



**Worshipping God**  
**Making Disciples**  
**Transforming Community**



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

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3*

*St Nicolas Church, Vicarage St*

**10am Service: Holy Communion**

Theme : Isaiah 11: 1-10, Matthew 11: 2-11

Service Leader: Phil Healy

Preacher: Rev Chris Routledge

**6pm St Nicolas Community Carol Service**

Coming up next Sunday:

**St Nicolas:** 10am Childrens Church Nativity

**St James :-** 10am Holy Communion & Carols

*St James Church, Weddington*

**10am Service: All Age Worship (Nativity)**

Theme: All Age Team

Service Leader All Age Team

Preacher: All Age Team

## This Week at a glance

*St Nicolas Church & Hall*

**Mon:** 10am Yr 2 & Yr 4 Christingle

**Tues:** 10.30am Funeral of Sarah **Jane** Proffitt

**Wed:** 9:15 Nuneaton Church Leaders Prayer

10am Holy Communion

12pm Wednesday Winter Warmers

**Thurs:** 10am Yr 5 Christmas Service

6pm Caldwell Lodge Carols

**Fri:** 11am Funeral of Angela Bell

**Sat:** 10am-12 Nuneaton Children's Contact Centre

10am Great Mince pie Giveaway

1-3pm Saints Hamper Packing

*St James Church & Hall*

**Mon:**

**Tues:** 10am Coffee Pot ( St James hall)

7pm Carols & Chaos Ashby Fishwives

**Wed:**

**Thurs:**

**Fri:**

**Sat:**



## Let us pray



1 In this Advent Season as we await the coming of the Prince of Peace we pray for peace in the world. We pray that the cease fire in Gaza may soon become a permanent peace, that the negotiators of the USA, Ukraine and Russia may soon agree peace terms for the ending on the war in Ukraine, that the civil War in Sudan may soon end.

2 We continue to pray for our Outreach Mission Partners, this week embracing them all in our prayers for those who work with Saints and Swans.

3 We pray for our ministers, Chris, Dave, Modupe and Martin, and all our Service Leaders as they face they increased workload of the Christmas Season.

4 As we look forward to the joy of Christmas and the pleasure it brings to us we pray for those in need at this time, the homeless, the destitute, those with financial difficulties, the lonely and housebound and the sick and bereaved.

Lord Jesus, as we wait for You, fill our hearts with hope and peace. Help us prepare a place for You and share Your light. Amen.

# Regular Monthly Events

St James Prayer Meeting:	Wed 21st Jan 10.30am
St Nicolas Church Cleaning :	TBA
St James Churchyard Maintenance:	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am
St Nicolas Worship Singing Team:	TBA
St Nicolas PCC Meeting	TBA
St James PCC Meeting:	TBA
Christmas Coffee Morning:	Tues 16th Dec 10am
Baby Jammers:	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> January 10am
Home Group:	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> January 7pm
Deanery synod:	TBA

## Banns of Marriage for St Nicolas & St James Parish

No Banns to be called

Want to keep up to date with the diocese?

**Coventry Diocese Newsletter**

<https://www.equiphub.org.uk/newsletters/equip-update-48/>

Want to get to know more people from the congregation in a relaxed way?

## Regular Social Groups At St Nicolas & St James: All Welcome

Milkmaids (Ladies Group) 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 10.30 at the Cow Shed (Poplars Farm)

Men's Group 1st Friday 12pm at Attleborough Arms - 6<sup>th</sup> February

Evening Group (Everyone welcome) 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at Harvester 19:00 26<sup>th</sup> January

Parish Walking Group (selected dates on Saturdays) meeting at St James Car Park



### **St James Prayer Meeting**

St James Prayer Meetings will now be held during the day at

36 Butteremere Avenue, CV11 6ET

The next Prayer Meeting will be **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan at 10.30am**

### **Tues 13<sup>th</sup> January 7pm Home Group at : TBA**

*Come along and join this new home group in the Parishes, all welcome*

Planned dates for home groups 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Please contact the office or Brenda (Churchwarden) for more details



## **Christmas Flowers**

Sadly the flower fund for St Nicolas is running dry. Could you give a little towards these? Perhaps in memory of a loved one? If so see Terry or Nick

### **A poem for this season**

In winter's hush, the promise gleams,  
A light that breaks our darkest dreams.  
Hope whispers soft, "The King will come,"  
Prepare your heart—make Him your home.



# News

## **Nuneaton Childrens Contact Centre**

Nuneaton Child Contact Centre is in need of more volunteers. The Child contact centre support estranged parents to have contact with their children in a supervised environment. The Nuneaton centre was set up around 40 years ago and was the second in the country. There are very few local options for families to have this kind of support in this area for free. If you are interested to be involved or find out more please speak to Lyn Werrett (via Parish office)

## **Carol Ward: Funeral Service 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.45 am**

I'm very sorry to inform you that Carol Ward passed away last Sunday Morning. Carol was an active and regular member of St Nicolas Church community and in later years attended the Wednesday Communion Service. She was a great encourager and supporter of many activities - at one time with the Mothers Union. Our knitted Nativity set was knitted by her as well, one year, taking part in knitting 1000 angels to distribute to school children at Christmas. She will be greatly missed but lovingly remembered by us all at St Nicolas Church and beyond.

