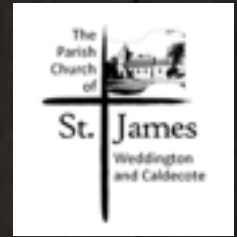




Worshipping God
Making Disciples
Transforming Community



Working in partnership to serve Nuneaton, Weddington & Caldecote



Creationtide & Harvest September - October 2023

Newsletter of St Nicolas and St James Churches

Welcome to the Creationtide & Harvest Newsletter



Welcome to our Creationtide and Harvest Newsletter which covers September and October. Hope you had a great summer - one of the highlights for me was being able to join with several thousand other Christians at the Kent Showground for New Wine 'United 23'. There were a number from Churches in Coventry & Nuneaton there and it would be great if you would like to come with us next year too.

Creationtide is a fairly new season in the Church year (developed last century) held in September and October (up until Harvest) where we celebrate God as creator and sustainer of all life. Our services will have a 'flavour' of this Creation theme through our liturgy, prayers and preaching and it is an opportunity to be grateful to God for all his goodness to us and commit ourselves afresh to be good stewards of all the gifts he has given to us.

Over the summer, one of the Bible passages that has been important to me as I have been praying for you all is Matt 9:37-8, where, after arriving in a new place, seeing the great need before him says 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'

Jesus' response to the overwhelming need he noticed in Matt 9:35-36 is to ask his disciples to pray... but then in Matt 10 Jesus sends them out to be the answer to their own prayers.

As we consider the needs in Nuneaton, this nation and the world God calls us to prayer.

May we welcome too his call to mission as He equips us to be answers to our prayers in this town, our parishes and beyond



2023 SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER

Creator of All,

From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being.

On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation. Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

September Diary Dates

Fri 1st Sept - 7pm Music Rehearsal (St N)

Sat 2nd Sept - 10am Hand Bell Workshop (St N)

Sun 3rd Sept

10am Holy Communion (StN)

10am Morning Worship (StJ)

12pm Baptism (St N)

Mon 4th Sept - 7pm St James PCC

Tues 5th Sept - Coffee Pot 10am - 12pm St James Hall

Wed 6th Sept - 10am Holy Communion (St N)

Thurs 7th Sept - 2.15pm Safeguarding joint meeting

Fri 8th Sept - 7pm St N & St J Quiz Night (St James hall)

Sat 9th Sept - 9am Church cleaning (St N)

Sat 9th & Sun 10th - Heritage Weekend (St N)

Sun 10th Sept

10 am Morning Worship (StN)

10 am Family Communion (StJ)

Mon 11th Sept - 10am SLT Meeting

Tues 12th Sept - 9.30am Churchyard Maintenance (St J)

- 10.45am Caldwell Lodge & Grange Holy Communion

- 7pm St Nicolas as Milby Church (talk David Patterson St N)

Sun 17th Sept -

10am Holy Communion (St N)

10am All Age Worship (St J)

12pm Baptism (St N)

3pm Baptism Prep Meeting (St J)

Mon 18th Sept - 7pm St Nicolas PCC

Tue 19th Sept - 10am - 12pm Coffee Pot St James Hall

- 7pm Prayer Meeting (St J)

Wed 20th - 10am Holy Communion (St N)

Thurs 21st September - 2pm - Safeguarding Joint Meeting

Sat 23rd Sept - 9.30am Weddington church Walking Group (StJ)

Sun 24th September

10am All Age Worship (St N)

10am Family Communion (StJ)

12pm Baptism (St J)

Mon 25th Sept - 10am SLT Meeting

Tues 26th Sept - 10am Macmillan Coffee Morning (St James Hall)

12pm Wedding (St N)

Wed 27th Sept- 10am BCP (St N)

Sat 30th Sept - **6.30pm Celebration of Music (St N)**

October Diary Dates

Sun 1st Oct

10am Holy Communion (StN)

10am Morning Worship (StJ)

12pm - Baotism (St N)

