



Going Deeper
Sowing Younger
Growing Community



Sunday Services

Sunday 4th July – 5th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Ezekial 2:1-5, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 11th July - 6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Amos 7:7-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

10am St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

10am St James HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 18th July – 7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:11-end, Mark 6:30-34, 53-end

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 25th July – 8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jeremiah 45:1-5, 2 Corinthians 4:7-15, Matthew 20:20-28

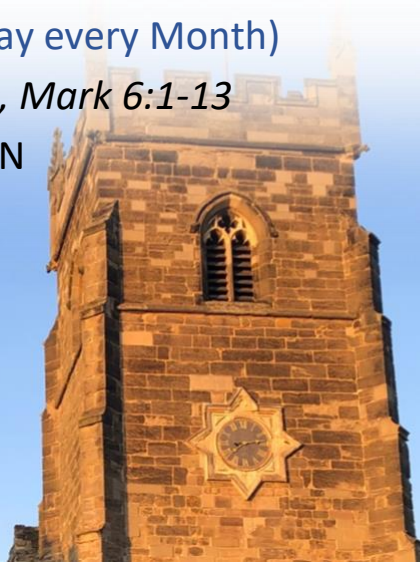
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Wednesday 7th July – (1st Wednesday every Month)

Ezekial 2:1-5, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION





St Nics families are still enjoying Messy Church - this year we have run three Messy Church

zoom sessions: Christingle, Palm Sunday and Pentecost. These have been noisy but great fun, with many families joining in a lively mix of worship, stories, activities and songs.

Join us for our next **Messy Church on Sunday 18 July at 4pm** to celebrate Gods' Creation. We'll deliver you a goodie bag with all the resources you need for the activities and some fun treats inside too. To get you started, have a go at the wordsearch (page 5).

We hope that everyone will join us for our exciting **St Nics family picnic on Sunday 22 August 3-5pm** – it'll be great to get together in person to share some food, games and even some singing! Let's hope the sun shines!

Look out for more details on these and further family activities on the St Nics Facebook page. Or join our Messy Church WhatsApp group with this QR code.



COLLECTS FOR JULY

4th July

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

11th JULY

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

18TH JULY

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard
seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

25TH JULY

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from
despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Prayers for the Anniversary NHS 5th July

Pause, ponder

GOD'S WORD

Ignoring the word of God may
Lead some day to a world like this where,
Covered by fragile skin of grass
Chalk layered bank waits in uncertain light
For the echo of human footfall,
And on valley slope thin threads
Of woodland drift rootless.
Along a yellow cinder pathway that used
to run
Down through a green landscape,
One lone blade of harts tongue fern
Exposes its last glossy leaf
To a burning sun.
On the dry slopes the orchard trees stand
fruitless
Their harvest dead on rock hard earth
beneath.
In village below
White carnations edged in red and purple
Fringe a garden wall,
Watching in despair their petals fall
Into the snow.
Under a granite grey sky winds surge and
drop away
To return with urgency as winter emerges
With promise of death.
Yet humanity still finds some breath to
deny
That in the space of one day,
Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter
Can become merged into one.

PAT BIDMEAD

...and pray

Anniversary NHS 5th July

Everlasting God,
at this time we lift to you
those from all nations and backgrounds
who work on the front line in healthcare.
Give them skill and wisdom in their work.
Be their strength and their shield
as they give of themselves in the care of
others.
Amen.

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and gave
them new life,
be with all carers and health
professionals,
as they act as agents of your healing
touch.
In desperate times, keep them strong yet
loving;
and when their work is done,
be with them in their weariness and in
their tears.
Amen.

*From Norfolk and Norwich University
Hospitals Chaplaincy, by Althea Hayton –
adapted*

It's hard to believe we are halfway through 2021 and already wondering how things may change in our world in the coming months. At times our uncertain world can seem quite scary, but change can be something quite wonderful and fruitful. Each winter I look out at the bare branches of my rose bushes and pray that new life will once again be witnessed. I get a tremendous amount of pleasure from my roses each year. I watch for the first bud to appear and without fail every year the same yellow rose bush is the first to bloom and the last to bloom. The surprising part of the story is this rose bush was bare and was in the sale section of the garden centre. I walked straight past it, but my dad saw the potential in this rose and although we had no idea of the colour of the blooms, I followed his advice reluctantly and was reminded of these words: From the ordinary God can create the extraordinary, (Acts 4:13). This rose is truly extraordinary and that's how I see so many of us. Remember God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. In this time of vacancy, I have watched the Holy spirit at work amongst us. We have seen new people join our community, we have witnessed others taking on new roles of leading prayer, reading and organising our services. My dad saw the potential in that weak rose bush, we need to see the potential in each other and encourage each other. It's time for all of us to begin to 'go

deeper into our faith', by engaging with our worship either within the Church or online, by joining the different word and worship groups that are available to us. It's time for us to 'sow younger' by encouraging our young families to join in with our worship. It's time for us to 'grow within our communities'. The children at our last service sang and signed this song

Faith as small as a mustard seed Will
move mountains, move mountains
Faith as small as a mustard seed Will
move mountains by the power of
God Believe what Jesus said was true
Believe he meant it just for you Wait
and see what God will do As you
pray, as you pray

(Matthew 17:20).

