, Matthew 10:4-end
 5/7/26 Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

Fashion Show

A successful Fashion Show was held on Tuesday 23rd June in the Parish Rooms. Many thanks to all who supported it. A sum of **£646.10** was raised for church funds.

We pray for all those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela and we thank you for the rescue teams. We pray for the injured, for those who grieve and for those who lost their homes.

We remember in our prayers: Jo and Mike, Margaret and Maurice, Iraj and Minoo, Joyce and Geoff, Chris, Brian and Vanessa.

We also pray for the family of Thelma Stanley.

‘For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever.’

Psalm 100, verse 5a