



St Nicolas  
NEWBURY

Being Good News. Bringing Good News.

## Newsletter Sunday 19 November 2017 Second Sunday before Advent

### 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:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25: 14-30

#### **10.00am Morning Worship**

**Theme:** God is on the move

**Leader:** Will Hunter Smart

**Preacher:** Joy Mawdesley

**Reading:** Luke 1:1-25

#### **3:30pm Benefice Evensong,**

St Mary's, Speen

**Leader:** Jane Sutton

**Readings:** 1 Kings 1:15-40  
Revelation 1:4-18

**Psalms:** 89: 19-37

#### **6:00pm Holy Communion**

**Leader:** Will Briggs

**Preacher:** Will Hunter Smart

**Theme:** Fivefold Gift - Evangelists

### 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

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed to  
destroy the works of the devil and to  
make us the children of God and heirs of  
eternal life: grant that we, having this  
hope, may purify ourselves even as he is  
pure; that when he shall appear in power  
and great glory we may be made like him  
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

## *This Week: 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 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 – Soroptomists

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)

### ***Margaret Yates***

*Margaret has decided to retire from licensed ministry at St Nic's and St Mary's Speen. As you know, she has been off work for around half of this year. This time has given her good opportunity to reflect and discern God's calling for this stage of her life and, as a result, she rightly feels the need to re-focus her ministry.*

*Fortunately, Margaret's retirement does not mean that she will be leaving the Benefice. She has been given Permission to Officiate by the Bishop. St Nic's and St Mary's will continue to be her 'home' and her normal places of worship. She will take occasional services, although she will not have such a regular commitment on the rotas. She is looking forward to exercising a ministry from the pew more than from the pulpit! So we will still enjoy the benefits of Margaret's company and we look forward to the benefits of this new phase of ministry for her, and us, in the Benefice.*

*Because of her long time off work and the fact that she is remaining in the Benefice, Margaret does not want to have a retirement service. Nevertheless, I am sure she would appreciate it if members of the congregation took the opportunity to express their gratitude to her for her ministry over the last 2½ years! Will Hunter Smart*

## *Dates for your diary*

**Soroptomists Coffee Morning** is on Thursday 23rd November, in the church Hall from 10am – 12 noon. Offers of cakes, raffle prizes or bric a brac will be gratefully received. A warm welcome to all who come. Thank you. Rosemary Collins.

**Bus of Hope Annual Fundraising Quiz** Saturday 25 November, 7.15pm at St. George's Church Hall. £2pp, refreshments £1.50. This is always a heart-warming & enjoyable evening so if you are free why not have a go. We need 10 people to form a St. Nic's team please. To book a place, please contact Christine by email [christinein@talktalk.net](mailto:christinein@talktalk.net) or phone 01635-33565.

**Christingle Preparation Party!** Come and join a team of people in the church hall on Wednesday 29 November between 3.30-5.30pm to help assemble Christingle packs ready for the Sunday service. Suitable for adults, families with older children and individuals. A fun atmosphere as we prepare 500+ sets of Christingles! Let Amba know if you know can make it via [amba@st-nics.org](mailto:amba@st-nics.org), or simply turn up on the day.

## *For your information*

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November** Concert by the Cromwell Singers in St. Mary's Church, Shaw at 3.00pm. The singers make no charge and all proceeds go to Christian Aid; it's always been a most enjoyable afternoon, please try to get along. Retiring collection.

**Leprosy Coffee Morning** A huge thank you to the many people that made it possible for the Leprosy mission to raise over £500 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Amazing result. Thank you so very much! Rosemary Collins.

**Biojemss news** Sian Davies, a former member of St Nic's and the Director of Biojemss, a Christian charity supporting orphans and street children in Uganda, and a charity St Nic's supports, is coming to speak at the 6 o'clock service at St Nic's on 26th November. Do come and find out more about Biojemss' work and its vision for the future and how you might get involved. Thanks, as ever, for your support!

**World Challenge:** Tom Kerry needs to raise £1625 for his trip to Morocco in May 2018 when he will be hiking across the Atlas Mountains. He is available to do odd-jobs at weekends at reasonable rates! Please contact Lesley on 0773 3213321 to book. A cake sale will be coming up in December and a quiz night in February so watch this space. He would also appreciate donations of any unwanted CD's, DVD's and computer games which he will sell through *musicMagpie*. These can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you.

**Reverse Advent Calendar** In one of the richest countries in the world, no-one should be hungry at Christmas time. December is the busiest time of year for Foodbanks. This year, instead of opening a window on your advent calendar and getting a chocolate, get an empty box and put one item in each day for the Foodbank. There are bookmarks with a list of items needed especially at Christmas at the back of church. They will need donations before 24 December of course, so why not start now and deliver the goods mid-December! See more at [www.ukmoneybloggers.com/hungry-xmas-foodbankadvent/](http://www.ukmoneybloggers.com/hungry-xmas-foodbankadvent/).

**Christmas Bazaar, St Mary's Speen.** On Saturday 25 November from 1:00pm-4:00pm. The afternoon will include a Grand Draw with festive prizes, a tombola, Christmas cards and decorations for sale, as well as bulbs, plants, a nearly new stall, and much more. Santa will be in his grotto where children can write and post a Christmas wish list. There will be seasonal food, as well as homemade cakes, and tea and coffee. Ample parking is available, and admission is free.

# St. Nicolas Church Open Day

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## Saturday 16 December, 11am – 3pm

### Want to help?

Please let Mandy know you are keen to get involved.

We want to open our doors to Newbury Town, giving people an opportunity to reflect and remember the true meaning of Christmas

#### What you can help with

Handing out mince pies, mulled wine and service info on the streets  
Talking and walking with people  
Inside the Church  
Praying for/with people  
Assist with writing prayers or Christmas letters

#### What you can visit and enjoy....

Adult craft  
Children's activities  
Café & music  
Good conversation  
Time for reflection in the side chapel  
A chance to pray

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

#### Next Week 26 November 2017

##### Christ the King


8:00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion  
6:00pm Contemporary Worship (in hall)  
No Benefice service at St Mary's

### Contacts at St Nicolas Church, Newbury

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**For prayer support contact the church office or email [prayer@st-nics.org](mailto:prayer@st-nics.org)**

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

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