

Sunday Services

Sunday 5th JUNE - PENTECOST

Genesis 11: 1-9, Romans: 8: 14-17, John 14: 8-17 (25-27)

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 12th JUNE – TRINITY SUNDAY

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31, Romans 5: 1-5, John 16: 12-15

10am St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP (Baptism)

10am St James HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 19th JUNE – PROPER 7

Isaiah 65: 1-9, Galatians 3: 23-29, Luke 8: 26-39

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 26th JUNE – PROPER 8

1 Kings 19: 15-16 19-21, Galatians 5: 1, 13-25, Luke 9: 51-62

10am St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP (Baptism)

10am St James HOLY COMMUNION





Wednesday Service

Wednesday 8TH June

1 Kings 18: 20-39, Psalm 16: 1.6 – end, Matthew 5: 17-19

10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION



COLLECTS FOR MAY

5th JUNE

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with
the gift of faith,
revive your Church with
the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12TH JUNE

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with
the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply
into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

19TH JUNE

God of truth,
help us to keep your
law of love
and to walk in ways
of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

26TH JUNE

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness
to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord

Pause, ponder...

JUDGEMENT DAY

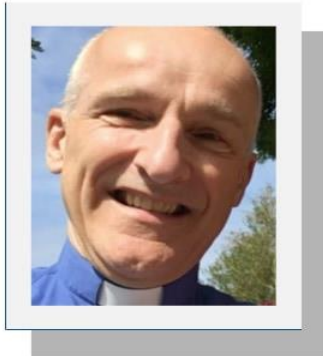
Each and every age will lay
Its own smudged thumb print
On crinkled page of history
For reading aloud on judgement day.
In our own time men will say,
Enough insincere words
To span a whole chapter of lies
To be recorded for judgement day.
News of poverty will stay
Silent in the sentence
If from the pews no sound is heard,
Leaving an echo for judgement day.
Those of prayerful mood will pray
And answer their own prayer,
Gifting food banks and night shelter
As their offering on judgement day.
Will their half Amen betray
The man from Bethlehem,
Or will they leave church and steeple
Before dawn of resurrection day,
And march the protest high way
Against an unjust system
Depriving the hungry of food,
So they may offer to their God a full
Amen
Before the sun sets on judgement day?

PAT BIDMEAD

..and pray

O Lord our God,
source of all goodness and
love,
accept the fervent prayers of
your people;
in the multitude of your
mercies look with compassion
upon all who turn to you for
help;
for you are gracious, O lover of
souls,
and to you we give glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Loving God,
your Son told his disciples
to become like little children.
Lead us to work for the welfare
and protection of all young
people.
May we respect their dignity
that they may flourish in life,
following the example of the
same
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Pentecost Jubilee Celebrations

Despite being thoroughly up for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, I don't think that Her Majesty the Queen would be keen on it overshadowing Pentecost. Our Queen's devotion to service and duty has been energised by her faith in God, which in turn has been energised by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the special book of devotions given to her by Archbishop Fisher to enable her to prepare for her coronation, he reminded her that she was not alone in this task. He quoted from Acts: *'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.'* (Source: *Our Faithful Queen: 70 years of faith and service* by Catherine Butcher)

So, in churches across the Commonwealth, Christians will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee alongside Pentecost. When the Queen began her reign, Pentecost was more commonly referred to as Whit Sunday and the Spring Bank Holiday as Whit Monday being celebrated with parades and new clothes, referencing the work of the Holy Spirit to renew and purify followers of Jesus. This renewing work of the Holy Spirit is for sharing. The Apostle Paul speaks of gifts of the Holy Spirit enabling Christians to do things they wouldn't naturally be able to do, and the fruit of the Spirit enabling us to exhibit in some measure the character traits of Jesus. The Holy Spirit enables us to serve others better.

Prior to Pentecost, in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit's activity centred around people with special roles like prophets, priests and royalty. The infilling of the Holy Spirit firstly on all sorts of people represented a major step change, so much so that Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the church.

