



## Sunday Services

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> MAY EASTER 3

*Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20), Revelations 5: 11-14, John 21: 1-19*

**10am** St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

**10am** St James MORNING WORSHIP

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> MAY EASTER 4 - BAPTISM

*Acts 9: 36-43, Revelations 7: 9-17, John 10:22-30*

**10am** St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

**10am** St James HOLY COMMUNION

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> MAY EASTER 5

*Acts 11: 1-18, Revelations 21: 1-6, John 13: 31-35*

**10am** St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

**10am** St James MORNING WORSHIP

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY EASTER 6

*Acts 16: 16-34, Revelations 21: 10, 22-22.5, John 14: 23-29*

**10am** St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

**10am** St James HOLY COMMUNION

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> MAY EASTER 7 (Joint service with St James)

*Acts 16: 16-34, Revelations 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 14 :23-29*

**10am** St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

## Wednesday Service 4<sup>th</sup> May

*Isaiah 43: 1-7, 2 Corrinthians 4: 5-12, John 12: 20-26*

**10am** St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

## COLLECTS FOR MAY

### 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness  
and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered  
into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love  
for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we  
Serve, to the glory of God the Father.

### 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your  
call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your  
command  
and draw the nations to the fire of  
your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power  
and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your  
peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Pause, ponder...

..and pray

### **MOVING SHADOWS**

I leave behind neon lighted street  
And turn into side road of  
uncertainty,  
Where my feet find they hesitate  
As my eyes meet shifting  
Pebbles-tones of doubt,  
And in flickering light  
I cannot distinguish concrete  
kerbs  
From grass verges,  
And my reluctant mind  
acknowledges  
What my soul already knows,  
I must rely on God to lead me  
Between my own moving  
shadows.



God of compassion,  
your love for humanity was  
revealed in Jesus,  
whose earthly life began in the  
poverty of a stable  
and ended in the pain and isolation  
of the cross:  
we hold before you those who are  
homeless and cold  
especially in this bitter weather.  
Draw near and comfort them in  
spirit  
and bless those who work to  
provide them  
with shelter, food and friendship.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**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.**

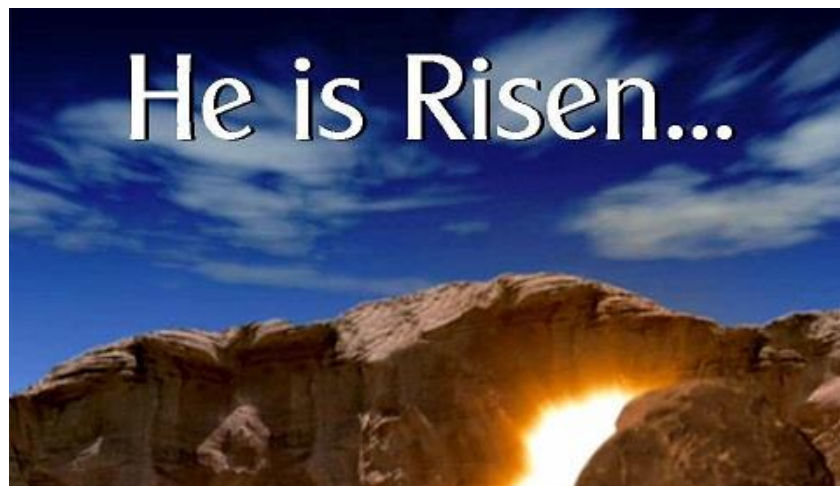


Which is more important - Christmas or Easter? If you look at the way our nation prepares for these, and celebrates them, the answer is pretty obviously the former, as 'festive' goods are in the shops months before the event, and far more money [always a good indicator of what is most important to us] is spent on food and drink.

But if you look at the Christian faith, it is the other way round. It is Easter, not Christmas, which is most important. Just think about this. If you take Christmas out of the Bible, all you remove is two chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. But if you take Easter out of the Bible, you remove the whole of the New Testament, and also the whole of the Christian faith.

Easter is not just about remembering an event in the past. It is that, and gloriously so, but it's also about encountering the risen Lord here and now. And what a transformation this can bring to us. Think about the witnesses to the resurrection, and the change it brought to their lives. For Mary Magdalene, it changed her sorrow to joy; for Thomas, doubt to faith; for the disciples hiding in the upper room, fear to confidence; for the disciples on the Emmaus road, an end to a new beginning; for Peter, failure to forgiveness and restoration.

