



St Nicolas  
NEWBURY

Being Good News. Bringing Good News.

## Newsletter Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Fifteenth 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:** Will Hunter Smart

**Readings:** Philippians 1:21-end  
Matthew 20:1-16

#### 10.00am Holy Communion

**Theme:** Encountering Authorities

**Leader:** Will Briggs

**Preacher:** Joy Mawdesley

**Reading:** Acts 24:10-27  
Mark 14:55-64

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

**Leader:** Joy Mawdesley

**Readings:** Acts 24:10-27  
Mark 14:55-64

#### 6:00pm Contemporary Worship (Hall)

**Theme:** The Road of Suffering

**Leader:** Will Briggs

**Preacher:** Will Hunter Smart

**Reading:** Job 19 & 23

### 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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Friends of Robert Sandilands School

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*

**Women's Day** The closing date has passed. We have nearly 60 women coming. If anyone is still keen to come please contact the Church Office asap. All registrations **MUST** be in by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the **very latest**. Booklets still available at the back.

**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](mailto: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.

**Christians Against Poverty** – Talk organised by the Newbury Committee of the Women's World Day of Prayer at Newbury Baptist Church Hall, Cheap Street, on Tuesday 3 October at 2.00pm. Light refreshments available after. No Charge. All are welcome – women and men.

**Newbury in Bloom Success!** Many people have admired the churchyard garden this summer. Our efforts have been rewarded as we have won the Newbury in Bloom Places of Worship category. We have a trophy to prove it and a cheque from the sponsors! Many thanks to everyone who has contributed this season. Belinda and the garden team.

**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](mailto:joyce@zealey.org) or the Church Office if you are interested in helping on some occasions.

**Men's Gathering** There is an informal get together this coming Tuesday evening 26<sup>th</sup> September at The Catherine Wheel pub from 7:30pm. Please Join us.

## **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.

**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](mailto:mburkegb@gmail.com).

**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.

**Volunteer Opportunity at Shoemakers Christian Café and Bookshop** Why not enhance your CV in a lovely Christian environment! Enthusiastic and reliable Person sought to serve food and drinks in our café for a few hours - either mornings or afternoon - to mutual agreement. May even suit a student! Please apply as soon as possible to Steve Wood, Manager, 01635 37836 email [office@christophershoeemaker.org.uk](mailto:office@christophershoeemaker.org.uk). Thanks Christa.

**Word Alive** The Mawdesleys are going to Word Alive next Easter from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April at Prestatyn in north Wales and are wondering if anyone from the church family would be interested in joining them. Word Alive is a five day conference focusing on worship and bible teaching across all ages, with fun afternoon activities, seminars and a late night programme as well as the beach and local area to explore. For further information go to [www.wordaliveevent.org](http://www.wordaliveevent.org) or have a word with Joy or Paul.

**Prayer Support** The prayer support team are available at the main Sunday services to pray with anyone who has prayer needs, always confidentially. Please come at any time during the service or after taking communion. In addition, again confidentially, the team pray regularly for people on a long-term sick list and run a prayer chain when emergency requests arise. If you have any particular needs that you would like the team to pray for, either write your request on the paper provided by the prayer box on the welcome desk, or email [prayer@st-nics.org](mailto:prayer@st-nics.org).

# 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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: 1 October 2017

### The 16<sup>h</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Harvest All Age Celebration

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

6:00pm Contemporary Worship (in the hall)

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