



St Nicolas
NEWBURY

Being Good News. Bringing Good News.

Newsletter Sunday 17th September 2017 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

A Warm Welcome to St. Nicolas:

We are so glad you have joined us. If this is your first time here please introduce yourself to one of our host team who would love to welcome you personally.

8:00am Holy Communion

Leader: Joy Mawdesley

Readings: Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

10.00am Morning Worship

Theme: Encountering Opposition

Leader: Will Hunter Smart

Preacher: Will Briggs

Reading: Acts 22:22-23:11

6:00pm Benefice Evensong, St Mary's Speen

Leader: Pam McKellen

Readings: Ezekiel 20: 1-8 & 33-44
Acts 20: 17-end

Psalm: 119: 41-48

6:00pm Contemporary Worship (Hall)

Theme: Suffering Approached Badly

Leader: Will Briggs

Preacher: Joy Mawdesley

Reading: Job 4-27

Children and Youth

StNicsKids and **Pathfinders** start in church for the beginning of the 10am service and then go to the church hall and St Nicolas House for their groups.

Ages 0 - 3: Sparklers (*Upper hall*)

Age 4 - Reception: Comets (*Upper room*)

Years 1 - 5: All Stars (*Lower hall*)

Years 6 - 8: Pathfinders (*St Nicolas House*)

The Firm (Years 9 -13) meet in the **Upper hall** (until October half term) at 7.30pm following the 6pm contemporary evening service.

Collect for the day

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

This Week: 18th - 22nd Sept 2017

Monday

7:30 pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

10:00 - 11:15 am Foundations (a group for women) in the upper hall for informal Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Pre-schoolers are also very welcome!

Wednesday

10:00 am Daybreak - a group for parents with young children

Thursday

10 am - 12 pm Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Water Aid

10:30 am Mid-Week Holy Communion Service

Friday

6:30 pm Junior Choir Practice in the Church

7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice in the Church

7:30 pm TGI (Years 6-9)

Dates for your diary

Robert & Charlene's Wedding Today Please feel free to come along at 2pm this afternoon (Sunday). Robert and Charlene would be delighted to see you.

Notice of PCC Meeting This Weds 20 Sept at 8pm in the Church Hall for all members of the PCC.

Women's Day Do book to come on our St Nic's Women's Day on 14 October 2017 at Donnington Valley Hotel, 9am-5pm. Pick up a booklet from the back for more detailed information. Final deadline is Friday 22 September.

Welcome Lunch If you are new to St Nic's we'd love to invite you to for lunch at the Rectory on Sunday 15 October. It'll be from 12:30 onwards and a great chance to meet you properly and enjoy a meal together. Please email me at ellen@huntersmart.co.uk if you'd like to come and I'll send you further details. Look forward to hearing from you! Ellen and Will Hunter Smart

Churchyard Gardening on Saturday 23 September from 10am to midday. Anyone is welcome to bring their secateurs, clippers and trowels to help maintain the flower beds. Drinks and pastries will be served. Contact Belinda Bowrey belinda37@talktalk.net 0755 443 6021

Music Ministry at The Six We're having a get-together for those who are involved, have been involved or would consider being involved in the music ministry at The Six evening service. Join us at 4pm on Sunday 24 September in the hall before the service. Worship is the beating heart of church when we are committed to following the way of Jesus. Come along to talk about the values, joys and burdens of music ministry in our worship. Is music ministry at The Six something you'd like to explore? We'd love to talk to you; come share your passion. No RSVP necessary but if you would like to talk more, please contact Will Briggs.

Event for Women Friday 22 Sept, 7.30pm in the Church Hall, "This is my story, this is my song". An event for women sharing stories of life, faith & hope, through art, music & words. Hosted by local churches. Tickets £5 from Shoemaker's Christian Bookshop and Coffee Shop, The Arcade, Tel. 01635-37836.

For your information

Shoemakers - do have a look at our publicity table at the back of church this morning (Sept 17). See the large range of items sold and learn more about the Christian outreach the shop provides in the town.

Ncounter is a Christian organisation centred at the heart of Newbury. Our vision is to give young people opportunities to encounter the love of Christ through worship. Thank you for helping us raise £255.44 at the Thursday coffee morning on 31 August.

Marion Burke will be heading off to Moorlands Christian College in the next few weeks to continue her BA course in Applied Theology. If you would like to communicate with Marion the address is Moorlands College, Sopley, Christchurch BH23 7AT, or email mburkegb@gmail.com.

Life Explored Lunch Team We have many friends whose lives could be transformed if they came to know there is a God who loves them and longs for them to know Him, through the Life Explored Course. The ten-minute videos are powerful with clear, simple teaching and questions that should engage and encourage thinking and talking. Team members are needed for the series to be held in St Nicolas Church Hall on Tuesdays in October and November: set up and kitchen helpers from 11:00, hosts for welcome and serving from 12:00. Contact joyce@zealey.org or the Church Office if you are interested in helping on some occasions.

A Thank You to our Church Gardeners

‘Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees,
that half a proper gardener’s work is done upon his knees.
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
for the Glory of the gardens, that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the garden it shall never pass away!’

taken from ‘The Glory of the Garden’ by Rudyard Kipling.

Thank you to our church gardeners who have made our church look even more welcoming outside as well as inside. Heather Bosley.

Healing Rooms is at the end of its first year with the blessing of some wonderful testimonies of healing. We start this new year by relocating to the Church Hall at St Mary’s Greenham. God heals today so if you or someone you know needs healing please contact us to book a slot for the next session. We are open every first Thursday of the month from 7-9pm. Please also contact us if you are passionate about the healing ministry and would like to get involved in this multi-church initiative. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing what God has in store for us in this next year. Contact Annika Hatchwell 07595 024138, email: annika.hatchwell@healingrooms.org.uk website: www.healingroomsnewbury.co.uk

Confirmation - Sunday 5 November Our confirmation service will be at 10am on 5 November with the Bishop of Reading, Andrew Proud. Confirmation can be a very meaningful milestone in someone’s journey of faith. It is an opportunity to make a public profession of faith, to embrace the promises of your baptism and to be prayed for as you seek to grow in your faith. If you have not been baptised, there is an opportunity to be baptised as part of the service. Preparation sessions will be in Sept/Oct. If you are interested, please speak to one of the clergy.

Harvest Sunday 1st October 2017

We will be holding a church family lunch after the 10.00 am service.
We will be serving a Ploughman's, followed by fruit pies and crumbles,
with ice cream for the children.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to get together and celebrate.

HELPERS NEEDED We need Harvest Helpers - volunteers to bake fruit puddings and people to help prep the food on the day, people to set up, to serve and a team of people to clear away. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back or email the church office.

To have some idea of how many people to cater for please add your name to the list at the back of church today or email the office by Tuesday 26th September

We will be updating you about our partner church in Lesotho and all donations will be going to support the on-going work there.

We will be collecting products for the Foodbank during the 10am service, please see their bookmarks for more info on the things they need most.

Please ensure that items for the Newsletter reach the office by 10am Thursday Morning
No more than 80 words please!

Next Week: 24th September 2017

The 15th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

6:00pm Benefice Holy Communion, St Mary's Speen


6:00pm Contemporary Worship (in the hall)

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Church Office normally open week days, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

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