

Newsletter Sunday 8th September 2019

Twelfth 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: Pam McKellen

Readings: Philemon 1-21
Luke 14: 25-33

10.00am: Holy Communion

Theme: Looking Up – Our Worship

Leader: Joy Mawdesley

Preacher: Will Hunter Smart

Readings: Exodus 3:1-14
Luke 5:1-11

There is no Benefice Evensong
Service this week

6.00pm Contemporary Worship

Theme: Looking Up – Our Worship

Leader: Will Hunter Smart

Preacher: Joy Mawdesley

Reading: Isaiah 6:1-13

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 (Upstairs balcony)

Years 1 - 5: All Stars (Lower hall)

Years 6 - 9: Pathfinders (St Nicolas Hse)

The Firm (Years 10 -13) meet in the **Upper hall** at 7.30pm following the 6pm contemporary evening service

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: 9th - 13th September 2019

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

2:00 pm Newbury Friends Together in the lower hall. Lively conversation over tea and cake. Catch up and craft this week.

Thursday

10:00 am - 12 pm Charity Coffee Morning in aid of National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society

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

Cricket match. This afternoon (8 September) we have our annual cricket match v Glendale church. It's at Newbury Cricket Club's ground at Northcroft from 1.30 pm. Do come and cheer everyone on. Even if you don't follow cricket there's tea and cake to enjoy and it's normally a relaxed and enjoyable occasion. So come on down! Philip Davis.

Encounter Prayer is on this coming Tuesday, 10th September, at 8pm in St Nicolas upper hall. This is an opportunity to join together and pray for the vision at St Nic's. It is normally finished by 9.15pm. All are very welcome to join us. Flyers with all the dates for this term are at the back of church.

CTNA Saturday 14 September Prayer Breakfast at St George the Martyr Church, 206 Andover Road, Newbury, RG14 6NU, between 8am - 9.30am. Please join us.

Uncover Luke – it's not too late to sign up for Uncover Luke beginning on 17 September for six Tuesdays from 7.45 to 9.30pm in St Nicolas House. You may like to come along if you are keen to explore faith, develop faith and get to know others in a small group setting. There will be the opportunity to eat great cake and to look together at the evidence for the life and purpose of Jesus as seen in Luke's gospel through film, bible study, reflection and discussion.

Women@St.Nic's Our next Women's Breakfast is on Saturday 28 September 8.30am in the Hall. The title is: 'God always has a plan' - meet Bethan Read is a Consultant Older Adult Psychiatrist and mother of three girls. She is married to Ben who is the vicar at Kingsclere. She is a trustee of a Christian charity called 'Hope Now' which works in the Ukraine. She used to enjoy meals out, reading and holidays before she had 3 children! Come and hear her story over a lovely breakfast! No ticket necessary. There is no charge, but donations are welcome on the day.

For Your information

Kennet Valley Filling Station on Wednesday 11 September at 7:30pm, Kintbury Coronation Hall. This month's speaker is Revd James Nickols, regional director of The Filling Station Trust. Do come along and join us! Contact kennetvalley@thefillingstation.org.uk for more information.

Thank you After the death of my husband David Stacey, there was an amazing outpouring of love, prayer and support from the Church family so I want to thank all the Clergy, Staff and everyone else who helped me and my family in so many caring and practical ways. You all made such a difference at a difficult time. Bless you all, Joan Stacey.

Eco-church We'd like to try and make our approach and attitudes as a church 'greener' and more conscious of our impact on creation, possibly using A Rocha's Eco-church framework. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved in individual actions and initiatives over the coming months, but we'd like to establish a small central planning group to guide this going forwards. If this is an area you think is important and you would like to be involved in, please can you get in touch with Samantha Mullender; s.mullender4@yahoo.co.uk, 01635 628250.

