



Going Deeper
Sowing Younger
Growing Community



Sunday Services

Sunday 7th November – THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Hebrews 9:24-end, Mark 1:14-20

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 14th November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-8

10am St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

10am St James HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 21st November – CHRIST THE KING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Revelation :4b-8, John 18:33-37

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 28th November – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33_14-16, 1 Thess 3:9-end, Luke 21:25-36

10am St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP + BAPTISM

10am St James HOLY COMMUNION





Wednesday Service

Wednesday 3rd November (1st Wednesday of every month)

Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION



COLLECTS FOR SEPTEMBER

7th NOVEMBER

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

14th NOVEMBER

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

21st NOVEMBER

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the
King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, one glory.

28th NOVEMBER

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to
the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Pause, ponder...

..and pray

MICRO CHIPPED

When every thought is processed
Every hope unpacked,
When living is measured
In accumulated success,
And humankind is gripped
In electronic embrace,
Will micro chipped people,
Bypass creator to record
On some micro fiche
A null hypothesis
For the existence of God,
And will a new generation rely
Upon negative reply,
While still wondering
What it is they deny?

PAT BIDMEAD

For those who have died on active service

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service:
in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere.
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever. Amen

Lord, have mercy
on those who mourn
who feel numb and crushed
and are filled with the pain of grief,
whose strength has given up
You know all our sighing and longings:
be near to us and teach us to fix our hope on you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Remembrance-tide

November is the season for remembering. Beginning with All Saints Day on the 1st of the month, we start by celebrating the huge number of faithful followers of Jesus who have gone before us. Some have been identified as 'Saints' by the Church, but all are saints if they have been made pure and holy by accepting Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. I like the way the writer of the letter to the Hebrews imagines all these saints cheering us along as we run the race of life as Jesus' disciples:

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.' Hebrews chapter 12 verses 1-2a.

Be encouraged by saints of all shapes and sizes, and keep going in the race of faith!

This is also one of the seasons when churches hold Family Memorial Services to provide an opportunity to remember the special people in our lives who are no longer with us, and to give thanks to God for them, and to seek God's comfort together in our on-going sense of loss. St James is holding a service on 7 November this year (see details below) and St Nicolas plans a similar service in late Spring.

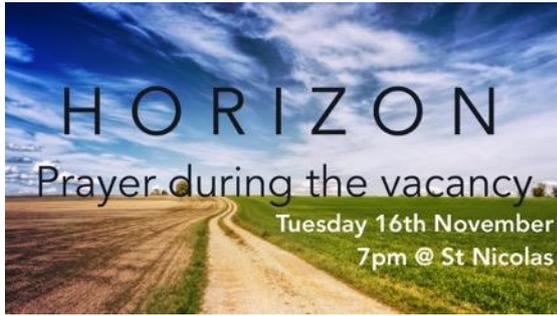
Remembering is helped by symbols, and the wearing of poppies signals Remembrance Sunday will be with us on 14 November when both churches will hold services at 10 am that will include an act of giving thanks for the service and

sacrifice of those who died to secure freedom and peace. The poppy is a symbol of hope on Remembrance Sunday because we not only look backwards to remember, but we pledge ourselves again to pursue peace, as illustrated by the simplicity and beauty of a field of wild poppies.

Beginning the month thinking about *all* saints, we end on 30 November with St Andrew's Day. Obviously, a big moment for all Scots, it's also a good day to end the month for all Christians. Andrew, one of those called by Jesus to help lead other followers, doesn't get much coverage in the New Testament compared to his brother Simon Peter. However, he is very significant because he introduced Simon to Jesus. An important part of the life of every living saint (that includes you and me if Jesus is our Saviour and Lord) is introducing another person to Jesus. With Christmas approaching, is there someone you could be praying for to invite to one of the Christmas services in our churches this year?

With every blessing this Remembrance-tide,
Adrian





Horizon meeting 16th November
St Nicolas Church 7pm

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 Nicolas Church on the 3rd Tuesday 16th November 7pm.



ONLINE St Nicolas Facebook
page 8.30pm Tuesday &
Thursday

Do you know about Night Prayer?
Night Prayer is available for us all on our sister church's Facebook page (St Nicolas Nuneaton) at 8.30pm Tuesday and Thursday evening. This is recorded and can be viewed on Facebook at a later time, if you wish.

