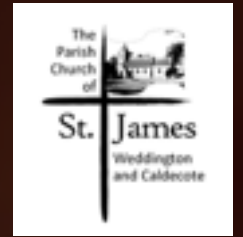




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Working in partnership to serve Nuneaton, Weddington & Caldecote

April 2023

Newsletter of St Nicolas and St James Churches

Welcome to the April Newsletter



Easter is at the heart of the Christian faith! Christians are 'Easter People'. We live on the other side of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We live in the light of the hope of our resurrection: Eternal life in God's presence in a renewed, new creation.

However, on Passion Sunday as we reflected on the wonderful passage in John's Gospel of the raising of Lazarus it struck me that even though knowing he would raise Lazarus from death, Jesus so connected with the grief of his friend Lazarus' sisters and their friends. John 11:35 says simply but powerfully "Jesus wept".

Jesus' wasn't doubting God's goodness when he wept but recognising and coming alongside his friends in pain - the pain that this broken world and death has brought in. Paul in 1 Thess 4:13-18 reminds us that we do not grieve as those without hope - but we do grieve! We weep with those who weep - As Jesus weeps with us.

The last year and even month has brought with it a significant number of deaths of those connected to our churches: Jesus stands with us in the pain of those loses - but he also leads us, through death and grief to the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. One of our great Easter hymns puts it like this:

*Lo, **Jesus meets us**, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*

Death's 'sting' is not the loss and grief we feel - which is very real and natural when we lose those we love but the power that death seems to hold us under that says that this is all there is - resurrection means there is more to come. Resurrection means the pressure to do everything in this life disappears. Resurrection means we live today more free.

April Dates for your diary

Sun 2nd April Palm Sunday

10am Holy Communion (StN)

10am Morning Worship (StJ)

Mon 3rd April - 10am SLT meeting (StJ Hall)

Wed 5th April

10am BCP Holy Communion (StN)

11.30am Funeral St N

7pm Tenebrae Service St N

Thur 6th April Maundy Thursday

7pm Reflective Celtic Communion St J

Frid 7th April Good Friday

10am St N Good Friday Messy church

2pm St J Reflective Meditation of the Cross

Sat 8th April

10.30 - 12pm St J Easter Saturday Crafts

7pm Easter Carol Service St N

Sun 9th April Easter Sunday

10 am Holy Communion (StN)

10 am Family Communion (StJ)

Wed 12th April - 10am Morning Prayer (St N)

Sun 16th April

10 am Morning Worship (StN)

10 am All Age Worship (StJ)

Mon 17th April - 10am SLT Meeting (StJ hall)

Wed 19th April - 10am Holy Communion St N

Fri 21st April - Funeral 2pm St N

Sun 23rd April

10am All Age Worship St N

11.30 APCM & PCC Meeting St N

10am Family Communion (StJ)

Mon 24th April - 7pm APCM St J

Wed 26th April - 10am Morning Prayer

Fri 28th April - Funeral 2.30pm (St N)

Sun 30th April - Joint Service St J & St N

10am Holy Communion St N

11.30 - 3pm PCC Vision afternoon St N & St J

6pm (tbc) - Nuneaton 5th Sunday Ecumenical Service (Manor Court Baptist Church)



April

Sunday Services



Sunday 2nd April - Palm Sunday

Psalm 118 1- 2, 19-29 Matthew 21: 1-11

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James - MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday

Colossians 3:1-4 John 20: 1-18

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James - FAMILY COMMUNION

Sunday 16th April - Easter 2

Acts 2: 14,22-32 John 20: 19-31

10am St Nicolas - MORNING WORSHIP

10am St James - ALL AGES - THIRD SUNDAY

Sunday 23rd April - Easter 3

Luke 24: 13-35

10am St Nicolas - ALL AGE WORSHIP Followed by St Nicolas APCM

10am St James - FAMILY COMMUNION

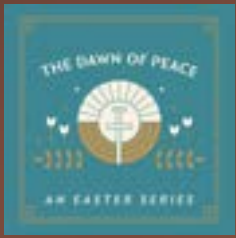
Sunday 30th April - Easter 4

Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10

10am St Nicolas - Joint Service

Followed by Joint PCC Vision and prayer afternoon

6pm Nuneaton Ecumenical Service (Manor Court Baptist Church)



April

Wednesday Services



Wednesday 5th April

Psalm 118 1- 2, 19-29 Matthew 21: 1-11

10am St Nicolas - BCP HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 12th April

Colossians 3:1-4 John 20: 1-18

10am St Nicolas - Morning Prayer

Wednesday 19th April

Acts 2: 14,22-32 John 20: 19-31

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 26th April

Luke 24: 13-35

10am St Nicolas - Morning Prayer

A traditional and reflective service in the middle of the week followed by refreshments in the beautiful and historical Leeke Chapel

Collects for April

Sunday 2nd April

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as
Messiah:
grant us the faith to know
you and love you,
that we may be found beside
you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Sunday 16th April

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of
others
and walk the joyful road of
sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Sunday 9th April

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of
death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and
hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sunday 23rd April

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.

