



Going Deeper
Sowing Younger
Growing Community



Sunday Services

Sunday 1st August – 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 8th August – 10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

1 Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

10am St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

10am St James HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 15th August – 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Proverbs 9:1-8, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 22nd August – 4th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

10am St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

10am St James HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 29th August – 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (JOINT SERVICE)

Deut 4:1-2, 6-9, James 1:17-end, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

10am St James HOLY COMMUNION





Wednesday Service

Wednesday 4th August (1st Wednesday of every month)

Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION



COLLECTS FOR AUGUST

1st AUGUST

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8TH AUGUST

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be
persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to
lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before
you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

15TH AUGUST

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside

all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

22ND AUGUST

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

29TH AUGUST

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Pause, ponder...

NOT AS EXPECTED

We look at this God of ours
In a daze,
For he comes to us
In many different ways.
We expect a daylight visit
But he steps into our night time
To share our darkness.
We open the front door
Display the welcome sign
For all our neighbours to see,
But he uses the side entrance
And slips into our lives unseen.

PAT BIDMEAD

..and pray

We bless you, God of Seed and
Harvest,
And we bless each other,
That the beauty of this world,
And the love that created it,
Might be expressed though our lives
And be a blessing to others,
Now and always
A. AMEN

God of the heavens and the earth,
You call us to share in the care of
your creation and to bring food and
fruitfulness from field and farm.
Hear our prayer for all who make
their living on the land and make us
grateful for the work of their hands
and for the generosity of your
provision. We ask this in the name
of Christ. Amen (From Germinate)

God our Creator, You have made us
one with this earth, to tend it and to
bring forth fruit; May we so respect
and cherish all that has life from you
that we may share in the labour of
all creation to give birth to your
hidden glory, Through Jesus Christ.
Amen

(Janet Morley, All Desires Known
1988)



Return, rebuild, renewal

At St James Church, we are currently 2/3rds of the way through a sermon series based on the story of Nehemiah's return from exile in Babylon, to his home city of Jerusalem and the rebuilding project he led, and the renewal work God in the lives of the people of Judah in the 5th century BC.

As churches in the Coventry Diocese, we've been asked to consider how God might be speaking to us through this Old Testament story as we return to church-life after lockdown, how we rebuild our worship and mission, and how we can be open to the renewal of the Holy Spirit. St Nicolas Church is planning to run the sermon series in September.

A lot has been said about the unprecedented time we have been through; a shared experience of far reaching change that has left many people with a sense of loss of some sort, some with long COVID, and others with varying levels of mental stress. As much as we would like it, pressing the re-set button in order to get back to normal life doesn't appear possible, or maybe, the right thing either.

Most of the inhabitants of Judah were taken into exile in Babylon, when their country and capital city Jerusalem was captured in 586 BC. Most, including the countries leaders, were separated from their homeland, their familiar pattern of temple worship, and their normal cultural activities. A few remained in a derelict city and temple, and soon began drifting away from their faith in, and obedience to the Lord. And this situation continued for

decades. Eventually, the exiles began returning in three waves of repatriation to rebuild the temple under Zerubbabel, to re-establish the true Jewish faith again under Ezra, and to rebuild the city walls and gateways under Nehemiah. It took 90 years for everyone to return. I'm hoping that it won't take that long for all members of our church family to feel confident to return back to church-life so that we can be together again to worship God!

Nehemiah was an inspirational leader. He received his calling to rebuild whilst in prayer. He had great courage when he asked the King of Babylon for permission to return to Jerusalem and sought his support in the provision of building materials. He prayed before assessing the project, and he led others to not only rebuild in record time despite some strong opposition, but to be prayer-ers (watchmen) while they worked. In what new ways could you be praying for our two churches as we re-build church-life and also as we discern who God might be calling to be in leadership among us?

And just as the people of the Coventry Cathedral re-consecrated themselves to God in the days before the re-opening of the re-built cathedral in 1962, Ezra led the people of Jerusalem in a period of repentance, re-consecration and renewal. It feels like one of those moments for us too, so let's humbly call out to God for the renewing work of the Holy Spirit in our church-life as we return and re-build.

