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

Newsletter 25/10/26

Musings

We are very aware in our diocese of the Celtic saint Chad, the first bishop of Lichfield. There is a chapel in St Nicholas Church dedicated to him. Chad had 3 brothers, Cedd, Cynibil and Caelin. All were brought up on Lindisfarne and educated by St Aidan and St Finan. All became priests and Chad and Cedd would become bishops. On 26th October the Church remembers St Cedd. From his home in Northumbria, Cedd set of on missionary journeys, first to Mercia (the Midlands) and then to the East Saxons (Essex). He became bishop of the East Saxons, effectively the first Bishop of London. When a Synod was called at Whitby in 664 to decide on the future direction of the Church in England, Cedd was there. One of the difficulties in the meeting was that the delegates spoke different languages and didn't understand one another. Cedd was a trusted figure and used his skills as an interpreter to aid the discussions. The delegates said they were aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit enabling Cedd to use his gifts of language. In contrast to the story of the Tower of Babel in the Old Testament Cedd was able to draw them together. Later Cedd retired to Northumbria, to the abbey he had founded at Lastingham and there he died. He was succeeded as abbot by his brother Chad.
St Cedd was able to use his gifts to enable those at the Synod of Whitby to communicate and cooperate for the benefit of the Church. We pray that we may know the gifts which God has given to each of us and he will show us how we may use them to support one another and further the work of his Church.

Sandra

This week beginning 25/10/26:

St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas
Sunday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Next week beginning 1/11/26:

St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas
Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

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

Readings: 25/10/26 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-end

Lunches

The next Ladies and Gentlemen's lunches will be on **Friday 30th October** 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.

Light Party

There will be a Light Party for all children aged 4-11 on Saturday 31st October from 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Baptist Church. Games, crafts, songs and refreshments. All welcome

Prayer Meeting

The next Churches Together in Newport prayer meeting will be on Monday 2nd November at 9.30am in the Baptist Church. An opportunity to come together to pray for our churches and our town and discuss upcoming events.

As our schools begin their half-term holiday we pray for all the children and young people that they will have a safe and enjoyable break. We pray too for all school staff that they may have time to relax and return to school refreshed.

We remember in our prayers: Iraj and Minoo, Joyce and Geoff, Margaret and Maurice, Jo and Mike and the family of George Smyth.
The memorial service for George Smyth will be in St Nicholas church on Thursday 29th October at 2.00pm

'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'

1 Corinthians 13, verse13