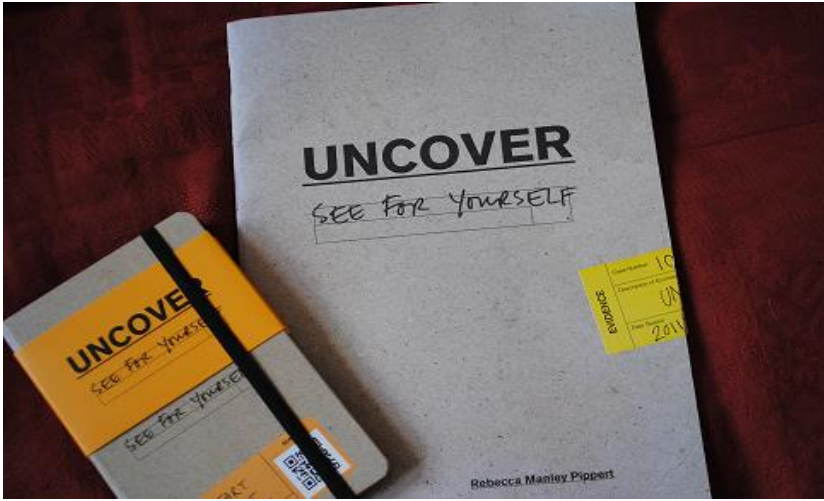
Shoemakers are hosting a fundraising dinner on Saturday 28 September 2019 at St. George's Hall, Andover Road. For one night only enjoy Israeli inspired food, a glass of wine and live music for just £25 per head at the **Jerusalem Cafe**. Tickets available from Shoemakers shop or to book and pay by card please phone 01635 37836 Monday – Saturday between 9.30 - 4.00pm.

Hope for Africa, Lesotho Many thanks to everyone who attended the recent BBQ hosted by the Cowards. It was an amazing event with over 100 people attending. Through your generosity we are able to cover all the visit expenses and much more. It will be exciting to see the church building and plan the next stage of development, enabling it to be the centre of Hope for Africa's work in Lesotho, as well as a vital facility for the local people. We will also be organising a young people's conference and visiting a school in a very deprived mountain region. We will be exploring opportunities to work with the Headteacher there. We look forward to reporting back to you at our Harvest Sunday evening service on 29 September. Many thanks. Vivien Staunton.

West Berkshire Food Bank Harvest Appeal Many of you have generously supported the Foodbank with your Harvest gifts in previous years and at a time when we need your donations more than ever I am asking if you will consider supporting us again. Our Harvest Appeal wish list is **Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit & Vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Soup, Tinned Meat, Long Grain Rice, Rice Pudding/Custard (Tin), Instant Mash, Coffee, Sponge Puddings, Long Life Fruit Juice, Deodorant, Jam, Washing up Liquid, UHT Milk and 500g Sugar** - you'll be surprised to see that soup appears on it for the first time in 6 years. However, we do not need any pasta or beans! We continue to experience huge demand at the Foodbank Centres; since 1 April 2019 we have fed 2168 people, that is more than half the total for 2018/2019! Thank you for your support. Sue Stevenson.

One bed self-contained flat in Newtown. We are keen to find a new lodger/tenant for our standalone flat. We charge below market rent depending on length of stay and number of nights/week. The residence has its own private driveway, parking and door separated from the main house. Anyone interested contact Nick & Kate Adlam at nick@adlamassociates.com.

Biojemms Land Appeal Gala Dinner, fundraising event is being held on the 16 November in Cardiff at the Victory Church Cwmbarn from 18:30-22:00. Tickets are £16.50 per person. For further information, or to purchase a ticket, please contact Sian Davies on email: siannakalanzi@gmail.com or phone 07975747339. Alternatively, this information is advertised on the Biojemms facebook page which can be located on Facebook by searching for **The Biojemms Organisation, UK**. Biojemms require gifts to be donated for the auction which will be held at the Gala Dinner. If anyone is able to support this please could they contact Sian Davies on email: siannakalanzi@gmail.com or phone 07975747339.



UNCOVER LUKE

Begins Tuesday

17 September

7.45pm in

St Nicolas House

An opportunity to explore faith through bible study in a small group, taking a look at the documents and evidence about Jesus in Luke's gospel.

6 sessions (with a break on 8 October)

Sign up via the office at office@st-nics.org

For more information please speak to Joy Mawdesley

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

Sunday 15th September

13th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Morning Worship

6pm Contemporary Holy Communion (Hall)

6pm Benefice Evensong

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