With every blessing, Adrian Guthrie

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A letter about the General Synod elections

Following the dissolution of General Synod on 13 July, Coventry Diocese must now elect six members (three lay, three clergy) to serve from 2021 to 2026.

General Synod members have the opportunity to represent the concerns of their community and diocese at a national level, to have a say in national legislation that affects all parts of the Church of England and to raise issues and contribute to debates on social and policy matters.

There is further information about General Synod on the Church of England website at <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/general-synod/general-synod-elections-2021>, including a short 'Stand for Synod' video which is well worth viewing. Please also see the diocesan website <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/about/more-about-us/governance/2021-elections/2021-general-synod-elections.php> for information about who can stand and how the nomination process will work.

Nominations open today (20 July) and will close at 4pm on Wed 8 September.

Please note that the requirement for a lay person to have received communion three times in the 12 months up to 12 July has been revised in light of the restrictions in place over the past year. The revised eligibility notes state – '...a person must have received Communion according to the use of the Church of England, or a Church in communion with it, at least three times in the twelve months up to 12th July (or would have done so but for matters connected with coronavirus).' It is also worth bearing in mind that lay candidates do not need to be deanery or diocesan synod members in order to stand. Full eligibility requirements are available on the website - <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/general-synod/general-synod-elections-2021>.

Could I please ask you to publicise the election process in your parishes, perhaps via newsletters, notices during services, or by sharing the 'Stand for Synod' video on your church social media accounts.

For more information contact Elections@Coventry.Anglican.org

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VACANCY



Horizon meeting 17th August 7pm St James Church

Horizon is the name given to a monthly prayer meeting during the vacancy as we meet together with the folks at St Nicolas as we look to the future and also praying for the appointment of a new leader at St Nicolas and St James. We gathered recently and the next one will be an 'in person' gathering at St James Church on the 3rd Tuesday in August - 17 August at 7pm. The PCCs of both St Nicolas and St James met 22nd July (on Zoom) in connection with the appointment process.

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ECO TIPS

We are all stewards of God's creation and need to participate in reducing our impacts, one small step at a time:

Here are a few simple things to consider.

The energy we use:

- switch your electricity provider to a green supplier
- wear an extra layer of clothing and turn the thermostat down 1 or 2 degrees
- use a hot water bottle or an extra blanket, instead of running the heating overnight
- if buying new appliances, go for AAA energy-rated ones
- don't leave appliances on stand-by when not in use
- place your table or desk by a window so you do not need a light on
- switch to low-energy light bulbs
- only boil the water you actually need in the kettle
- insulate your home (windows and walls) if affordable
- install solar panels and generate your own electricity!

The food & drink we consume:

- plan meals ahead & only buy what you know you'll use
- buy food with less packaging (particularly plastic)
- check the food miles and buy local or British if possible
- buy British fruit and veg in season and fairly traded food if affordable
- avoid buying coffee (or tea) in a disposable cup; have your own and save money too
- avoid serving drinks at church in single-use cups
- avoid buying water in a plastic bottle, have a re-fillable cup
- try to support local shops
- eat less meat and dairy – try one meat-free day a week, and explore the wonderful world of meatless cuisine – it is amazing
- try to eat **LOAF** (Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal friendly, Fairly traded) food if this is practical for you
- grow some of your own food

Find out more at:

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



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ADELAIDE'S CHALLENGE 30 DAYS WILD 2021

Throughout June Adelaide has been undertaking the UK's biggest nature challenge. Adelaide has now completed the challenge with the help of Harriet and raised over £150, this will be donated to the Wildlife Trust at the end of August.



Come rain or shine, Adelaide with Harriet's assistance was finding bugs, beetles, bees, and ladybirds. Every opportunity they were both outside with their passports marking off their accomplishments.



Upon completing the challenge Adelaide was awarded a certificate and completion badge this was presented to Adelaide by Sally-Ann.



A few photos have been posted on Adelaide's just giving page, here is the link to view them

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adelaidemay>

We would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who helped Adelaide to achieve this.



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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 September newsletter is Monday 16th August. 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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