

## Sunday Services

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – TRINITY 8

*Isaiah 1:1 10-20, Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16, Luke 12: 32-40*

**10am** St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

**10am** St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – TRINITY 9

*Isaiah 5: 1-7, Luke 12: 49-56*

**10am** St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

**10am** St James HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST – TRINITY 10

*Jeremiah 1:4-10, Hebrews 12: 18-end, Luke 13: 10-17*

**10am** St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

**10am** St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – TRINITY 11

*Jeremiah 2: 4-13, Luke 14: 7-14*

**10am** St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

**10am** St James HOLY COMMUNION





## Wednesday Service

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

*Jeremiah 31: 1-17, Psalm 121, Matthew 15: 21-28*

**10am St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION**



## COLLECTS FOR August

### **7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from  
pride,  
when we are needy save us from  
despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **14<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### **21<sup>ST</sup> 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.

### **26<sup>TH</sup> 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.

Pause, ponder...

..and pray

### **NO NEW HIROSHIMAS**

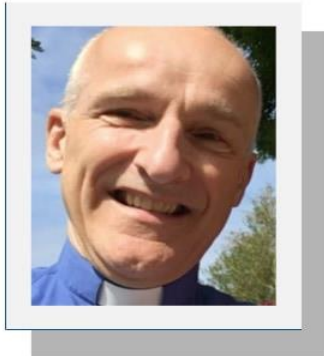
Lord in deep and silent prayer  
I kneel here to pray  
That we shall not forget to let  
Blood red leaf of Japanese maple  
find grief  
Of ageing foliage crimson purple  
From days of Hiroshima.  
I pray we do not ignore bending  
branches  
Of weeping birch sweeping low  
To let its feathered sprays brush  
sorrow  
From nuclear hedges of tomorrow.  
May we still remember flowering  
cherry  
Curving bronze green leaves  
To shade double deep flowers  
Which must not fade  
Into forgotten atomic hours,  
May we witness winter jasmine  
holding  
Delicate blossom of peace unseen  
So we shall recall no new  
Hiroshimas

**PAT BIDMEAD**



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.



Next month Revd Chris Routledge will become the new Vicar of St Nicolas and Priest-in-Charge of St James. It seems like more than 16 months since we said farewell to Kelly, and we're all looking forward to welcoming Chris and Helen and family to our churches.

When the prophet Elijah's mantle passed to his successor Elisha in 2 Kings chapter 2, there was no vacancy period at all. Elisha began working before Elijah finished. One day Elisha was warned that Elijah would soon be taken up to heaven and then it would be over to him, and when he sensed the day was coming soon, he followed Elijah, not letting him out of his sight. Seeing him following him around, Elijah asked him what he could do for him before he was taken. Elisha responded, 'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit.'

In the Church of England, the mantle is never passed directly from one incumbent to the next. Instead, it is worn by many people called to fulfil essential leadership aspects until the new incumbent arrives. Chris takes up the mantle on 8 September, and it would be tempting for all who have carried extra responsibility to say 'over to you now'! May I suggest that we follow Elijah's example and say to Chris as we hand over the mantle to him,

'What can I do for you?' He may not answer as Elisha did, but there may be ways in which we can help smooth the transition from Kelly (through those who have carried the mantle during the vacancy) to Chris, that ensures the continuing evolution of the mission and ministry of both parishes.

Elisha's prophetic ministry was different to Elijah's but there were similarities too. The arrival of a new incumbent doesn't either mark the return to business as usual or a completely new start for our churches but rather a new phase that builds on the past and takes us into the future. The shape of this phase will become more apparent as we seek to listen to God together under the leadership of Chris. That may take a while to accomplish, and we will do well not to run ahead of the Lord.

So, let's be patient, prayerful, and supportive and seek a double portion of God's Spirit for not only Chris, but all of us so that God's kingdom work in our two parishes may progress in the way God wants for this new phase. And let's be aware about our own expectations about the future and bring those under the lordship of Jesus, giving space for the possibility that the future may be different to the past, or different from what we imagined it might be.

With every blessing as we prepare for this exciting new stage for our two parishes,  
Adrian

The Churchwardens of  
**St Nicolas, Nuneaton and St James, Weddington and Caldecote**

have pleasure in inviting you and a guest to the  
Institution / Licensing by the Bishop of Coventry,  
The Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth  
and the Induction/Installation by the Archdeacon Missioner,  
The Venerable Barry Dugmore

of

**The Reverend Christopher Routledge**

as Vicar of St Nicolas Church and  
Priest-in-Charge of St James Church

**Thursday 8 September 2022 at 7.30pm**  
**St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton**

Tea and cake will be served in the Church Hall following the service

**RSVP** by Friday 26 August  
to Marina Betteridge, Parish Administrator, St Nicolas Church Office,  
St Nicolas Church, 12 Vicarage Street, Nuneaton, CV11 4AZ  
[office@stnicolaschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolaschurch.org.uk) / 02476 344553

*Reserved/Disabled Parking only available at the church*

*Parking (free) available at Justice Walk Car Park (CV11 4AQ)  
- just a short walk away*

*Members of clergy are welcome to robe and are asked to wear surplice and  
preaching scarf*

## **HORIZON Prayers**

A time for us to pray as churches for our new  
vicar Rev Chris Routledge. Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August  
7.00pm, at St Nicolas Church



Dear All

At recent PCC meetings of St Nicolas and St James, we agreed to give welcome gifts of £500 (£500 from each Church) to Chris and Helen towards the expense of setting up a new home in the vicarage.

