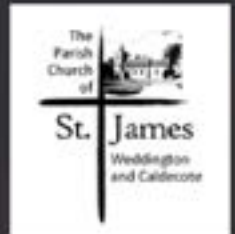




**Going Deeper**  
**Sowing Younger**  
**Growing Community**



*Working in partnership to serve Nuneaton, Weddington & Caldecote*

**November 2022**

**Newsletter of St Nicolas and St James Churches**

# Sunday Services

## **Sunday 6th November - 3rd Sunday before Advent**

*Job 19: 23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1- 5, 13 -end*

**10am** St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

**10am** St James - ALL AGE

## **Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday**

*2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21 5-19*

**10am** St Nicolas - MORNING WORSHIP

**10am** St James - HOLY COMMUNION

## **Sunday 20th November- Safeguarding Sunday**

*Psalm 91; Mark 12:28-31*

**10am** St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

**10am** St James - MORNING WORSHIP

## **Sunday 27th November- Advent Sunday**

The King has Come: Above all Powers

*Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 24 36-44*

**10am** St Nicolas - MORNING WORSHIP

**10am** St James - ALL AGE WITH BAPTISM

# Collects for November

## Sunday 6th 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.*

## Sunday 13th 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.*

## Sunday 20th 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.*

## Sunday 27th November

**The First Sunday of Advent**  
*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.*

# Wednesday Service

**Wednesday 2nd (1st Wednesday of every month)**

*Phillipians 2: 12-18; Psalm 27: 1-5; Luke:14 25-33*

**10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION**

## Remembrance-tide: a season for thankfulness

When we see the awful scenes of destruction, suffering and anguish from war torn countries around the world, although deeply disturbing, they also make me realize the enormous number of things that we can easily take for granted about life in the UK. Let's respond to these news images by praying for these situations, but also in gratitude for all that we enjoy: peace, health, beauty, education, homes, political stability, family life, religious freedom. When we see countries bereft of these, we realize again how much we have to thank God for.

The Christian speaker J John tells the story of a man in Budapest who goes to the rabbi to complain: "Life is unbearable. There are nine of us living in one room. What can I do?" The rabbi answers, "Take your goat into the room with you." The man is incredulous, but the rabbi insists. "Do as I say and come back in a week." A week later the man comes back looking more distraught than before. "We cannot stand it," he tells the rabbi. "The goat is filthy." The rabbi then tells him, "Go home and let the goat out. And come back in a week." Radiant, the man returns exclaiming, "Life is beautiful. We enjoy every minute of it now there's no goat - only the nine of us."

An attitude of gratitude is an important ingredient of prayer. The prayer structure based on the word 'ACTS' (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication) includes two sections for gratitude. Remembering and giving thanks for God's past goodness builds up our faith and gives us confidence to request God's help in the future.

In the Bible, we read the Apostle Paul's advice to those living in 1st Century Philippi and his emphasis on gratitude too: 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.' (Philippians chapter 4 verse 6).

November is the season for remembering and giving thanks. Giving thanks for a loved one can help relieve some to the pain of bereavement and sadness of loss. At the Family Memorial Service at St James Church on 30 October we remembered loved ones, and gave thanks to God for them too.

On 13 November, we will come together for Remembrance Sunday to honour the service and ultimate sacrifice of servicemen and women, and to thank God for the national peace and security we enjoy as a result of their sacrifice. "At the going down of the sun, we will remember them." We remember the fallen with gratitude as well as sadness.

In this remembrance season, what are you grateful to God for?

