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

**Newsletter 22/11/26**

## Musings

Only a week to go and it will be the start of Advent. Then all the razzmatazz of the run-up to Christmas will start. It feels as if the shops have been celebrating Christmas for the las 3 months, but with the beginning of Advent the Christmas trees will go up and the Christmas lights will be switched on and the countdown will start in earnest. In church the flowers go and the Advent wreath appears. One more candle lit each week until Christmas Day itself

Over the Advent period we look forward to Christmas and the birth of the baby Jesus. We also look forward to when Jesus will come again. On this Sunday, the last before Advent, we celebrate Christ the King. We remember that Jesus as well as being the Baby in the manger is also the King of Heaven. And when he returns we shall see him in his glory, shining brighter than the sun. King of kings and Lord of lords. Then God's rule will be over all the earth and, as the angels sing, there will be peace on earth.

We look around our troubled world and see wars and violence and unspeakable crimes. There are so many people suffering and so many in need it is easy to despair and think that things will never get better. But we have Jesus's promise that he will return and so we know that all will be well. God's kingdom will come and his will be done when Christ the King reigns on earth.

Sandra

**This week beginning 22/11/26**:

**St Michael and All Angels**

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas**

Sunday 10.30am Morning Prayer with Baptism

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

**Next week beginning 29/11/26:**

**St Michael and All Angels**

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas**

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Civic Carol Service

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Readings** 22/11/26 Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24, Mark 11:1-11
29/11/26 Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-end

**Lunches**

The Ladies and Gentlemen's lunches will be on **Friday 27th November** at 12.30pm. The ladies will be meeting at *Gunero's* and the gentlemen at the *New Inn*.
Please add your name to the lists on the noticeboard in St Nicholas Church.

**Christmas Lights Switch-On**

The Newport Christmas Lights Switch on will be on Saturday 28th November at 5.00pm. As usual this will be followed by a Carol Service in St Nicholas Church.

**Memorial Service**

The annual Memorial Service in St Nicholas Church will be on Tuesday 8th December at 6.30pm. An opportunity to remember those whom we miss especially at Christmastime and to give thanks to God for their lives.

**Church Cleaning**

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

**Children's Society**

A message from John Evans:
'I have received a letter from the Children's Society Headquarters informing me that the total money from the home boxes was £1143.93. Thank you for all those coins and your generosity. I have also had a certificate of thanks as I am standing down as the Box Coordinator for St Nicholas Church. See a copy of the certificate on the noticeboard.'

We pray for all who are suffering because of war remembering the people of Ukraine and Russia and the Middle East.

We remember in our prayers Joyce and Geoff, Iraj and Minoo, Jenny and John and Margaret and Maurice

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**
*Mark 11, verse 9b*