Janet Flavel kindly organises the rota across the 2 churches and would appreciate hearing from anyone who might be willing to be on the rota. The next rota will be for the November/December period. If you can help/would like to know more then please contact Janet janetflavel@gmail.com.



November 2nd at 7.30pm in Weddington Church Hall, St James

The guest speakers at Weddington Wives will be from The Nuneaton Flower Guild.

If you would like to come along and join us as a guest, you will be very welcome.

Operation Christmas Child

Once again St James will be supporting Operation Christmas Child this Christmas and now is the time to start collecting things for your shoebox(es). A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact, so please pack a shoebox or two if you can. If you need further information, especially what you can, and cannot (e.g. toothpaste and sweets) put into the boxes then please go to this link - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> You can also watch how Operation Christmas Child brings Good News and great joy to children around the world.

The National Collection Week for boxes has now been set at 15th-22nd November

Can you please ensure that these are at St James church by the latest on Sunday 14th November please? Alternatively, if you are not in a position to do this, then you can take boxes to:

Homestore Mary Ann Evans Hospice on Weddington Terrace between the dates shown above.



Letter from Terence Lenton

Many years ago, I knew a lovely worship song. Unfortunately, these days I can only remember the first line which goes: *Time rolls ever gently onwards*. But those few words mean so much because time does sometimes seem to pass us by without us even noticing.

So, another year is gently rolling onwards towards its end and Christians, once again, come to the last month of the church year. A good time perhaps to think about events that have happened during the past difficult two years and, maybe, to reflect on the effect they have had on many people. I think November is ideal for that because it is traditionally a month of remembrance of past events which have influenced present day society.

The most important event in November is, of course, Remembrance Sunday, a national Remembrance Day when our nation comes together, in unity, to remember the sacrifices made by many people in two world wars and many smaller ones that have ensued. A day when we remember loved ones who have given their lives in the cause of peace and the common good. Lives sacrificed in order to make the world a safer place for us to live in. A sobering thought when we look at the state of the world today.

Another act of remembrance in November is *Bonfire Night* when we remember the plan of Guy Fawkes to blow up parliament in 1605. Had that plan succeeded it could easily have changed the course of our national history.

I suspect that the origin of Bonfire Night is now mostly forgotten but we did sing a serious rhyme which reminded us of its origin:

Remember; remember the fifth of November,
Gunpowder, treason and plot,
I see no reason why gunpowder treason
should ever be forgotten.

Two events from past national life which remind us those past traditions, events and decisions have influenced some aspects of society life today and that those same things today will, without doubt, influence the lives of future generations. Similarly, as it is with the world so it is with the church.

The early church leaders were inspired by the Holy Spirit to establish and direct the path of the church. But the history of the church has been one of continual change, and the intervention, and influence, of individuals has changed churchmanship and worship patterns many times and has brought the church to where it is today with its many diverse forms of Christianity. For instance, we Anglicans are here mainly because of the Reformation and the desire of Henry the Eighth for a divorce, which led to unrest over the whole course of the Tudor dynasty and the many schisms in the church that have followed on. Yet the faith remains firmly built on Jesus Christ and we can still say 'One church, one faith one Lord'. That is our hope for the future!



During the pandemic the leaders of our two churches have been in a difficult position keeping the churches going and ministering to us all and so, our thanks go to those who have led us through this difficult time.

Nevertheless, as we look to the future, I think, we face new challenges as we seek to rebuild, renew and re-energise our churches. That may pose some difficulties because, without doubt, there are many differing views of 'where we are as a church now, where do we go in the future and what should our churchmanship be like' all of which have value. But such a situation is nothing new it has happened throughout the history of the church and, can actually be a healthy as long as we all value each other's viewpoints, listen to each other and remain strong and unified in faith.

So, our vision should be wide, and I think we should always take a little time to reflect on past events and traditions and learn from the experiences of those who have gone before. I believe the success of the intergenerational church will be measured by the ability of us all, as the body of Christ, to welcome new aspiring Christians, nurture our young people and families and try to accommodate the spiritual needs of those church members who find change so difficult.