With every blessing,  
Adrian



# From the Registers

## Weddings

Please pray for Marc Lorenc & Patricia Niven who will be getting married at St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton on Sat 12th November

## Baptisms

Please pray for those who have been recently Baptised:

9th Oct (St James):	Tiarna Rose Hatch & Savannah Rae Hatch
23rd Oct (St James)	Leila Jane Tonks
30th Oct (St Nicolas)	Margot Emma-Jane Dovey

## Funerals

Please pray for those who have lost loved ones recently and for those family members who came to our family memorial service on Oct 30th



**One church  
One day  
One message:  
Protecting  
vulnerable  
people.  
Together.**

**Safeguarding  
Sunday 2022**

On 20th November our churches will be marking  
**Safeguarding Sunday 2022.**

This is an annual awareness raising campaign, coordinated by **Thirtyone: eight**, an Independent Christian Safeguarding charity, to help churches across the UK to share what they are doing to make their places of worship safer for everyone. The theme this year is '**One church, one day, one message**'.

As part of the event, we will be exploring how safeguarding is a demonstration of our Christian faith, we'll talk about the safeguarding arrangements our church has in place, and we'll be thanking the people involved in making this happen. This will be done in an all-age appropriate way using the resources produced by **Thirtyone: eight**.

**Safeguarding Sunday is one part of our ongoing commitment to making our church safer.**

If this raises any questions or concerns for you, please speak to Chris, Adrian or one of our Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs - see contact page at the back)

Alternatively **Thirtyone: eight** operates a confidential independent safeguarding advice Helpline which you can call Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm on 0303 003 11 11.

### Speak up

The silence around issues of abuse can be deafening, often leaving those that have been abused to be the sole voices speaking out. We will use our voice and our influence to publicly and privately speak up about the injustice of abuse and the need for change.

### Put survivors first

Too often we see cases where victims and survivors have not been believed, have been silenced or have been further abused by the response they have received. We will listen to victims and survivors and ensure we put their needs at the heart of any response.

### Conceal nothing

When abuse is discovered it is important that it is fully brought into the light so that justice can be served and those that have been affected can receive the help they need. We will not cover up or collude but be open, transparent, and truly repentant about what has happened.

### Take responsibility

Rather than apportion blame or point the finger at others, we must acknowledge that abuse happens in any culture that allows or creates the circumstances for it to occur. We will take responsibility for the ways we have personally and corporately failed and will take the necessary steps to shoulder that responsibility and the reparations that must come as a result.

### Make change happen

Apologies and learning lessons are important steps in the process of responding to abuse, but too often that is where we stop. We will not just take responsibility, and learn lessons, but will make active, tangible, timely steps towards change and encourage others to do the same.

### Hold each other accountable

It's important to acknowledge that issues of abuse are not confined to one particular denomination or tradition, but are issues experienced across all expressions of the Church. We will commit to holding ourselves mutually accountable by accepting the challenge of others about our own practice and challenging poor practice wherever we see it.

# Upcoming Events

## Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Once again, this year we will be supporting OCC.  
I would like to thank you for packing shoebox gifts previously.

A simple heartfelt gift, packed with love and fuelled by prayer can mean so much to a child in need.

**Will you pack a shoebox again, or even for the first time, to share God's love with even more boys and girls this season?**

This year the OCC goal is to send two-thirds of shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries like Moldova and Romania that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families.

Leaflets to go in the shoeboxes are at the back of St James Church, but if anyone at St Nicolas wants to join in then let me know, and I will get some leaflets to you. Please look at the leaflets carefully to see what can and cannot be included in each box please. Alternatively, go to - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> where you can download leaflets, or pack a shoebox on-line if that is easier.

The deadline for the boxes to be taken to church is Sunday 6th November so they can be delivered to the local collection points during National Collecting Week from 14th – 21st November.

**Paul Ingram**



Pause, Ponder ...

## POSSIBLE AND IMPOSSIBLE

God is encountered day by day  
In every facet of human experience,  
Digital technology making possible  
Impossibilities of only yesterday.  
On line channels of communication  
buzz

But we listen only from a chill distance,  
Tagging off at will and failing to see  
Beyond remote control button  
Is a world full of heavenly promise,  
Where humans can react face to face  
To share the bread and wine  
In a world redeemed by sacrifice.