How has this Easter changed you and me? What might the risen Lord want to do in our lives today? **Martin Butt**





## **A new Incumbent for Nuneaton, Weddington and Caldecote**

Further to the successful completion of the interview process, we are pleased to announce that the Reverend Chris Routledge, currently Vicar of Eggbuckland with Estover will be the new Vicar of St. Nicolas, Nuneaton and Priest-in-Charge at Weddington & Caldecote.

A date for his institution service will be confirmed shortly. Thank you for your prayers during this time. Please continue to pray for our churches, and for Chris, Helen and their family as they prepare to leave their current parish to serve our churches and communities here.



## Thy Kingdom Come 2022

Thy Kingdom Come is a worldwide prayer initiative that takes place between Ascension (26 May) and Pentecost (5 June) with a particular focus on praying for our outreach as individuals and as churches.

The Archbishop of Canterbury writes:

'In the days between Ascension and Pentecost, it has been the habit of many Christians, for many centuries, to make the focus of our prayers the same as those first believers. Christ's last instruction to His disciples on the day of His Ascension is to *'wait for the gift my Father promised'* (Acts 1:4).

*12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives... 13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying... 14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. Acts 1:12-14*

The instruction to wait for the Holy Spirit is so important because without the Spirit's empowering presence, it is impossible to be a faithful witness to Christ. We need this gift of the Father to be the people Christ is calling us to be. The Spirit then isn't for some private experience, but for the sake of our life for Christ in the world.

*Thy Kingdom Come* encourages each of us to hold five specific people in mind in these days; so that the gift of the Father would work through us for their sake, but also would touch their own lives.'

(Archbishop Justin from the Introduction to the Novena Prayer resource)

Novena is a prayer resource booklet with a prayer activity for each of the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost, and it would be good if as many of us as possible can participate in this. It can be downloaded from: [thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global)

Adrian Guthrie

## St James APCM

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the parish of St James Weddington and Caldecote will be held at 7pm on Monday 9 May 2022.



## St Nicolas Church cleaning Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**This time will also be a gardening morning as. If people have a petrol strimmer or cutting down tools or any other garden tools to bring along it would be appreciated.**



**NIGHT PRAYER IS CURRENTLY ON  
HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**





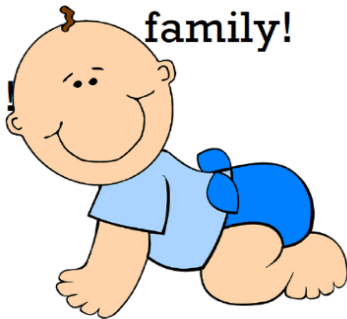
**Come to Church!!!**



**Bring the family!**



**Meet other parents!!!**



# **PRAM SERVICE IN CHURCH**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

**EVERYONE WELCOME  
From 0 to 100**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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**





# Deaf Hearing United – Stronger together!

- Seeing ourselves and each other as Jesus does - one body, one family! Rom.12
- Reconciling to Reality for Sustainable Development! 2 Cor. 5:17-21

To stay united we deaf and hearing both choose to adapt by...  
 ...sharing language, legacy, life, opportunity,  
 ...growing, living & serving together to extend God's kingdom



## Dear Friends & Partners. April 2022

A belated Happy New Year! We trust and pray you are enjoying seeing loved ones and more friends / family living further away! Above are two new photos to describe DHU, thanks to Grace(D), Ariane(D), Protais(H), Pastor Stephen(D) and Mildred, his daughter(H) who gave us the ideas.

We really enjoyed our family and friend Christmas gatherings because there was lots of news and fresh experiences to exchange and to reflect upon, such **Wetherspoons Magazine** feature 'Does truth matter?' after they successfully sued many national news medias outlet. The **Children of Men** film our DHU Fathom Film group discussed also raised questions like:  
 -What is the current meaning of 'truth'?  
 -What is the current relevance of gender interdependence?  
 -How significant is the of aging of many nations' populations?  
 -How much impact does the under-representation of a gender/an age-groups in the groups we belong to...

...Meaty discussion whatever your view!! Great, too, that CODA film deaf lead actor won an Oscar -a first! CODA also showed how DHU can be a reality!

**Praise Points:** We returned in early Feb from yet another memorable and fruitful trip to Uganda which there's only space to report in **our Facebook Pages: Fielders-Deaf-Hearing-United-mission-in-Uganda/UK**.

