

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

Newsletter 19/7/26

Musings

This seems to have been a summer of sport, football, tennis, cricket (although perhaps it's best not say too much about the cricket) and now golf. I admire sportspeople. They are dedicated to being the best that they can possibly be. To this end they follow strict fitness regimes, diet and exercise, and daily training for many hours. They focus their minds on achieving their goal and are not satisfied until they win that cup or medal.

There are others too who are single-minded like this. Some focus on increasing their wealth, reaching for that first million. And writers who want to be on the best seller's list or win the Booker Prize. There are many other fields too where people strive to reach the top, to win the prize. They all need to be single-minded.

For us as Christians, Jesus tells us that we need to be single-minded. To love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds and with all our strength. But we don't have to follow a strict regime. There are not a long list of do's and don'ts. All we have to do is love. And when we fail, as we do, we know our Heavenly Father will forgive us and welcome us and help us to try again.

And we don't need to be the best, to beat everyone else, to win the prize. We all win the greatest prize – eternal life. Thank you Jesus.

Sandra

This week beginning 19/7/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Matins

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Next week beginning 26/7/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(Common Worship)

Readings 19/7/26 Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
26/7/26 Romans 8: 26-end, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Holiday Club

Churches Together in Newport holiday club for primary school aged children will run from **Monday 20th to Friday 24th July** at Trinity Church. For more information or to register (you can also register on the day) see the notice in the porch of St Nicholas church or contact Mona Malt on 07890 511904.

Lunches

The next Ladies and Gentlemen's lunches will be on **Friday 24th July at 12.30pm**. the ladies will meet at Gunero's and the gentlemen at the New Inn. Please add your name to the lists on the noticeboard in St Nicholas church.

Free Tickets

We have been invited to apply for free tickets to the semi-final and final of BBC Radio 4's '*Brain of Britain*' at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire on **Saturday 25th July and Sunday 26th July**. Please see the notice on the noticeboard in St Nicholas church or contact the administrator on stnicsnewport@gmail.com

As the school holidays begin we pray for all those travelling on holiday by road, rail and air. We pray that God will keep them safe. And we pray for all children that they may have holidays which are relaxing and full of fun.

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

Jesus answered, 'I am the Way and the Truth and the Life.'

John 14, verse 6a