

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

Newsletter 27/9/26

Musings

This Sunday is the Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church and the following Sunday, 4th October will be the Harvest Festival at Chetwynd. Since ancient times, since people became farmers, they have celebrated the culmination of all that sowing and weeding and watering, when finally the crops are ripe and there will be food for the winter. And, traditionally the Church gives thanks to God for the wonders of his creation and his generosity to us.

Many of us will remember when churches were decorated with autumn fruits and vegetables and that smell when we went in for Harvest Festival services. Some of us may also remember Harvest Suppers bringing the community together.

Times change and the gifts we bring today are tins and packets. More practical gifts as we support the local foodbank. For still today, although supermarket shelves are stacked, there are those in need.

We are warned that climate change may threaten the abundance of our food supply. Certainly, this year's unusual weather has been difficult for farmers and growers and for many their harvest is poor. Around the world many harvests have been ruined by freak storms, floods or droughts. Some farmers have been left destitute and forced to abandon their land and seek work elsewhere.

We pray that God will show us how to be good stewards of his world and that, worldwide, there will always be celebration and thanksgiving for the harvest.

Sandra

This week beginning 27/9/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Harvest Festival

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(*Common Worship*)

Next week beginning 4/10/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Harvest Festival

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(*Book of Common Prayer*)
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Readings	27/9/26	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Matthew 6:25-30
	4/10/26	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-end

Children's Society

From John Evans:

'Thank you to everyone who brought in their Children's Society collection boxes to be counted last Saturday. Most of the boxes on my list for the past 10 years came in leaving only 8 to be chased up. The total money counted on Saturday was over £900. Once again thank you for making my job easy.'

Harvest Festival

Chetwynd Church Harvest Festival will be on **Sunday 4th October** at 9.00am. All gifts will be donated to the Food Bank.

Pre-Loved & Table Top Sale

A Pre-Loved & Table Top Sale will be held on **Saturday 3rd October** in the Parish Rooms on New Street from 10.00am to 4.00pm in aid of St Nicholas Church Renovations and Repairs Fund. Tables for hire £10 per table. Please bring donations for the sale into church by **Wednesday 30th October**. Cakes wanted for refreshments, also help on the day for stalls and refreshments.

To donate/book contact 07305 326482 or stnicsnewport@gmail.com

Pre-Christmas Meeting

You are invited for a cuppa, cake and fellowship in St Nicholas Church at 3pm on Thursday 22nd October. As usual, the church is very booked up during late November and throughout December with Christmas Events. We need offers of help to manage these events successfully, so please come along and volunteer.

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes from Irene, St Nicholas PCC.

We pray for all farmers and growers and all who bring the food to our shops.

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

'You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you.'

Joel 2, verse 26a