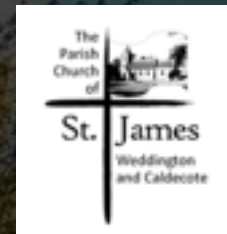




**Going Deeper**  
**Sowing Younger**  
**Growing Community**



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

**March 2023**

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

# *Welcome to the March Newsletter*



The daffodils are great reminders of the imminent spring that is on its way that wonderfully corresponds with Lent - a time for spiritual growth and reflection as we prepare to celebrate

## **Easter.**

This year our Lent course is called 'Everyone Welcome' and is an opportunity to reflect together as congregations and individuals about how we currently 'welcome' people - both new and familiar faces into the life of the churches and begin to consider further what opportunities we have to find new ways to grow in our ministry of welcome and hospitality as churches.

This outward-looking course is balanced by our Lent sermon series that helps us to turn to Jesus and depend deeper on him: These will be the themes in our services at both St James and St Nicolas on Sundays and on Wednesdays. As we reflect during this lent time we may also become more aware of our brokenness: A service of healing will be offered which can be a helpful way to acknowledge and pray for God's healing presence in the midst of suffering.

I pray that this Lent you may experience Christ as sufficient for your all needs and seek to help others experience Him through our welcome and ministries

# March Dates for your diary

Wed 1st March 10am Midweek Communion - BCP (StN)

Fri 3rd Feb 1pm Wedding (StN)

## Sun 5th March

**10am Holy Communion (StN)**

**10am Morning Worship (StJ)**

**12pm Baptism (StN)**

Mon 6th March

10am SLT meeting (StJ Hall)

7 pm St James PCC Meeting (Zoom)

Wed 8th March 10am Morning Prayer (StN)

**Sat 11th March 9.30am - 12.30pm Taize Workshop (St N)**

## Sun 12th March

**10 am Morning Worship (StN)**

**10 am Holy Communion (StJ)**

**12 pm Baptism (StJ)**

**6pm Lent (Taize) Healing Service (St N)**

Mon 13th March 7pm St Nicolas PCC (StN)

Wed 15th March

10am BCP Holy Communion (St N)

7pm Joint Messy Church Meeting (St N)

Fri 17th March 15.30 Wedding (St N)

## Sun 19th March

**10 am Holy Communion (StN)**

**10 am All Age Worship (StJ)**

**12pm Baptism (St N)**

**3 pm Baptism Preparation (StJ)**

Mon 20 March

10am SLT Meeting (StJ hall)

1pm Funeral (StN)

Tue 21 March 7pm MAP Prayer Meeting (StJ)

Wed 22 March 10am Morning Prayer

## Sun 26th March

**10am Morning Worship (StN)**

**10am Holy Communion (StJ)**

Mon 27th March (morning) St Nicolas School Easter Service

Wed 29th March 10am - BCP Holy Communion



## Lent 2023

'Everybody Welcome'

Course

Tues 7.30pm at St Nics

Wed 1.30pm at St James





# March

## Sunday Services



### Sunday 5th March - Lent 2

*Genesis 12: 1-4 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17*

**10am** St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

**10am** St James - ALL AGE

### Sunday 12th March - Lent 3

*Exodus 17: 1-7 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4 5-42*

**10am** St Nicolas - MORNING WORSHIP

**10am** St James - HOLY COMMUNION

### Sunday 19th March - Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

*1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41*

**10am** St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

**10am** St James - ALL AGES - THIRD SUNDAY

### Sunday 26th March - Lent 5

*Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11 1-45*

**10am** St Nicolas - MORNING WORSHIP

**10am** St James - FAMILY COMMUNION





# March

## Wednesday Services

### Wednesday 1st March - Lent 1

*Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matt 4:1-11*

**10am** St Nicolas - BCP HOLY COMMUNION

### Wednesday 8th March - Lent 2

*Genesis 12: 1-4 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17*

**10am** St Nicolas - Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 16th March - Lent 3

*Exodus 17: 1-7 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4 5-42*

**10am** St Nicolas - BCP HOLY COMMUNION

### Wednesday 22nd March - Lent 4

*1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41*

**10am** St Nicolas - Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 29th March - Lent 5

*Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11 1-45*

**10am** St Nicolas - BCP HOLY COMMUNION



# Lent 2023

**'Everybody Welcome'**

**Course**

Tues 7.30pm at St Nics

Wed 1.30pm at St James

# Collects for March

**Sunday 5th March**

**Almighty God,**

**by the prayer and discipline  
of Lent**

**may we enter into the  
mystery of Christ's  
sufferings,**

**and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.**

**Sunday 12th March**

**Eternal God,**

**give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we  
are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Sunday 19th March**

**Merciful Lord,**

**you know our struggle to  
serve you:**

**when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid  
and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Sunday 26th March**

**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.**



# *From the Registers*

## **Weddings**



Please pray for Michael Marston & Frances MaGuire who are to be married at *St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton* on Friday 17th March