So, as we approach a new church year and await the arrival of a new incumbent, let us pray for our service leaders and the members of our PCC's that they may be inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit as they take decisions on our behalf and, for us all, that we may be strong and unified as the Body of Christ. One church one faith one Lord.

St Nicolas Church Finance Update October 2021



Here is an update on our Church Finances.

We have two main streams of income, voluntary giving, and letting out the Church Hall. Our expenditure is very similar from year to year, generally in pace with inflation, most costs being of a fixed nature such as heat and light, staff wages, parish share.

The Coronavirus pandemic had a major effect on church finances in 2020 and continues to do so in 2021. In 2020 during Lockdown, income from Church Hall Bookings was drastically reduced and this situation has continued into 2021. We are now increasing our hall bookings gradually and we expect it to take up to a year or more to return to our previous level of income.

Our income and expenditure figures for 2021 up to 30 September are:

Income	£59,548
Expenditure	£69,380
Income - Expenditure	-£9,832

You can see from the figures that we need to boost our income. We shouldn't solely rely on hall bookings to resolve the situation and we are appealing to you to increase your voluntary giving.

We are extremely grateful for the money that you give freely to our church and we are asking you to consider if you can give more.

People now use cash much less than they did and we have people attending services online. It is important that you can give in the way that suits you best and here is the range of ways available:

- Parish Giving Scheme – C of E Regular giving scheme
- Direct payment - into the Church bank account
- Cash or cheque - plate at the back of church
- Debit or Credit card - Contactless Giving in church
- Donate button - on St Nicolas web site

We have our St Nicolas Patronal Festival coming up on Sunday 5 December. This is when we ask you to make a special donation towards the work of the church; this year especially your donations are very much needed.

Thank you.

If you have any questions or would like more detail of the ways you can give, please contact Jim Keeley our Church Treasurer. email jimkeeleyhome@hotmail.com mobile 07906 220330

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.

Use LED light bulbs

Not only do LED light bulbs last longer than conventional bulbs, they're far more efficient too! This means that you'll be using less power and having to replace your light bulbs less frequently – everyone's a winner. What's more, they're available in a range of brightness and designs so you can really tailor the lighting to your needs or to suit the room.

Insulate your home

Homes that aren't well insulated are much harder to keep warm when it's cold, and cool when the weather is hot. Insulating your home is one of the best eco-friendly tips for your home that we can offer you.

Have your food shop delivered

Home delivery is like the public transport of groceries. Instead of having 20 odd cars make their way to the supermarket – one van drives around delivering to everyone in the area. Additionally, it means you're less likely to impulse buy which can help to reduce any waste food.

Fix it, don't throw it

Repairing or fixing something is more environmentally friendly than simply throwing things away, although the latter may seem easier and cheaper sometimes. The internet gives you access to the tools and information you need to fix practically anything, and if you still can't fix it then why not try and turn it into something else?

Find out more at:

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



here2help

What can you do to help others in a practical way?

or

Do you need help with any small jobs?

here2help is a new Christian Charity in Nuneaton where volunteers carry out small jobs to help people in need (e.g. they are not able to afford the work, they are no longer physically capable of doing it themselves). These jobs can be various practical things such as fixing a gate or decorating a room.

If you would like to know more and maybe to volunteer or if you would like some help with a small job, then please contact here2help using the details below or pick up a leaflet from church.

<https://here2helpcharity.co.uk/>



Home Our Services Partnership Volunteer Contact Us

Whether you are a potential volunteer wanting to get involved, a person who is looking for some practical support or a professional supporting someone needing help, we hope that you will find all you need to get involved. We currently work, in Nuneaton and we are developing a partnership with Nuneaton Churches.

We are a Christian based organisation working out our vision to show

“Christian love shown through action”



Call Us: 07947 898220



Contacts are below

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PASTORAL CARE

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

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 December newsletter is Monday 22nd November . Please send your contributions to either parish office.

UPDATES

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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OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings 8:30pm

NIGHT PRAYER via the St Nicolas Facebook page.

Sundays 10am

WORSHIP SERVICE via the Facebook page of both churches.

Mondays 8.45 – 9:30am

MORNING PRAYER at St Nicolas and on Zoom.

Tuesdays 10am

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

Saturdays 4-5pm

CHURCH QUIZ for all ages via Zoom