

Sunday Services

Sunday 3RD APRIL THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43: 16-2, Philippians 3: 4-14, John 12:1-8

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 10TH APRIL PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2: 5-11, Luke 23 1-49

10am St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

10am St James HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 17TH APRIL EASTER SUNDAY

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 24TH APRIL EASTER 2

Acts 5: 27-32, Revelations 1:4-8, John 21, 1-19

10am St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

10am St James HOLY COMMUNION





Wednesday Service

Wednesday 6TH APRIL

Daniel 3: 14-20, 24-25, 28 John 8: 31-42

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION



COLLECTS FOR APRIL

3RD APRIL

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his
passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

10TH APRIL

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

17TH APRIL

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

24TH APRIL

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good Of
others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice
and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Pause, ponder...

EASTER REALITY

I drag my chain of conscience behind me
So I shall not find it painful to my sight,
And at foot of the Cross

I wait in evening light but I hesitate to
take

The body and the blood symbolised in
bread and wine,

For I recognise the cruel nails as mine,
Yet his silent eyes speak saying break
the bread,

Drink the wine for I am Lord of the weak
And the misled.

The nails that betray are yours,
But forgiveness is mine making a
pathway

From my rising from the dead
To your resurrection day.

Pat Bidmead



..and pray

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the
power of darkness
and brought us into the
kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has
recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us
may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen

O God, who would fold both
heaven and earth in a single
peace:
let the design of thy great love
lighten upon the waste of our
wraths and sorrows:
and give peace to thy Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our dwellings,
and peace in our hearts:
through thy Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate Easter on 17 April and it's also such an exciting season for new growth.

The seeds I sowed recently are beginning to germinate – Lupins are winning, and it looks like Kale is coming in second. Spring is a beautiful time of year, where the freshness of new life abounds everywhere, but it doesn't last, as spring gives way to summer. However, the fresh start and new life available to those who believe and trust in Jesus Christ is like a new beginning every day in our relationship with God. In his death, Jesus took the punishment for our failings, and rose again to reveal they had been dealt with once and for all and need no longer lead to spiritual separation from God. So, for every day to be a resurrection day, each of us needs to believe that he died and rose again for us personally.

But is it foolish to believe that Jesus rose again. I don't think so, for the following reasons:

Resurrection appearances – the Bible records a number of individual, group, and crowd appearances of Jesus after the resurrection. The Apostle Paul says, 'he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living.' This is a substantial number of witnesses, who at the time of making that claim, could have been investigated to check out the claim's validity.

Individuals transformed – at the time, and since, individuals have been prepared to stake their lives on the resurrection, and St Peter was transformed from a

'sand' man to a 'rock' man following the resurrection and the subsequent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Status of Jesus as 'Lord' – after the resurrection, Jesus' followers started using the word 'Lord', previously used only of God, to describe Jesus. His resurrection must have been a sufficiently momentous supernatural event to bring about this change in Jesus' status.

Existence of the Church – throughout the world there are vast numbers of people who claim a similar conviction that Jesus not only rose from the dead, but is alive today. And it is estimated that this group continues to grow at a rate of 70,000 people a day.

No body in the tomb – the early opponents of Christianity could have put a stop to the new faith in 'Jesus as Lord' by finding the body, but the best they could do was to bribe the guards to say that Jesus' disciples had taken the body away! (recorded in Matthew Chapter 28 verses 11-15).

The first letter of each evidence category above spells RISEN!

Jesus Christ is risen; He is risen indeed, hallelujah!

Every blessing for a great Easter,
Adrian





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. janetflavel@gmail.com.

St Nicolas Church cleaning Saturday May 14th 9.30am

If anyone can help with the cleaning
it will be very much appreciated.
Anyone coming please enter
through the glass door entrance
(will leave open) and bring their
own cleaning materials (we do have
brushes & a Hoover) but under the
current circumstances it is best if
everyone brings their own.

We usually start at 09:30 and
normally lasts an hour.





EASTER COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 5th April
10.00am – 12.00pm

Church Hall, Church
Lane, Weddington

Entry £1.50 to include a drink and a hot cross bun

Proceeds for charity (TBA)

VARIOUS STALLS – CAKES, CRAFTS,
BOOKS, BRIC-A-BRAC, SCARVES,
GAMES AND RAFFLE





Gospel Choir

Do you love singing?

Well this is for you!

**Come and have some fun at our Gospel Singing Workshop
on...**

Saturday 9th April

9am—12pm at St Nicolas Church

No experience or the ability to read music necessary.

For more information ring Sally-Ann on 07766051987
or email office@stnicolaschurch.org.uk

A background image for the Easter Fair featuring yellow daffodils, a small blue and yellow bee, and several decorated Easter eggs (one pink and white, one yellow and white, one blue and white) on a bed of straw.

Easter Fair

9.30 – 12.30
Sat 9 April
St James Church Car Park
and Church

*craft and food stalls outside &
refreshments and Easter crafts in Church*

Organised by Weddington Community Forum and St James Church

Holy Week – Services in April

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday 10am St Nicolas



Carole is looking for any budding actors or actresses of any age who would like to be part of the Palm Sunday Drama.