Tues 3rd Oct - 9.30am Grass Cutting (St J)

Wed 4th October - 10am Holy Communion (St N)

Sat 7th October - 11.30am Wedding (St N)

Sun 8th October

10 am Morning Worship (StN)

10 am Holy Communion (StJ)

12pm Baptism (St J)

Mon 9th Oct - 10.00am SLT Meeting (St N)

Tues 10th October - 9.30am Churchyard Maintenance (St J)

Wed 11th Oct - 10am BCP (St N)

Sat 14th Oct - 6.30pm Harvest Barn Dance (ST N)

Sun 15th Oct - HARVEST

10am Holy Communion (St N)

10am Third Sunday All Age Worship (St J)

3pm Baptism Prep Meeting 3pm

Mon 16th Oct -

10am School Music Celebration (St N)

7pm - St Nicolas Standing Committee (St N)

Tue 17th Oct -

9.30am - Grass Cutting (St J)

10am - School Music Celebration (St N)

10.45am - Caldwell Lodge & Grange Holy Communion

7pm - Prayer Meeting (St J)

Wed 18th Oct- 10am Holy Communion (St N)

Thurs 19th Oct - 2pm - Safeguarding Joint Meeting (Vicarage)

Sun 22nd Oct

10am All Age Worship (St N)

10am Holy Communion (StJ)

Mon 23rd Oct - 10am SLT Meeting (St N)

Tues 24th Oct -9.30am Grass Cutting (StJ)

Wed 25th Oct - 10am BCP (St N)

Thurs 26th Oct - Year 4 Harvest Festival (St N)

Sun 29th Oct

10am Holy Communion (St N) (Joint Service)

Mon 31st Oct - 9.30am Grass Cutting (St J)

September Sunday Services

Sunday 3rd September Thirteenth after Trinity

Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James - MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 10th September Fourteenth after Trinity

Matthew 18: 15-20 Romans 13: 8-14

10am St Nicolas - MORNING WORSHIP

10am St James - HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 17th September Fifteenth after Trinity

Matthew 18: 21-35 Romans 14: 1-12

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James - ALL AGES - THIRD SUNDAY

Sunday 24th September Sixteenth after Trinity

Philippians 1: 21-30

10am St Nicolas - ALL AGE WORSHIP

10am St James - HOLY COMMUNION

October Sunday Services

Sunday 1st October

Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James - MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 8th October

Matthew 21:33-4 Philippians 3:4b-14

10am St Nicolas - MORNING WORSHIP

10am St James - HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 15th October -HARVEST

Matthew 22:1-14 Philippians 4: 1-9

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

10am St James - ALL AGES - THIRD SUNDAY

Sunday 22nd October

Matthew 22:15-22 Exodus 33:12-23

10am St Nicolas - ALL AGE WORSHIP

10am St James - HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 29th October - Joint Service at St Nicolas

Matthew 22:34-46 Deuteronomy 34:1-12

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

September

Wednesday Services

Wednesday 6th September

Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 13th September

Matthew 18: 15-20 Romans 13: 8-14

10am St Nicolas - Morning Prayer

Wednesday 20th September

Matthew 18: 21-35 Romans 14:1-12

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 27th September

Philippians 1 21-30

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

October

Wednesday Services

Wednesday 4th October

Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 11th October

Matthew 21:33-4 Philippians 3:4b-14

10am St Nicolas - Morning Prayer

Wednesday 18th October

Matthew 22:1-14 Philippians 4: 1-9

10am St Nicolas - HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 25th October

Matthew 22:15-22 Exodus 33:12-23

10am St Nicolas - Morning Prayer

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From the Registers

**Please pray for those who have been recently
Baptised or to be Baptised:**

Florence Audrey Grace Fletcher

Lucas John Hockey

Ivy Anne Peace

Joseph Walter Head

Weddings

Please pray for those who have been married recently:

Adrian Merry-Pinnegar & Cheryl Lawley

*Please pray also for Alan Frederick Baynes & Susan
Ann Canbrera who are to be married on Tuesday 26th*

September 2023

*Paul Robert Nicholas Benford & Tammy King who are
to be married on Saturday 7th October*

Both at St Nicolas Church





Pause, Ponder ...

