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

Newsletter 15/11/26

Musings

Priscilla Lydia Sellon is remembered by the Church on 20th November. She was born in 1821 and sadly her mother died when she was a small child. However, her father remarried and Lydia had 11 half-brothers and sisters. In 1848 the Bishop of Exeter appealed for volunteers to help the poor of Devonport. Despite life-long poor health, Lydia went to help. First she worked in a local school and then, with financial help from her father, she established an industrial school for girls, an orphanage for sailor's children, a school for the starving and a night-school for teenage boys. As time went on other women joined Lydia in her work and she founded the Devonport Sisters of Mercy. Fourteen of their number were among the original 38 nurses who accompanied Florence Nightingale when she went to Crimea. Others tended the victims of cholera outbreaks and other infectious diseases. As other organisations merged with them they became The Society of Most Holy Trinity and founded a convent continuing their work with the poor.

Lydia is remembered by the Church as a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England but she will also be remembered for her care for the poor and unfortunate.

Jesus tells us that when we care for the least of his brothers and sisters it is as if we cared for him. Although Lydia died young, aged 55, throughout her life she followed the command of Jesus to love our neighbours.

Sandra

This week beginning 15/11/26:

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 22/11/26:

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10 .30pm Morning Prayer with Baptism

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Readings	15/11/25	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
	22/11/25	Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24	Matthew 25:31-end

Churches Together in Newport

The AGM and Planning Meeting of the CTiN will be held at Trinity Church on **Wednesday 18th November** at 7.15pm. An opportunity to look back on the events of the past year and plan and look forward to the next year.
All are welcome
***Please note change of venue*.**

Light Switch On

The Switch-On of the Newport Christmas Lights will be on **Saturday 28th November** at 5pm. As usual this will be followed by a Carol Service in St Nicholas Church.

As the weather grows colder, we pray for all those without warm homes, those who cannot afford the heating, the homeless and the victims of war and conflict.

We remember in our prayers: Jenny and John, Joyce and Geoff, Iraj and Minoo, Margaret and Maurice and Jo and Mike.

'I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.'

Psalm 16, verse 8