The Holy Spirit isn't just a doctrine; he's about practical Christian living, worship and being. He needs to be experienced. The first Pentecost was a profound experience of God. Like many Christians, it was a few years before I realised that the Holy Spirit was God's resource to help us live for him. From that point on I began asking God for a daily filling of the Holy Spirit in line with the biblical instruction 'go on being filled with the Spirit' (Ephesians chapter 5 verse 18b). The best way to celebrate Pentecost is to go on being filled with the Spirit so we experience more of him and other people see more of God in our lives. Every blessing for enjoyable Jubilee and Pentecost celebrations,

Adrian



Welcome!

I am delighted to be joining you at St Nicolas and St James from September as your new Vicar/Priest-in-Charge, so I wanted to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself:

My name is Chris. I am married to Helen (a Speech and Language Therapist) and we have 4 children - Martha (age 16), Joe (age 14), Connie (age 12) & Hannah (aged 10). We are currently in Plymouth where I am vicar of a parish in the northeast part of the city overseeing two churches.

Though originally from Stockport, I moved around a bit as a teenager due to my parents' jobs (they were Salvation Army Officers). This included London, Wrexham and Ellesmere Port before going off to University at Keele in Staffordshire where I studied Maths & Music.

After Keele I went to Plymouth to train to be a Primary School Teacher which is where I met Helen - a Nuneaton girl! We married in 2003 at her home Church: St Nicolas, Nuneaton - so it feels very special to be coming back to minister here. At that time, we lived in Plymouth where I was a primary teacher and led youth work at a local church; Helen worked for the Salvation Army at their Plymouth Hostel, supporting the residents to find housing and jobs. It was during this time that I began to explore ordination in the Church of England.

In 2005 we went to Theological College in North London to train for ministry where our first two children Martha and Joe were born. After college, we returned to Tiverton, Devon for my Curacy, moving back to Plymouth for my first incumbency.

As a minister, I love being able to open and share the Bible with people, discovering together what God is saying to us through His Word. One of the things I love most about ministry is the opportunity to help people grow in the gifts God has given them by His Holy Spirit so that as local churches we can better encourage one another and reach out to our local communities with God's love. I am really looking forward to working with the teams across both churches, the congregations, wardens and PCCs to reach out to Nuneaton Weddington and Caldecote.



HORIZON Prayers

A time for us to pray as a church for
our new vicar Rev Chris Routledge.
Tuesday 7th June 7.00pm, St Nicolas

COFFEE POT

The Coffee Pot is a weekly coffee morning held on a Tuesday in Weddington Church Hall, Church Lane 10.00 am-12.00 pm. You don't have to be a Weddington resident to attend; we welcome everyone. It's a time for people, both men and women, to meet together for a chinwag over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit (70p for a drink and biscuit). There is an informal and friendly atmosphere.

Three times a year we organise fund raising coffee mornings held at Easter and Christmas when money raised is donated to charity and in September for Macmillan Cancer Care.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sue and 'H' Hextall



St James Church
Weddington & Caldecote



Garden Party
Celebrating
The Queen's
Platinum
Jubilee

The Rectory
Church Lane
Weddington
Thurs 2 June
2.30 – 4.30 pm



St Nicolas Church invites you to a



Queen's Jubilee Platinum Pentecost Party



Sunday 5th June 2022

Wear anything red, white and blue.

Come and join us as we celebrate the
Queen's 70 years on the throne with our
family worship **Pentecost service at 10am**

STAY AFTERWARDS FOR A BBQ

Games and activities for the children



Cake cutting ceremony

ICE CREAM



BCDM (BISHOPS CERTIFICATE IN DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION) (PROVIDED BY COVENTRY DIOCESE)

Encountering God: Spirituality

Face-to-Face Course

This module is designed to help us take stock of where God is at work in our busy lives. Whether through prayer, scripture, the great outdoors or the simple encounters of everyday life, God can and does speak to each one of us and uses us to speak to others. Come along to find practical ways to experience more of God's presence in your life.

Venue: St Nicolas, Nuneaton

Thursday 16th June – Thursday 14th July 7.00pm – 9.00pm

PLEASE BOOK A PLACE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

To book: Follow this link [Home Page - Equip Hub](#)
...and use this free code: **XQDH4NBV**





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 July newsletter is Monday 27th June. 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.

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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.