Sunday 30th April

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.

St James Church
Weddington and Caldecote
Holy Week and Easter Services 2023

Palm Sunday 2 April 10 am
Morning Worship

Maundy Thursday 6 April 7 pm
Reflective Celtic Communion

Good Friday 7 April 2 pm
Reflective Meditation at the Cross

Easter Day 9 April 10 am
Celebration Family Communion



St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton

Holy Week and Easter Services 2023

Palm Sunday 2 April 10 am
Morning Worship

Wednesday 5 April 7 pm
Tenebrae

Good Friday 7 April 10am
Messy Church - Stations of the Cross

Easter Saturday 8 April 7 pm
Easter Lessons and Carols

Easter Day 9 April 10 am
Celebration Family Communion



From the Registers

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



Mila-Rae Elizabeth Judge

Serin Lily Gray

Travis Noel George

Iris Elizabeth George

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Funerals

Please pray for those who have lost loved ones recently:

The family of the late Vicki Woodward

The Family of the late Brenda Maureen Hassell

The family of the late Roger Brown

The family of the late Margaret Dean



Pause, Ponder ...

HOLY WEEK

**As we enter Holy week leaving lent behind,
A singing congregation
Moves through town centre
To remind Saturday morning shoppers
Of sacrifice.**

**But now voices have disappeared into the wind,
Their echo bent into a hostile world,
The hymn emptied of words
Into a cold damp street,
Where evening not yet grown to maturity of night
Carries memory of day time feet,
And in retreating light
Discarded polythene bags caught
By a chill breeze inflate,
And are silently blown
Against rough wood
Of the Cross standing in the rain,
And stone thoughts trace
Shadows of pain
Through empty market place.**

PAT BIDMEAD



.... and pray

**Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.**

**God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Parish News & Updates

New Alpha Course Starts at Saints, Nuneaton



Wednesdays 12.30pm
starting on

26th April for 10 weeks

Please speak to Chris for more information
024 7634 6900



**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 - 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).

Permission to Officiate Renewed

Congratulations to Terry Lenton who was granted a renewed licence as a Reader in the Diocese at our Wednesday Communion Service on 29th March. Terry has been a Reader (Lay Minister) for nearly 30 years! If you have been considering licensed or ordained ministries in the Church of England, please speak to Chris who will be pleased to explore this further with you

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Our APCMs will be on Sunday 23rd (St Nics) and Mon 24th (St James) and we are looking for Churchwardens for St James to stand as well as PCC and deanery Synod Representatives for both Churches. Please prayerfully consider whether this might be a way for you to serve this year. To find out more please speak to our Churchwardens, Adrian or Chris (contact details on back page



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To book lunch/Zoom link, contact.
adam.fielder@ywamthekingslodge.org or +44 7952 947848 (SMS preferably)

***April**

Tue 10th - Fri 21st: *Morning & Evenings:*

-Inductive Bible Study of Philemon, Jonah, Genesis

Wed 26th - 28th: *Mornings only from here on:* Deuteronomy

***May**

Wed 3rd - Fri 5th: 1&2 Kings

Wed 10th - Fri 12th: Psalms

Wed 17th: Amos & Habakkuk

Wed 24th: Ezra & Nehemiah

Wed 31st - Fri 2nd Jun.: Luke

***June**

Tues. 6th -Thu 8th: Acts,

Tue 13th - Wed 14th: Galatians

Tue 20th - Thu 22nd: Revelation



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systematic, time-ordered and in context...
- then we CAN present the Bible in a accurate, balanced, & vibrant way!



Saints, Nuneaton

Are you finding things tough at the moment? Every Friday morning we have food hampers available.

What will I get?

Each hamper will contain a selection of frozen, fresh and food cupboard items. There should be enough for a few meals, depending on how many are within your household. For households of over 4 people, please book two hamper tickets.

Who are the hampers for?

Anyone who is in need can book a hamper. The idea is that the hamper will provide a boost to your food shopping for the week, rather than providing a full week of food.

How do I book?

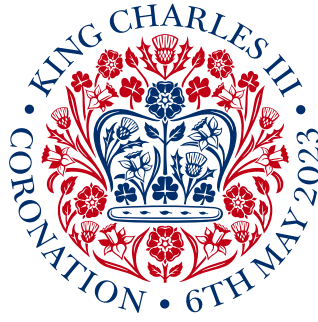
Hampers can only be booked on the week for the collection day that week, which is always a Friday. Tickets will be released at the beginning of the week. To book simply pick a free 'Food Hamper' ticket, put in your details and checkout.

How do I get my hamper?