I pray that through the coming months we will each continue to move mountains for the good of our Church, our family, our town and this world, through our faith and love of our lord Jesus Christ. Amen



Sally-Anne Veasey

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H O R I Z O N

Prayer during the vacancy

A series of monthly prayer gatherings for St Nicolas Nuneaton and St James Weddington and Caldecote as we seek God together for our new incumbent.

next meeting: Tuesday 20th July at 7pm

Meeting ID - 247 634 4553

Password - Shekinah

Photo by Johannes Plerio
from Pexels



WORDSEARCH

In the beginning...

G	S	D	F	T	H	H	D	U	T
S	N	N	A	H	S	T	E	L	H
W	U	I	A	Y	I	R	T	L	G
I	E	N	N	E	F	A	A	I	I
N	O	O	M	N	C	E	E	G	N
B	I	R	D	S	I	O	R	H	M
R	E	S	T	E	D	G	C	T	G
S	N	E	V	A	E	H	E	O	Y
A	N	I	M	A	L	S	D	B	P
W	D	Y	M	A	N	K	I	N	D

Note: Look in all directions

ANIMALS	BEGINNING	BIRDS	LIGHT	MANKIND	MOON
CREATED	DAY	EARTH	NIGHT	OCEANS	RESTED
LIGHT	MANKIND	MOON	SUN	GOD	HEAVENS
NIGHT	OCEANS	RESTED	SUN	FISH	

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NEWS FROM THE PCCs

St Nicolas

St Nicolas PCC continues to meet roughly once a month, either in full committee, or as the Standing Committee, in order to take care of the practical aspects of church life, and the conduct of the services. Normally the vicar would be part of the PCC, and has the final say on any decisions, but in the absence of a vicar we have a lay vice-chair in Carole Harris, as well as the Wardens Nick and Garry, and instructions from the Archdeacon not to make any major changes.

Inevitably many of our discussions are about COVID, and what we are and are not allowed to do. There is no particular limit to the number of people we can have at a service so long as faces are covered, and we keep our distance, and we disperse promptly at the end! We have agreed that we can accommodate around 50, and this has now been extended to funerals and weddings as well. Finance is also on the agenda every meeting. We receive no state funding, so all of the finance for running the building, and our contribution to the Diocese has to come from what people give. This is currently less than normal because fewer people are attending services, but also users of the hall are only just beginning to return, so we have had no income from there either. The wardens take care of repairs and routine maintenance, and have arranged for the bulging church floor to be fixed, and the alarm system to be serviced and repaired. More specialist repairs to stone work are required and Nick and Garry will soon be seeking quotes from approved builders to carry out the urgent work highlighted in the Quinquennial Inspection, and to apply for any grants to offset the cost. Meanwhile Dean is pushing forward the Eco Church agenda....bees?

Next time we meet, in July, we need to discuss Christmas!

David Bailey, PCC secretary

St James

So, we have reached July and by 6 July hopefully our 2 new churchwardens will have been sworn in and will be official. Cheryll Turner and Juliette Guthrie were elected at the APCM when Paul Ingram stood down after years of service. Many thanks to Paul and please be praying for our new churchwardens along with the PCC comprising Cheryll (Deanery Rep, Lay Vice-Chair), Juliette, Barry Grant (Secretary), Maxine Johnson (Treasurer & Deanery Rep), Sue Harris (Safeguarding Officer), Alex Lapsley (Safeguarding Officer & Deanery Rep), Janet Flavel, Janet Payne, Rev Adrian Guthrie (Chair in the Vacancy) and Rev Martin Butt.

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ST NICOLAS SCHOOL UPDATE

This has been an unusual and very challenging year for staff, pupils and parents. We have had two lockdowns and seen the rise in on-line learning and have had to change the way we interact with each other. But everyone has risen to the challenge and made it another memorable and achieving year for all the children.

Well as we approach the end of another year of school, we have to say a fond farewell to Year 6. It is always surprising how fast the year goes. It is sad that COVID restrictions means that they cannot celebrate in the church, but I know they really enjoyed their trip to Woodlands Adventure. Staff said the children did not stop smiling all day and it was wonderful to see the children working as a team, encouraging each other and praising each other.