We would welcome your contributions and if you would like to contribute towards a gift from your church then here are the details of how you can give. Please can we ask for your donations by the end of August?

### **St James**

Please give cash or cheque in an envelope marked 'Chris' to our Church Warden Juliette Guthrie or our Treasurer Jim Keeley. Or you can pay by bank transfer to Co-op Bank - Sort code = 08-90-45, Account Number = 50101069, Account Name = St James PCC Weddington. Reference = Chris.

### **St Nicolas**

Please give cash or cheque in an envelope marked 'Chris' to our Church Wardens Garry Clarke or Nick Shaw or our Treasurer Jim Keeley. Or you can pay by bank transfer to Co-op Bank - Sort code = 08-92-99, Account Number = 65122745, Account Name = St Nicolas Church P.C.C Reference = Chris

Best wishes

Jim Keeley





## BDCM Courses

I am pleased to advise you that we have 3 BDCM courses happening in person during the first half of the Autumn term and I would be grateful if you would publicise these in your parish.

The details are as follows:

### Loving Difficult People

Revd Sheila Bridge

Wednesdays from 14.9.22 – 12.10.22 – 7-9.30

St Matthew's, Salford Priors WR11 8UX

### Mission Shaped God

Revd Rob Harrison

Tuesdays 6.9.22-4.10.22 – 7-9.30

St John's Kenilworth CV8 1HY

### John's Gospel

Revd Jon Taylor

Mondays from 12.9.22-10.10.22 – 7-9.30

St Bart's Church Hall Binley CV3 2DT

### Loving Difficult People

*This module is for anyone who has ever struggled with a difficult person in their life. The module will look at scripture as well help you learn practical skills. The module aims to help us manage difficult relationships and learn to love needy or hostile people without being overwhelmed ourselves. There will also be space for self-reflection.*

### Mission Shaped God

*This is a 'why-to' rather than 'how-to' module about mission, which will help you to understand what God is doing in the world and how you can join in. We'll look at the 'five marks of mission' and find that, though evangelism is an essential and important part of mission, it's not the whole story...*

### John's Gospel

*Take a deeper look at the life of John the apostle in his context. Explore his unique representation of Jesus as God and reflect on our responsibility as Christians today.*

To find further information and to enrol on the course then please use these links

Loving Difficult People

Link: <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-resources/loving-difficult-people/>

Mission-Shaped God

Link: <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-resources/mission-shaped-god-2/>

John's Gospel

Link: <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-resources/johns-gospel/>

## 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.

### **Turn it off**

Energy conservation is one of the most important things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint. Leaving your electricals on standby needlessly uses up energy – hit the off switch and you could see huge improvements, most noticeably in your energy bills!

### **Invest in eco-friendly technology**

Want to go further than simply turning it off? Make sure that the tech you have got is as energy-efficient as possible. This way, you're using much less energy for the time that the product is on, saving money, and reducing your energy output

### **Switch to renewables**

Changing your energy supplier to one that's 100% renewable is a great eco-friendly tip for any home. Anyone can do it, switching is simple and hassle-free plus all the electricity you use when on a 100% renewable tariff is effectively zero carbon!

### **Eat less meat**

Being careful with what you're consuming is at the heart of being more eco-friendly, and cutting down on the amount of meat you eat can have a huge impact. Not having red meat - even if it's just for two or three days a week - can have quite a significant impact on reducing your carbon footprint

### **Find out more at:**

[arocho.org.uk/our-activities/living-lightly-take-action/](http://arocho.org.uk/our-activities/living-lightly-take-action/)







## 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 September newsletter is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please send your contributions to either parish office.

## UPDATES

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

### St Nicolas

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[www.stjamesweddington.org.uk](http://www.stjamesweddington.org.uk)

### Associate Minister (St James)

[revadrian@stjamesweddington.org.uk](mailto:revadrian@stjamesweddington.org.uk)

07434663084

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

### Sundays 10am

WORSHIP SERVICE via the Facebook page of both churches.

### Mondays 8.45 – 9:30am

MORNING PRAYER at St Nicolas and on Zoom.

### Wednesdays 7-8pm

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