Once you have booked, just come into Saints Cafe (on Newdegate St) on the Friday between 10am-12pm to collect your hamper

<https://www.saintsnuneaton.org/events>

*Save
the date*



Celebrating Together

Sunday 7th May

St Nicolas

**10am Nuneaton Civic
& Community
Coronation
Celebration Service**

St James

**10am Celebration
Service**

The Big Lunch

from 11.30 in both churches/church grounds

Picnic for the King!

Monday 8th May

The Big Help Out

**Litter picking around the churchyards
and community**

Morning: St Nicolas & Nuneaton

Afternoon: St James & Weddington

Timings to be confirmed



EASTER COFFEE MORNING

TUESDAY 4TH APRIL

10.00 am–12.00 pm

Church Hall, Church Lane,
Weddington

Entry £1.50 to include a drink and a hot cross bun

All money raised will be donated to charity

VARIOUS STALLS INCLUDING
CAKES, KNITTED GOODS, CRAFTS,
BOOKS & JIGSAWS, BRIC-A-BRAC,
SCARVES & COSTUME JEWELLERY
AND A RAFFLE



Spot the Differences in The Story of the Lost Sheep

Compare the picture on the left with the picture on right. Circle the 13 things that are different.



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If one sheep out of a hundred wanders off from the rest of the flock, a good shepherd will go out in search of the one until he finds it and brings it back to the fold. Jesus' parable of the lost sheep in Luke 15:3-7 highlights the love of God for every sinner and the joy God has when a sinner repents and returns home. This Spot the Differences in The Story of the Lost Sheep activity will help children learn about this parable and its meaning. God's love truly is amazing!

Messy Church
Easter Saturday
CRAFTS
10.30-12.00
St James Church Hall
SIGN UP VIA EVENTBRITE

Families spending time together with activities, 'Easter Experience' & refreshments

Organised by St James Church, Widdington and Caldecote

Messy Church
Good Friday
7th April 10am
with Hot Cross Buns
and Easter Craft

Mission Updates

St Nicolas 10% Group

I would like to give everyone some good news with an update about how St Nicolas Church has been helping others with donations this year.

Every year we donate 10% of the money that is given to us to other charities. This year so far we have given money to following causes.

- £500 to continue with the sustainable agriculture project in Uganda. *This is an education programme to help deaf people and others in Uganda work towards a sustainable agriculture system. Please ask Adam Fielder if you would like to know more.*
- Two donations to help the work of charities supporting people affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. *The donations were a total of £2000 and we managed to get fund matching so our donations have resulted in £4000 being given to help the work in Turkey and Syria.*

We still have some money left to give later this year. What a privilege to be able to be part of transforming communities globally

Mission Updates

Deaf Hearing United

Dear Friends & Partners. Here in the Northern hemisphere we're longing for warmer and drier weather and longer daylight hours Thankfully spring flowers are blossoming!

Redeeming Love was a powerful film that encouraged and challenged us numerous deaf AND hearing UK/Uganda participants who joined our on-line monthly Fathom Film Workshop(FFW) in January. It was captioned & interpreted. February's FFW was a famous silent movie, Battleship Potemkin. This made discussion even more thought provoking...

A new break-through was the deaf & hearing participants being able to exchange views much more easily because of the interpreters/captions! Two participants, Grace, deaf, and Hope, an interpreter, gave their film feedback bi-lingually.

Redeeming Love is based on a book with the same title, written by Francine Rivers. The book in turn is loosely based on a contemporary version of the old Testament book, of Hosea. Hosea opens with the following challenging command:-

1 This is the LORD's message that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the time that Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah, and Jeroboam son of Joash was king of Israel. 2 This was the LORD's first message to Hosea. The LORD said, "Go, marry a prostitute who has had children as a result of her prostitution. Do this because the people in this country have acted like prostitutes-...been unfaithful to the LORD."

Then later in the book of Hosea the Lord's desire to redeem the nation from their unreliable political alliances, as Hosea was to redeem Gomer from her lovers who were uncommitted to her.:

"Woe to them, because they have strayed from me! Destruction to them, because they have rebelled against me! I long to redeem them but they speak about me falsely. Hosea 7:13

"I will deliver this people from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?, ... Hosea 13:14.

DHU's heart is for us, both deaf & hearing, to redeem our view of our self of each other... be we relatives', friends', neighbours', or colleagues'!

DHU Coordinators, Adam & Helen Fielder are staff, with Youth With A Mission in The Midlands, UK and Arua, NW Uganda

Church & Churchyard Cleaning and Maintenance

St James Churchyard maintenance

Join us for fun and fresh air as we tidy up

St James Churchyard

Tuesday 25th April 9.30am

See weekly e-bulletin for times



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 April 25th 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

for more information contact

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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

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

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*Both livestream main services
on their facebook page*

Find us on Facebook



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



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