

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

Newsletter 13/9/26

Musings

On Thursday 17th September, the Church remembers Hildegard, Abbess of Bergen. She lived in the 12th century in what is now Germany. She was given by her parents, as a child, to the Benedictine monastery at Disibodenberg. As adults she and her friend Jutta led a growing community of women attached to the monastery. Later the women moved to found a separate monastery at Ruperstsberg, where Hildegard was the Abbess. Numbers continued to grow and Hildegard founded a second monastery at Ebingem.

From childhood Hildegard experienced visions which she later wrote down in a several volumes of books. She also wrote many letters including letters to Popes, emperors and theologians. Although it was frowned upon at the time, Hildegard also wrote sermons and preached in public, touring widely. She wrote music, including a musical play, and much of her music still exists today. Hildegard also had a great interest in medicine and science. She prescribed natural cures for various ailments and advised boiling drinking water to avoid infections.

Hildegard was certainly a woman with many gifts. Most of us are not so blessed, but God does give each of us gifts which we can use in his service. Some have a gift for being a good listener, others have practical skills and some are good at organisation. We pray that God will show us what our gifts may be and how we can use them to share his love and grow his kingdom.

Sandra

This week beginning 13/9/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(Common Worship)

Next week beginning 20/9/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Readings	13/9/26	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
	20/9/26	Philippians 1:21-end	Matthew 20:1-16

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 open 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.

Lunches

There will be a joint Ladies and Gentlemen's lunch on **25th September** at the Swan at Forton. There is a choice of carvery or from the main menu on the day. Full details on the noticeboard in St Nicholas Church. Lifts available.

Harvest Festivals

St Nicholas Church Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday 27th September** at 10.30am.

Donations for Newport Foodbank will be gratefully received in goods or cash.

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

Pre-Loved and Table Top Sale

A Pre-Loved and Table Top sale will be held on Saturday 3rd October from 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Parish Church Rooms in aid of the Church Renovations and Repairs Fund. Tables for hire, £10 per table. Donated items should be brought into St Nicholas Church by Wednesday 30th September. Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

For further information please contact 07305 326482

We continue to pray for Revd. Pippa White as she prepares for her Collation and Induction Service on Saturday 17th October to instal her as Rector of our benefice.

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

‘We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.’

Romans 12, verse 6a