*Pat Bidmead*





.... and pray

### **Prayers with poppies – suitable for children**


Anyone can be involved in prayers for remembering, whether in church or at home. All you need for this simple prayer is a poppy each.

Look at your poppy. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.

Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.



### **A prayer for World peace**

O God of the nations,  
as we look to that day when you will gather people  
from north and south, east and west,  
into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom,  
guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take  
counsel  
for the nations of the world,  
that all your people may spend their days in  
security, freedom, and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Upcoming Events & News

## Atherstone Choral Society 12th Nov 7.30pm £12 St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton

Atherstone Choral Society is delighted to perform the Requiem by Mozart as their autumn concert. This was the final piece of music which Mozart had started to compose before he died but sadly he died before he was able to complete it. There is much discussion about how it was finished. The Requiem was commissioned by Count Franz Walsegg-Stuppach as a memorial to his wife. The famous Lacrymosa has a hauntingly beautiful melody but the Requiem is a much loved choral piece and is in the repertoire of many choirs.

**tickets available online:**

[https://www.atherstonechoralsociety.uk/event/autumn-concert-mozart-requiem/?instance\\_id=2121](https://www.atherstonechoralsociety.uk/event/autumn-concert-mozart-requiem/?instance_id=2121)

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 10am-12.00pm in Weddington church hall. £1.50 entry which includes a drink and a mince pie. Please tell your friends and family about this event and encourage them to support it. There will be the following stalls; cakes and preserves, knitted items, bric-a-brac, jewellery and winter scarves, books and jigsaws plus a raffle, a lucky dip and a chance to try your hand at bagatelle. All proceeds to charity.

Sue and 'H' Hextall



# Upcoming Events

## **St James Churchyard maintenance**

Join us for fun and fresh air as we tidy up St James Churchyard from 9.30 each month

**8th November**

**6th December**



## **St Nicolas Church cleaning & Churchyard maintenance**

Saturday 12th November

9am

# Upcoming Events & News

## Remembrance Services 2022

### Remembrance Sunday

13th November 2022

*St James Church - 10am*

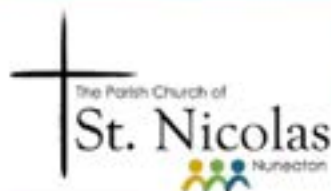
*St Nicolas Church - 10am*

**Nuneaton Town Remembrance Service**

*Riversley Park 10.30 am*

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

**We will remember them."**



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# CHRISTMAS

## Community Choir

Do you love to sing Christmas  
Carols and songs?

If you enjoy singing, we'd love you to join us  
for our Annual Christmas Community Choir

### EVERYONE WELCOME

FREE sessions

No Audition.

No need to read music.

No experience required

*A warm welcome awaits!*

### Rehearsal Dates

Fri 18th Nov 7-9pm

Sat 26th Nov 9-11am

Fri 2nd Dec 7-9pm

Fri 9th Dec 7-9pm

Sat 17th Dec 9-11am

All rehearsals at St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton



**DAVID KELHAM**  
The High Sheriff of  
Warwickshire 2022/23



*Service of  
Readings &  
Carols for  
Advent*

In partnership  
with the High  
Sheriff of  
Warwickshire,  
David Kelham

*Sunday 27th November, 6pm*

**St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton**

Vicarage Street, Nuneaton, CV11 4AZ

# **Support us with a regular gift**

## **Would you like to support St Nicolas Church by giving money regularly?**

**We recommend the Parish Giving Scheme.**

**Online <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/>**

**or call 0333 002 1271 or ask Jim Keeley (Treasurer) Nick Shaw or Garry Clarke (Wardens)**

**It's easy to set up, you can include Gift Aid and you have the opportunity to revise your giving amount annually or whenever you prefer. Use the St Nicolas Parish Code**  
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**Deadline for next Newsletter  
inclusions 23/11/22**

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*St James Church Website*

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



*Both livestream main services  
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**Find us on Facebook**



**Morning prayer on zoom -  
Mondays 8.45am**



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