**Please pray for those who have been recently  
Baptised:**



*Eden Rose Smith*



## **Funerals**

**Please pray for those who have lost loved ones recently:**

*The family of the late Mrs Pauline Emms*

*The Family of the late Derek Bennett*

*The family of the late June Marklew*

*The family of the late Freda Jordan*



# 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

**Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are  
penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite  
hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all  
mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

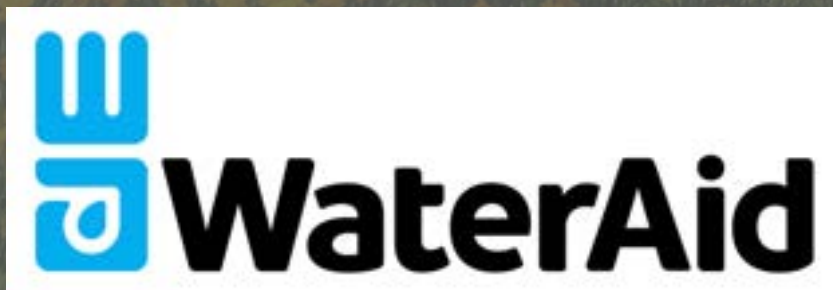
# Parish News & Updates

## Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

I have recently heard that our shoeboxes were sent to needy children in Belarus. Many thanks to all those who took part last year and gave a smile to a young face.

if you want to learn more then go to this link - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/destinations/2022-belarus/>

Paul



## Let's Help Communities Thrive With Clean Water on Tap!

There will be a collection box at St James Church from Sunday 5 March until Sunday 2 April (Palm Sunday) inclusive. If you are able to gift aid any donation then you might like to give via their website - [WaterAid.org.uk](https://www.wateraid.org.uk) - but if not please consider popping some money in the collection box which we will pass on to them.

# Parish News & Updates

## Easter Flowers

Terry Lenton will be organising Easter Flowers over the the Easter weekend for St Nicolas Church. If you would like to make a contribution towards these flowers please speak to Terry or Jim (our Treasurer).



## Lent Healing Service

SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 6PM  
ST NICOLAS CHURCH, NUNEATON  
ALL WELCOME

A REFLECTIVE SERVICE WITH TAIZE-STYLE  
MUSIC AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE  
PRAYERS AND ANOINTING FOR HEALING





# TAIZE WORKSHOP

**Do you like singing Taize music, or would  
you like to have a go?  
If you have a little knowledge of basic music  
and an open mind, ready to learn...**

**Come and join us at St Nicolas Church on  
Saturday 11th March 2023  
9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Followed by a Healing Service  
at St Nicolas Church on  
Sunday 12th March 6pm**

**For more information Contact:  
Sally-Ann Veasey  
[office@stnicolaschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolaschurch.org.uk)  
024 7634 4553**

# **Church & Churchyard Cleaning and Maintenance**

## **St James Churchyard maintenance**

Join us for fun and fresh air as we tidy up  
St James Churchyard Tuesday each month  
See weekly e-bulletin for times



## **St Nicolas Church Cleaning**

Saturday 4th March from 09:00am in  
preparation for our first Sunday back in  
church on the 5th March (Weather  
Permitting)

# Opportunities for Prayer

**Morning prayer (Online) in the Zoom Room**

**Mondays 8.45am**

**ID: 2476344553 Password: Shekinah**

<https://www.zoom.us/join>

**Our next monthly prayer meeting is planned  
for Tuesday 21 March 7pm  
in the St James Church Lounge**

**Coventry Diocese Prayer Diary:**

<https://www.coventry.anglican.org/prayer-diary.php>

**George Eliot Hospital Christian Union**

**Thursdays 12:30-13:30 in the Chapel**

**For staff and volunteers at George Eliot Hospital**

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**From March 2023: Weekly Worship on Wednesdays**

**1st & 3rd Wed (BCP) Holy Communion**

**2nd & 4th Wed Morning Prayer**

# **Support us with a regular gift**

## **Parish Giving Scheme**

**The best and easiest way to support both St Nicolas and St James churches with regular donations is through the Parish Giving Scheme.**

**You can set up your gift online  
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/>  
or by calling 0333 002 1271**

**For more information speak to:**

**Jim Keeley (Treasurer)**

**Nick Shaw or Garry Clarke (St Nic's Wardens)**

**or Juliette Guthrie (St James Warden)**

**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. Each Parish is separately administered so your gift supports your local church**

**St Nicolas Parish Code 110611086**

**St James Parish Code 110611090**

**Alternatively, cash and card donations can be made in both church at all our regular services**

## Team Contacts

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### Garry Clarke

*Church Warden, St Nicolas*

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*Church Warden, St James*

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**Deadline for next Newsletter  
inclusions**

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*Parish Office Administrator*

**Mon, Wed & Fri**

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Lane, CV10 0EX*

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*St Nicolas Church Website*

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

*St James Church Website*

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



*Both livestream main services  
on their facebook page*

**Find us on Facebook**



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



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