10am Palm Sunday Service, St James Church

Wednesday 13th April – Tenebrae Service St Nicolas 7pm



Come and join us for this beautiful reflective service as we begin in candlelight but gradually extinguish each candle to symbolise the events of the Holy Week.

A service of beautiful music for us to reflect from Jesus triumphal arrival on Palm Sunday to his burial on Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday – 14th April 6.30pm St Nicolas Church

St Nicolas and St James join us for this special family meal as we recall the events of Maundy Thursday by the way of a Jewish Seda Meal.

We begin with our re-enactment and then follow with a simple meal.

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

GOOD FRIDAY 15TH April 10am St Nicolas



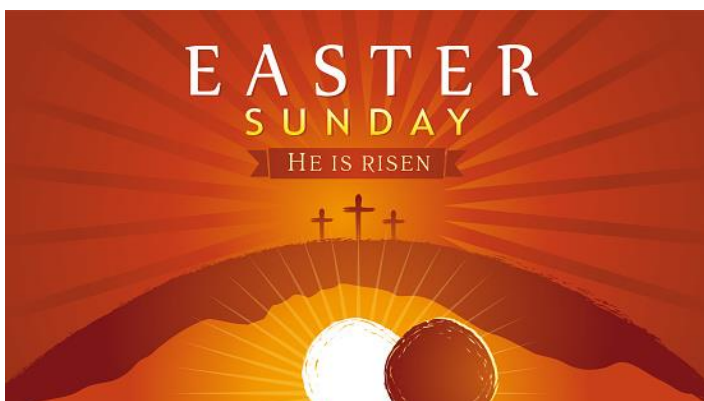
Children's Station of the Cross.

Come along for this interactive family friendly Stations of the Cross. We will reflect on Jesus's journey to the cross by simple songs and craft activities.

Followed by Hot Cross buns and drinks after the service.

**2pm St James Church
Meditation at the Cross**

EASTER SUNDAY 17TH April 10am St Nicolas



COME AND JOIN US on Easter Day as Archdeacon Barry celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**10am St James Church
Holy Communion**

**St James Church
Weddington and Caldecote
Holy Week and Easter Services 2022**

Palm Sunday 10 April 10 am
Family Communion

Maundy Thursday 14 April 6.30 pm
Passover enactment and family meal
(at St Nicolas Nuneaton - please book with church office)

Good Friday 15 April 2 pm
Reflective Meditation at the Cross

Easter Day 17 April 10 am
Celebration Family Communion





VACANCY

UPDATE

The interview process for a new vicar has now been completed and we are awaiting a decision by the Diocese, once a decision has been made an announcement will be made.



St Nicolas Church donated £3550 to Ukraine appeal which with matched funding boosts it to £7100. It is half of our 10% charitable giving for the year.

St Nicolas APCM 2022

This year our church AGM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is on Sunday 24th April following on from the morning service. In the Church of England all churches hold these meetings at around this time. As with any organisation's AGM there are certain things which we have to do, such as presenting the annual accounts, and electing those people who are going to represent the congregation in running the church.

Every year we elect two churchwardens who primarily look after the building, but in the absence of a vicar, as now, they are officially in charge. Every three years we elect three deanery synod members to represent St Nicolas in the local area. In addition, we elect members of the church to be PCC members. The Parochial Church Council is the board of trustees responsible for administering the charity which is St Nicolas Church.

If you want to take part in the APCM then you need to be on the Electoral Roll, which is just you signing a form to say that St Nicolas is your church. If you want to stand for the PCC, then you need to have been on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months.

David Bailey, PCC Secretary

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

I have recently received an email from OCC thanking all supporters who made up Christmas boxes, and these are some parts of the email:-



You have been a part of something amazing!

As a result of the partnership of churches and groups like yours, Operation Christmas Child in the United Kingdom sent an amazing 277,350 gift filled shoeboxes to Children in Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Central Asia, Liberia, Moldova, Nigeria, and the Middle East.

At this crucial time Samaritan's Purse is responding and assessing the needs of those fleeing the Ukraine. This is largely possible due to the relationships with the Operation Christmas Child receiving churches so thank you again for being part of this incredible ministry. If you and your church would like to know more about our response please click here for more information: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/idr-crisis/responding-to-the-crisis-in-ukraine/>

Your shoebox gifts also enhance the local churches' ability to share the Good News of Jesus with children in their community as the local community are truly impacted by the unconditional generosity of the gifts and our follow up programme The Greatest Journey has equipped thousands of churches to be able to share about Jesus with many of the children and their families who receive shoebox gifts.

In September we will be holding our Project Leader Workshops to support you for this year's campaign. I hope you can join us so please keep an eye out for those email invites.

We look forward to keeping in touch with you and trust that your involvement with Operation Christmas Child will continue to be a blessing to you and your church in the coming year. Through your service as a Project Leader and your church's involvement in this ministry, the impact of simple shoebox gifts is being felt by children and families across the world. It is a great blessing to serve alongside you, as the OCC volunteer team, we are here to support you in any way that we can.

Can I just add my thanks to all those who made up the Christmas boxes last year too.

Paul Ingram



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 May newsletter is Monday 25th April. 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.

Wednesdays 7-8pm

WORD & WORSHIP Online discussions, input and Bible study via Zoom.