

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

Newsletter 6/9/26

Musings

On 2nd September the Church remembered the martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 and 1942. The Anglican Church Missionary Society was founded in 1799 to spread the Gospel worldwide. In the late 19th century they founded churches in Papua New Guinea. Sadly, many of the missionaries were killed by local people in 1901. But the Church continued to send missionaries of different denominations. Before the impending Japanese invasion in 1941, although they could leave, many of the missionaries chose to stay. Over the following year at least 333 Christians were killed, including priests, nurses, teachers and local converts of all denominations. They are represented by a statue of one of them, Lucien Tapiedi, on the west front of Westminster Abbey in the frieze of 20th century martyrs.

It is difficult for us living in our free society to contemplate being killed because we follow Christ. Yet, even today, around the world people are persecuted because of their colour, their ethnicity or their faith. And still atrocities occur. Even our own country is not free from this. We hear of attacks on Muslims and Jews and on mosques and synagogues. And wars continue. People are killed by bombs and missiles while going about their daily lives. These weapons do not distinguish between male and female, young and old, faith or none.

We can feel helpless when faced with our violent world. But we follow a God of Peace. We follow Jesus, who never harmed anyone but gave himself to torture and death for us. We don't have voices on the world stage. All we can do is work for peace and harmony in our families and communities through cooperation and working together to share God's love. And we can pray for God's kingdom to continue to grow around the world.

Sandra

This week beginning 6/9/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

Next week beginning 13/9/26:

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Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

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(Common Worship)

Readings 6/9/26 Romans 13:8-end, Matthew 18:15-20
 13/9/26 Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

Church Cleaning

The cleaning team will be meeting in **St Nicholas Church** on **Saturday 12th September** from **9.15am**. More volunteers always welcome.

Heritage Day

Newport will be celebrating Heritage Day on **Saturday 12th September**. There will be opportunities to go up St Nicholas Church tower.

Ride and Stride

The annual Ride and Stride event in aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust will be on **Saturday 12th September**.

Global Week of Prayer

The 6th to 13th September is the **Global Week of Prayer**. As our part in this there will be a prayer station in St Nicholas church from Wednesday to Saturday.

Children's Society

John Evans, Collection Box Coordinator, has arranged for the Box opening event to be on **19th September** between 12.30 and 4pm in the Parish Church Rooms. The box holders will be having their boxes opened and the cash counted for the society. Help is always much appreciated for counting, help with refreshments and looking after the bring and buy stall.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Harvest Festivals

St Nicholas Harvest Festival will be on **Sunday 27th September** at 10.30am. Donations will be gratefully received for the Food Bank.

Chetwynd harvest Festival will be on **Sunday 4th October** at 9.00am

We pray for all Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.
May God give them strength and courage.

We remember in our prayers: Joyce and Geoff, Margaret and Maurice, Iraj and Minoo and Jo and Mike and we remember the family of Damien McLoughlin

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.’

Matthew 5, verse 9