

Newsletter Sunday 11 November 2018

Remembrance Sunday

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: Jonah 3.1-10
Mark 7:31-8:21

11.30am: Remembrance Service
Leader: Will Hunter Smart

**There is no Benefice
Evensong Service this week**

6.00pm: Contemporary Worship
Theme: Echos of Prophecy
Leader: Edward Carthy
Preacher: Raymond Obin
Reading: Jonah 3.1-10
Mark 7:31-8:21

Children and Youth

**As it is our Remembrance
Service there is no children's
work today.**

**The children and youth will
join us in the Church for the
service.**

Collect for the Day

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

This Week: 12 – 16 November 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 in aid of PALS

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

Deaf Church The Deaf Church will meet in the hall on 18 November at 3pm for a short prayer reflection with refreshments. Aimed at those who are deaf, hard of hearing, although anyone else who would like to come will be made very welcome. For December, in place of our usual service, we've been invited to the Diocesan Christmas Service for the Deaf at St. Peter and St. Paul, Botley OX2 9LS, at 3pm, on Sunday 9 December, where the Bishop of Oxford will preach. All welcome!

Women@St.Nics - Create for Christmas is this coming Saturday, 17 November, 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the hall. Do join us for an evening of craft, chat and a 'festive thought' suitable for ages 18 and over. Flyers are available at the back of church and in the hall foyer so please do use them to invite friends along. Anne Montgomery.

Notice of PCC Meeting The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 November at 8.00pm in the Church Hall for all members of the PCC.

Can you help?

Christingle: Would you like to help with the preparation for this years' Christingle service? If so, there are two opportunities! On **Tuesday 27 November**, between **2pm-4pm**, in the Church Hall we will be starting the preparation by putting sweets on sticks, so please come along then if you would like to help with this. The second opportunity will be on **Saturday 1 December**, between **9am-midday** in the upper hall. This is when we will be preparing the Christingle packs for the service. We would love as many people as possible to join us. If you would like more information, please contact gemma@st-nics.org

Room for rent – I have recently started coming to services at St Nic's and have received a very warm welcome - thanks! I am hoping to move to Newbury and would love to hear about any rooms to rent (ideally en-suite and close-ish to the station). I am a 22 year old professional and would like to share with others. I would also be interested in 2-bed properties as there's another lady I may be able to rent with. Thanks, Suzanne (s.lees.email@gmail.com)

A bunk bed - needed for growing girls who need extra space in a small room, has anyone got one they are not now using? Please contact, Jane 36466.

Food Bank - Thank you for responding to our shortages so generously. The warehouse have advised that we are short of the following items: **Urgently needed** Long Life Milk (UHT). **Low stock** Razors, Instant Mash and Custard.

For your information

CTNA Community Christmas Day Invitation - This event is aimed at supporting and hosting the elderly and people who would otherwise have spent Christmas Day by themselves will take place on Christmas Day at St. George's Church from 10AM - 4PM. If you do have any member of your church who will like to partake as our guest in the event or volunteer to help, contact Marina Abraham on 07828244119 or e-mail: marinaoabraham@gmail.com. We are still very much in need of **drivers, music team including someone who could lead Carols**.

Newbury YMCA - Join us for our AGM on Wednesday 21 November, 7.30 - 9.00pm, at Broadway House, Newbury RG14 1BA. Come and hear what we are doing to support local young people, our plans for the future and meet our new youth worker, Erin. It would be lovely to see current, past (and future?) volunteers, donors, members, partners and prayer supporters. Everyone welcome! Rebecca Bird.

The Leprosy Mission is holding a Coffee Morning on 22 November 2018 in the Church Hall, 10 - 11.30am. Offers of cakes, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac will be gratefully received. Thank you for helping Leprosy sufferers in this way. A cure is available, with 6 months medication, if caught early enough. Surgery to correct paralysis in hands and feet is not so easily available. More information in the "New Day" magazine at the back of the church. Rosemary Collins

Church Christmas Open Day St Nic's will be having an Open Day on Saturday 8 December, please put the date in your diary. We would like help with refreshments, crafts, drama/story telling, prayer and handing out mince pies and service info to the folk of Newbury, in front of church. We would love a big team of all ages to help on the day. Anyone wishing to get involved please email or speak with Mandy in the church office.

Honesty over Silence on 16 November at 7.30 pm, at St Barts School, there is an evening of live music and talks, seeking to open up conversations around difficult topics such as trusting in God when life is painful and dealing with anxiety and depression. Booking via: Glendale.churchsuite.co.uk/events/unzwoo0a

NEXT date for Churchyard Gardening is Saturday, 17 November, 9.30am to 12noon. Coffee/tea and pastries will be served with hot choc for the sweet toothed among us! For more info/enquiries contact 0755 443 0621/belinda@st-nics.org. Belinda.

Enjoy singing? Join 'Sing Christmas!' Our first rehearsal is on Sunday 18 November. There is this and lots of opportunities to join the St Nic's Open choirs over Christmas. Please see details on the noticeboard at the back of Church, or take a flier, or chat to Nic and Sarah Cope.




Gospel Street ...it's Good News!
Thursday 15 November at 7.30pm, in the church hall.
See the flyer for more information
 Admission: £10 (groups of 8+, £8).

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

Sunday 18 November
Second Sunday before Advent
 8.00am Holy Communion
 10.00am Morning Worship
 6.00pm Contemporary Worship (Hall)
 6.00pm Benefice Evensong

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