



St Nicolas
NEWBURY

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Newsletter Sunday 14th January 2018 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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: Revelation 5: 1-10
John 1: 43-end

10.00am

Theme:

Leader:

Preacher:

Reading:

Morning Worship

Praying for blessing

Joy Mawdesley

Will Briggs

Genesis 32:22-32

Luke 4:1-13

*There is no 3:30pm Benefice Service
at St Mary's this week.*

6.00pm

Theme:

Preacher:

Contemporary Worship

Foundations - Faith

Joy Mawdesley

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 Hse*)

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,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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: 15th – 19th Jan 2018

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 – Eastfield House Surgery

10:30 am Mid-Week Holy Communion Service in Side Chapel

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

Do you enjoy singing and would like to help lead the music in St. Nics? We are having a couple of open choir practices on Friday evenings, you are most welcome to come and give it a go! Fridays 19 and 26 January in the church. Juniors (age 7yrs plus) come for 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Adults 7.15pm - 8.45pm. For more details see the poster at the back of church on the music notice board. Nic and Sarah Cope.

Women@St.Nics Our next Women's Breakfast is on Saturday 27 January, 8.30am in the hall with guest speaker Rachel Staunton (nee Coward). Do join us for a delicious breakfast and to hear the story of a former St Nic's chorister who followed her calling to be a conductor. No charge but donations welcome. Fliers available at the back of church and in the hall foyer.

Alpha Our Alpha course starts on Wednesday 31 January at 7.30pm. If you would like to get involved or come along to this course, please email Libby at alpha@st-nics.org, tel 01635 285 711 or contact the church office. There are also invitations you can pick up from the back.

Can you help?

Access and Parking at St Nic's mid-week The work has now begun and access to the church is very limited, so please check with the Church Office before entering the church. Please do not park at St Nic's House or St Nic's Church for a quick trip to town. Even the staff are unable to park at the house for the time being. We have flood damage repair work happening in the house and service engineers and contractors visiting the hall and church. We will have workers coming and going continuously over the coming weeks and with only 3 spaces to negotiate it can be a real challenge. Even if you see a space empty please do not be tempted to park there. Your co-operation would help us enormously. Many thanks. Mandy & Belinda.

Palm Sunday Lunch We would love to run a Palm Sunday Lunch for the church family this year on Sunday 25th March, straight after the 10am Service. With our wonderful head chef Hilary moving away, we are looking for a new team of volunteers to come together and organise this valued celebration. If you think you would like help then please contact Mandy in the office or email office@st-nics.org.

For your information

Quiz night in St Nics church hall on Saturday 3 February, 6.30pm in aid of Tom Kerry's World Challenge expedition. Teams max 4 adults and any number of children. Come as a team or join one on the night. Details on posters or contact Lesley on 0773 3213321 / Quentin on 0791 7234871 for tickets (£7 adults/£2.50 children). BYO drinks and nibbles. Raffle with great prizes, come and have fun and help Tom reach his fundraising target!

Foodbank The Foodbank received from the generous people of West Berks an unprecedented level of donations during December and we are very grateful for the support. As a consequence our warehouse is fully stocked and is likely to be for the next few weeks. This means that we only need the items from our shortages list because we have plenty of everything else. **Current Shortages: Instant Mash / Sugar.** Thank you so very much for your continued support.

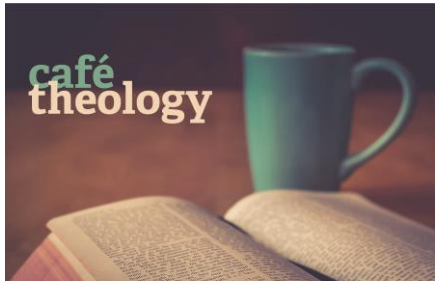
Biojemmss news Thank you to all those who have already bought vouchers for the Biojemmss children's Bible camp taking place later this month. I have 4 left so do let me know (preferably before 14th Jan) if you would like to buy one and do be praying for Sian as she gets ready to go out to Uganda on 14th January. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported Tom Kerry's cake sale on 17th December and helped him to raise an impressive £344 towards his World Challenge expedition. Your donated cd's and dvds have raised a further £126 to date. The next event is a quiz night on Saturday 3 February, details to follow.

Hermitage Home Group If you're looking for a home group and live to the north of Newbury, come and join us! We meet at Phil & Carolyn Davis's house in Hermitage every Thursday during term time from 7.30 - 9.30pm. We currently have 10-12 in the group but would be thrilled to add a few more. Please contact Phil Davis on 01635 202853 or psj_davis@yahoo.co.uk.

Christian Aid is holding a Barn Dance with Supper in St. George's Church Hall on Saturday 3rd February - 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets (£12.00) may be purchased from David Oats (telephone 01635 43380)

Worship Training Pete James is running a morning of worship training at Thatcham Baptist Church on 20th January from 9:30 – 1:00pm. If you would like more info please contact Phil.joyce86@gmail.com to book a place. The training is free, but it is £5 if you would like a cold lunch. Cut off date is advertised as 14th January.



“An opportunity to grow in faith by exploring some key components of Christian theology”

**Monday nights this term (29th January, 5th February,
19th February, 5th March, 12th March), 7.45-9.30pm,
St Nic’s Lower Hall, continuing after Easter.**

Based on a book, *Café Theology*, written by Michael Lloyd, now principal at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, Café Theology will run as a ten-session course over the next two terms. The aim is to explore some key areas of Christian theology (e.g., Creation, Fall, Atonement, Resurrection, Trinity, Church) and to learn and grow together in faith: both in terms of understanding and devotion.

Each week we plan to begin and end in worship, have a small section of teaching on a given topic from the front, and then have plenty of time in small discussion groups with opportunities to feed back. The course is open to all and will hopefully be accessible and stimulating wherever we find ourselves on the Christian journey. Some commitment, however, would be expected; participants will need to come having read the relevant chapter (around 30-40 pages) and thought about the material.

For more information please contact Joy Mawdesley (joy@st-nics.org; 01635 285715) or to sign up, contact the church office (office@st-nics.org; 01635 47018). To help with planning, there is a deadline of Friday 26th January for signing up. Alex Muir (course co-ordinator).

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

Next Week 21st January 2018 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8:00am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Worship
3:30pm Benefice Evensong, St Mary’s Speen
6:00pm Contemporary Holy Communion (Hall)

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