

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

**Newsletter 30/8/26**

### **Musings**

It is the end of August already. According to meteorologists this marks the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. Some people do not like autumn, they feel it is a time of endings when the leaves fall from the trees and the flowers in the gardens begin to fade. For others, autumn is a time of beauty. They love the change of colours on trees and bushes and the growth of fruit. Different ways of looking at the same events.

Certainly September is a time of change. The new school year begins. We see the children on that first day of term, especially if starting a new school. The nervous faces. The sleeves on the school jumpers a bit too long and the coats a bit too big, but they will have grown into them by the end of winter. The excitement of older students beginning college or university, perhaps leaving home for the first time. The start of a whole new chapter in their lives.

And our churches too are entering a time of change as we await the arrival of Rev Pippa, our new Rector. We look forward to welcoming her into our communities. We look forward to getting to know her as she gets to know us. We look forward to fresh ideas to help us grow God's kingdom, here in our corner of Shropshire. Our churches have seen many changes over the centuries, changes of rector but also in our buildings and our liturgy and ways of worship. But through it all, in the centre is our one unchanging God. The same yesterday, today and for ever. Our God who is always a willing listener to our prayers and who answers them. Our God who is with us through all the changes in our lives, good and bad. God who loves us with an unconditional love, always.

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### **This week beginning 30/8/26:**

#### **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

### **Next week beginning 6/9/26:**

#### **St Michael and All Angels**

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

#### **St Nicholas**

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

**Readings**            30/8/26 Romans 12:9-end, Matthew 16:21-end  
                              6/9/26 Romans 13:8-end, Matthew 18:15-20

### **Welcome to New Rector**

We look forward to welcoming our new Rector, **Rev Pippa White**. Her Licensing Service will be on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm** at **Chetwynd Church**. All are welcome to the service and to meet Rev Pippa and share refreshments afterwards as we celebrate this happy day.

### **Heritage Day**

Newport will be celebrating Heritage Day on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. On the day there will be the opportunity to go up St Nicholas Church tower.

### **Ride and Stride**

Ride and Stride in aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Children's Society**

John Evans, Collection Box Coordinator has arranged for the Box opening event to be on **19<sup>th</sup> 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!

We pray for all those suffering from the floods in Nepal, the earthquake in Colombia and other natural disasters. We pray too for all rescue and aid workers.

We remember in our prayers: Joyce and Geoff, Iraj and Minoo, Jo and Mike, Margaret & Maurice and Sue and all the family of David Askin.

**‘See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making  
a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert.’**

*Isaiah 43, verse 19*