If there is one thing, we have learnt over the least two years it's the importance of community. The Hijaz community kindly made a curry for every member of staff at St Nicolas Academy, to thank them for their support during the pandemic. "We deeply appreciate the important role our local schools play in the development of young people. As a gesture of our appreciation, Hijaz Community wanted to offer home-made food packages to all the staff at schools, who work through extraordinary conditions to continue educating and looking after our children. Our food packages are a small token of gratitude for their great efforts."

Other news Mr Talbot and his wife Emma welcomed the birth of their daughter Lily, weighing 6lbs 4 oz on Saturday 24th April. Congratulations

Comic Relief Wow! The children and staff, alike, have thoroughly enjoyed making the flash-mob dance video and we are all very proud of their enthusiasm and achievements in such a short space of time! Also, they raised £1500 for charity.

We said goodbye to Mrs Hooks, our Business Manager. Mrs Hooks was at the school for over 5 years, we wish her all the best for her future.

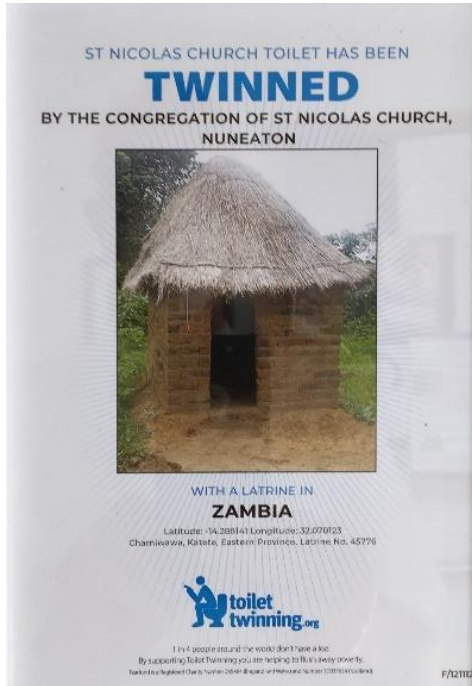
Finally, as a memento of these challenging times the school bought each child a special St Nicolas Keepsake bear to keep and treasure.



Dawn Beasley, Chair of Governors

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TOILET TWINNING



You will see from the photo that St Nicolas has twinned a toilet with a Latrine in Chamiwawa, Katete, Eastern Province, Zambia.

So what is toilet twinning?

By donating £60 to twin our toilet, we have helped fund a project in a poor community that will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.

Your PCC members watched a video where villagers learnt the link between hygiene and disease and built their own toilets. As a result, the incidence of disease reduced dramatically.

You can see these videos on the website <https://www.toilettwinning.org/> and I commend them to you. You can also twin your own toilet or tap for a one off £60 donation.

The certificate shown above can be seen hanging outside the ladies toilet in the link corridor.

Peter Rogers

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ECO TIPS

The way we travel:

1. look for opportunities to car-share (including to church), obviously safely and consider Covid 19 safety precautions
2. if practical, allow a little extra time for local journeys to walk or cycle rather than drive
3. consider public transport rather than the car if practical
4. drive in a fuel-efficient manner: leave 5 minutes earlier and have time to drive kindly
5. if you are buying a car, think carefully about its impact on the planet and consider an electric car
6. notice the beauty on your doorstep and explore the UK for outings and holidays
7. try to avoid flying;
8. if you do fly, offset the carbon e.g. www.climatestewards.org
9. get in touch with the seasons and seek out local adventure

Find out more at:

arocha.org.uk/our-activities/living-lightly-take-action/



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PASTORAL CARE

As the pandemic continues there is an increasing likelihood of people becoming isolated or needing support. Pastoral care is the responsibility of us all. In addition, we have a team of people who can visit or offer support. Please contact Revd Adrian or Revd Martin if you would value a visit from a member of the team.

ONLINE ASSISTANCE

A growing number of people are connecting with our churches online. We are aware that some people are still not confident using new technology and that talk of Facebook and Zoom can sound like a foreign language! If you would like to find out what is possible or need help connecting with us online please call either parish office and someone will try to assist you.

DEADLINE

The deadline for the August newsletter is 15th July. Please send your contributions to either parish office.

UPDATES

At the moment it is impossible to say what the weeks ahead will mean for church services and activities. The easiest way for us to update you is via email; if you are not yet receiving regular updates please consider joining our mailing list.

STAYING IN TOUCH

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VIRTUAL PROGRAMME

For Zoom the meeting ID is 2476344553 and the password is 'Shekinah'.

Sundays 10am

WORSHIP SERVICE via the Facebook page of both churches.

Mondays 8.45am

MORNING PRAYER on Zoom.

Tuesdays 10am

SWANS on Facebook; you need to be a group member to access this.

Wednesdays 7-8pm

WORD & WORSHIP

Online discussions, input and Bible study via Zoom.

Saturdays 4-5pm

CHURCH QUIZ for all ages via Zoom

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