THE ANSWER

**I am waters of the stream
Carrying half forgotten dream
Of redemption down to the sea
For identification with me.**

**I am flower on the stem
Breathing Amen thought mist
For love to be kissed.**

Into being.

**I am leaf of Autumn
Chasing wind in dumb wonder,
At depth of the prayer
Linking dreams of glory
I thought no longer there.**

**I am harvest corn
Knowing at last why I was born,
For once this earthly body is no more
Mine will be the gift of everlasting bread
And eternal sweetness of wine.**

PAT BIDMEAD



.... and pray

Collect for Environment Sunday

Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit to so nurture and love the world, that all creation sings to your glory.

Amen

God of Creation and Lord of Life

God of creation and Lord of life, you entrusted us to care for our environment, but in many parts of the world we have failed. Help us to realise how fragile and unstable our surroundings are, because we are not looking after creation. We need to be true stewards and to understand how the most insignificant little flowers, and the tiniest insects, each creature and individual people are all part of a wondrous whole.

Amen

Margaret Pickford

2018 Women's World Day of Prayer



Digital Scripture, Theology & Culture course

How can we navigate discipleship in a rapidly changing cultural climate? What resources are there in Scripture and in the history of the worldwide Church's prayerful reflection on Scripture that can aid us in living obediently under the gospel in the 21st century?

If these questions resonate with you but you do not have spare time in the week to give to study, then Müllers' digital Scripture, Theology and Culture course might be of interest.

Who is it for?

Anyone over the age of 18 who would like to deepen their knowledge of the Bible and theology, and start thinking about how Scripture, Theology and Culture interact.

Time management

The course is designed to be fully accessible for those with a full-time job. The expectation is that it will take up a couple of hours/week for the course duration.

How Much?

The course is free, although students may wish to purchase books for their own use.

What is involved?

Students work through three modules/year of blended learning and video material in their own time. In addition to this, students will meet three times/year on Saturdays for teaching, worship and prayer at the Müllers building in Bristol.

The course lasts two years, and modules will include: Introducing the Old Testament; Jesus and the Gospels; Paul amongst the Apostles; What is the Church?; Doctrine: The Church in Today's Culture. Video tutorials can be arranged with the tutorial team and are considered to be beneficial for asking questions, discussing concepts further and seeking clarity.

Get in touch:

If you have any further questions, or you would like to apply, then please email Dr Philip Thomas on phil@mullers.org



St Nicolas C of E Academy

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Email: school.office@stnicolas.covmat.org www.stnicolasacademy.co.uk

What a wonderful year we have had, growing our strong bond between school and church. The children of St Nicolas have visited over the Summer term and have learnt why the church is such a special place. We have also performed at St Nicolas church for Harvest, Christmas, Easter and we were thrilled to have returned to the church for our Year 6 Leaver's service. Reverend Chris has been coming into school throughout the year, leading collective worship and meeting our school community. We are thankful for all the support the church has given us and look forward to the next academic year as we continue to flourish together.





QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 8 September 2023

7.00pm

Tickets Available From:

www.eventbrite.co.uk

www.stnicolaschurch.org.uk

www.stjamesweddington.org.uk

or contact Jim

T: 07906 220330

Email: jimkeeleyhome@hotmail.com

St James Parish Hall
Church Lane, Weddington
CV10 0EX

£3

per
person



Family & friends
welcome
Bring a team (4+
people)
Or just yourselves and
join a team on the night

Light refreshments and soft drinks available -
bring your own alcoholic beverages if desired.



YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US
AT OUR MACMILLAN'S COFFEE
MORNING



Place: Weddington Church Hall

Date: Tuesday 26th September

Time: 10am-12pm

Stalls, games & a raffle

Entry £1.50 to include drink & cake



In aid of

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Parish News & Updates

Parish Walk Sat 29th July Market Bosworth

Our latest walk took place on Saturday 29th July led by John Keiser. We met in the church car park and from there we motored to Market Bosworth where we parked up to begin our walk. Ten of us were privileged to spend time in our beautiful countryside and relish the peace and quiet. We crossed grassy meadows where wild flowers were growing and fields of ripening grains. Praise the Lord for our farmers and thanks to them for their hard work in providing us with food.

We saw lots of animals including donkeys, horses, sheep, cows and surprisingly a llama. We also came upon dogs, some with their owners and some guarding properties. We heard bird song but didn't see many birds. The hedgerows and verges were alive with insects and butterflies one of which none of us could identify!

We passed through the hamlet of Barton in the Beans and further on we arrived at Carlton. We walked through the well kept churchyard of St Andrew Church and came upon a picturesque lake on one side and a field of Christmas trees on the other!

Almost back where we started we walked through a wood where we enjoyed dappled shade. Having clocked up five miles, when we arrived back in Market Bosworth we were all ready for a sit down and a coffee in the Red Lion PH. Thanks John for leading us on an interesting walk in the Leicestershire countryside.

Look out for details of our next walk if you think you might like to join us!

Sue Hextall

Parish News & Updates



FREE HANDBELL WORKSHOP

Saturday 26th August
Saturday 2nd September
9.30- 10.30am

*We will be performing at St Nicolas Church
on Saturday 9th September
as part of the heritage weekend.*



Celebration of Music

By students of local music teachers



FREE concert
With refreshments/ raffle

Saturday 30th September
6.30- 9.00pm

St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton

Come and support and encourage these singers and musicians
as they share their skills and love of music.

Parish News & Updates



Serving Nuneaton since 1155



heritage open days



ST NICOLAS CHURCH, Nuneaton

Open Afternoons 2023

Sat 9th & Sun 10th Sept

2.30-4.30pm

Come and visit Nuneaton's only Grade 1 listed building that has been continuously in use since at least the 12th Century

FREE ENTRY

Historical displays - refreshments - tour of church & Church yard -
Tower Tour - handbell demonstration - organ recital - children's activities



heritage open days

GEORGE ELIOT AND ST NICOLAS CHURCH (MILBY)



A Talk by David Paterson

St Nicolas Church
Tues. 12th September 2023, 7.30 p.m.
ALL WELCOME

Parish News & Updates



St Nicolas & St James Churches

HARVEST BARN DANCE

at St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton

With live music from Petronella and
Emily your caller with Harvest Supper
provided

SAT 14 OCT

6.30-9pm



£250 each including refreshments

St Nicolas Church (Tuesday Mornings)

10.00-10.30am Gather and a cuppa

10.30-11.30am Sing song together

St James church community centre

WEDDINGTON. (Tuesday Afternoons)

1pm-2pm Gather and a cuppa

2pm-3pm Sing songs together

A weekly informal singing workshop for people living with dementia, brain injuries and their carer's. For those lonely or depressed.

Everyone welcome!!

Every Tuesday

For more information contact St Nicolas Church or St. James Church or email
saveasey@postmaster.co.uk

Church & Churchyard Cleaning and Maintenance

St James Churchyard maintenance

Join us for fun and fresh air as we tidy up

St James Churchyard

Tuesday 12th September 9.30am

Tuesday 24th October 9.30am

See weekly e-bulletin for updates



St Nicolas Church Cleaning

Sat 9th September 9am

Come and help support the church in this
vital ministry

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

Tuesday 19th September 7pm

Tuesday 17th October 7pm

in the St James Church Lounge

Coventry Diocese Prayer Diary:

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

Lectio 365 app on your phone

Lectio 365 is a free daily devotional resource that helps you pray the Bible every day.

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365/>

Online Daily service from Church of England

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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 Brenda Gardiner (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 churches at all our regular services

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St James Church Website

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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