**Prayer Points:** For journey mercies, good communication and health, whilst we're apart; for discernment and energy as tomorrow, I'm back to Uganda and South Sudan to:  
 -visit our **DHU Sustainable Agriculture School traineesPTO**,  
 -to teach a Bible Overview & 2 Timothy, and  
 - to pray/research/plan together about DHU's involvement in **YWAM Arua's July 2022 Discipleship Training School**.  
 Helen will continue her & our commitments here

Thanks for **partnering us to see ourselves and each other more as members of YHWH's family**. Adam & Helen

## UK News: Mary, did you know...? ... is

a famous song that The Pentatonix amongst others have sung, We signed their version communally. See an amateur but powerful recording on our **Fielders-Deaf-Hearing-United-mission-in-Uganda/UK** below!

Who's Mary?

Who's asking?

What would you want to ask Jesus' mother?

How would you, or I, in Mary's position, have handled the calling and experiences she's recorded as facing?

**Could you write a song giving Mary's response?**  
**Willing contributors' attempts are welcome!!**

The song's lyrics challenged me to reflect on the degree to which I and you recognise a unique divine calling and permitted set of experiences for each of us. Are we responding as well as Mary did? My thanks to the songwriter, to Amber for instigating our attempt, Mary-Jayne our developer, and to Helen for accepting the bone I wouldn't let go of.x

## Lip-readers ->Sign tasters...

...recently after several fellow lip-reader students expressed an interest to look at other communication aids including sign language. So, I've started a sign taster group. We've enjoyed several sessions so far.

## DH Siblings, Trainee s & Residents United

We were happy to help unite Rita with her sister, Pauline more with her hearing classmates, & our D&H gardeners more by sowing pots on our new allotment!





Hi AGAIN from us and our DHU advocates in Kitgum, N Uganda.

37degs, remote town with many deaf from fragmented families...



Geoffrey, our DHU partner there, has identified a doctor and two qualified, experienced nurse to run an information/advice session in women's health issues. Then we welcomed Hope and Dorcas, two female DHU interpreters to interpret at the session.

So Geoffrey be informed the deaf, and the session ran very successfully -the first of its kind in Kitgum if not for the whole region. Evaluations were made for future

reference and another region is now crying out for a similar training!

Our Kampala DHU advocate Hope found the Ugandan National Deaf Association(UNAD) signed CD on the same topic was also useful to acquire new specialist medical signs, and for follow up.

Now we all have a clearer idea of what the priority content of future sign posters should be.

**JOIN US IN PRAYING** for wisdom in designing those posters so that more informed, happier choices regarding relationships & personal health management can be made, and needless long-term suffering avoided...



### Kitgum, Uganda DHU's first plan to maximise the benefit of deaf advocacy, medical, social, & sign language expertise on deaf womens' health & well-being.

#### Introductions & needs assessment

**AIM: Shared understanding of target group's: felt needs, learning styles, teaching needs. goals, success criterion**

1. Local and national DHU lead advocate meets local deaf lead advocate and their group members to learn needs
2. DHU co-ord advocate meets National deaf advocate to identify past/future responses to similar deaf felt needs
3. Local DHU lead advocate identifies willing relevant local expertise ready to plan/interpret training curriculum.
4. Agreed local and national expertise/advocates finalise target youth/adult females' educational needs, goals.

#### Planning & Implementation

**AIM: Teaching program is well, organised, prepared, relevant, needs appropriate, well attended**

5. Teachers' finalise teach topics & send teaching notes to agreed S/L interpreters(F) to prepare themselves
6. Teachers & Advocates finalise proposed teaching dates & success criterion, venue, logistics, budget.
7. Teachers and Advocates finalise topic order & timeplan to maximise participant learning attention/progress.
8. Local DHU lead advocate visits homes of target deaf youth/adults to inform guardians & seek their blessing,
9. Whole team gathers for illustrated, interpreted & interactive teaching sessions with clear, agreed, shared success criterion

#### Evaluation & Recommendations

**AIM: Medics, Interpreters, DHU advocates, deaf women better prepared to support, model to / teach others**

10. All involved self evaluate and collectively share what they have learnt about God, others & themselves.
12. All contribute experience to what future signed health posters need to communicate how that is done.



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For more information contact: Adam & Helen Fielder  
Joint Coords. Deaf Hearing United





## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please send your contributions to either parish office.

## 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.