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

Newsletter 18/10/26

Musings

Sunday 18th October is the feast day of St Luke. Generally, he is credited with writing both the Gospel according to St Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Parts 1 and 2 of the same letter. And together these 2 books make up about a quarter of the New Testament and are the only books in the New Testament to have been written by a non-Jew. We are told that the Greek in which they are written shows Luke to have been a highly educated man and St Paul tells us that he was a doctor. Luke tells us that he did not meet Jesus during his earthly life but that he has spoken to many people who did so that he could write a true account. Perhaps today we would think of him as an investigative journalist! It is only in St Luke's Gospel that we read about the Annunciation and about Bethlehem and the stable and the shepherds. And what would Christmas be without the Nativity Play?

St Luke is believed to have been born in Antioch and it was probably there that he met St Paul and was converted to Christianity. Luke became a travelling companion of Paul even accompanying him on that final journey to Rome.

We are grateful to all the Gospel writers for the accounts they have given us of the life of Jesus. From these stories we learn about the remarkable earthly life of our Saviour. The Son of God who became human, who even went to an horrific death so that through his resurrection our sins might be forgiven and we will live for eternity with him. We thank God for these writings which have come down to us today so that, day by day, we may learn more and worship him more.

Sandra

This week beginning 18/10/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion (*Common Worship*)

Next week beginning 25/10/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Readings	18/10/26	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
	25/10/26	1 Thessalonians 2:1-18	Matthew 22:34-end

Welcome

We warmly welcome our new rector, **Revd Pippa White**. We hope she will be very happy here in Newport with Longford and Chetwynd. We wish every blessing on her ministry and look forward to working with her.

Pre-Christmas Meeting

You are invited for a cuppa, cake and fellowship in St Nicholas Church at 3pm on Thursday 22nd October 2026. 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, Irene - St Nicholas PCC

Light Party

There will be a Light Party organised by Churches Together in Newport on Saturday 31st October from 4 to 5.30pm in the Baptist Church. All 4 to11 year olds are welcome. There will be games, crafts, songs and refreshments.
More volunteers needed.

We pray for Revd Pippa as she begins her ministry with us and as she settles into her new home.

We remember in our prayers: Joyce and Geoff, Jo and Mike, Margaret and Maurice and the family of George Smyth. George's Memorial Service will be in St Nicholas Church on Thursday 29th October at 2pm.

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever.'

Psalm 106, verse 1b