I would love us to be able to offer to support the family with refreshments after the service - if you can help with this please speak to Rev Chris

## **Folasade Adeoye: Funeral Service 15th Dec 11 am Coventry Cathedral**

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Rev. Modupe and her family as they hold the funeral service for Modupe's Mum, Folasade. You are welcome to attend the funeral if you are able to but your thoughts and prayers are most appreciated at this time.

## **Can you help with distributing the Christmas leaflets?**

We have 5000 flyers to distribute around the parishes and need your help to do this. If you are able to take some flyers please let Martyn Butt (at St James) or Rev Dave Jones know before you distribute and they will be able to ensure we don't duplicate areas. You are welcome to take any number you like to distribute to friends or family who you would like to invite to services

## **Can you help with the Christmas Services?**

You can see from the flyers a large number of services that are taking place this year. Are you able to help with any of these? if you were interested in supporting the teams to help with set up, welcome, and in some services readers. Please speak to Garry (St Nics), Paul (St James) or one of the clergy team.

## **Who could you invite?**

Christmas is a great opportunity to invite your friends, family or neighbours - do be thinking and praying about who you could invite to what this year.

# The Great Mince Pie Giveaway

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

From 10am until they are all gone

Meet by the Christmas  
Tree in the town centre

**Nuneaton  
Churches**



# Christmas in a Box Packing Party

Help pack the boxes that will be given to bless  
families in our community

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

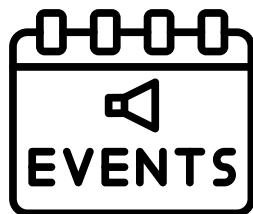
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Upstairs in Saints

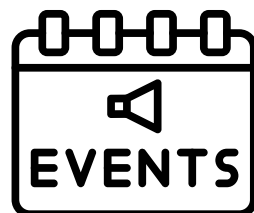
**Nuneaton  
Churches**







# Upcoming events:



Welcome Home  
THIS CHRISTMAS  
AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH, NUNEATON

You are warmly invited to join us at St Nicolas Church, and make us your home this Christmas.

## St. Nicolas COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

Celebrating Christmas in Music and Poetry through local musicians, Schools and groups from across the Nuneaton Community

**Sunday 14th Dec**  
8PM AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH

St Nicolas Church, Vicarage St, CV11 4AZ  
[www.stnicolaschurch.org.uk](http://www.stnicolaschurch.org.uk)

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## WEDNESDAY

### Winter Warmer

St Nicolas Church •  
Wednesdays, 12–1pm  
Soup + roll served •  
Christmas music to lift the mood

St Nicolas Church •  
[www.stnicolaschurch.org.uk](http://www.stnicolaschurch.org.uk)

**Christmas  
QUIZ**

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

ST NICOLAS CHURCH  
12 VICARAGE STREET  
NUNEATON  
CV11 4AZ

NO ENTRY FEE—JUST BRING A DONATION PER TEAM: A SINGLE-BED THROW OR BLANKET, OR EVERYDAY TOILETRIES (SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, SHOWER GEL, DEODORANT, ETC.). PRACTICAL, SIMPLE ITEMS HELP MOST.

**ADMISSION BY RESERVATION ONLY**  
SO PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PLACE BY VISITING  
[WWW.THEMEGANNEWBOROUGHFOUNDATION.COM/EVENTS](http://WWW.THEMEGANNEWBOROUGHFOUNDATION.COM/EVENTS)

DONATIONS IN AID OF

**Refuge**  
For women and children.  
Against domestic violence.

परमेश्वर हामीहरूको  
**PRE Christmas  
Celebration**

मानवजातिलाई परमेश्वरसँग मिलाएर गराउने संसारको मुक्तिदाता प्रभु येशु ख्रीष्टको जन्मको उपलक्ष्यमा सम्पूर्ण महानुभावहरूमा उत्तर-मुक्ति सुख-शान्ति तथा हार्प र आन्दको शुभकामना सहित प्रि-ख्रिष्टमस कार्यक्रममा (२४) नेपाली सेवाको तर्फबाट हार्दिक निमन्त्रणा गर्दछौं।

धन्यवाद 🙏

Get Ready for a Festive Feast! Unlimited joy, carol song with worship, Dance, the inspiring Christmas Story and Nepalese Food.

**13 December at 5PM** St. Nicolas Parish Church, CV11 4AZ

संसारको सहयोग तिमीहरूका निम्ति एक जना मुक्तिदाताको जन्म भएको छ, जो ख्रीष्ट प्रभु हुनुहुन्छ।  
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You are warmly invited to a

## Blue Christmas Service

**7pm 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
St James Church, Weddington

**10am 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton

A special service to receive the hope of Christmas especially when you don't feel 'Christmassy'

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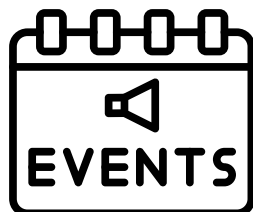
## St. Nicolas NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

A traditional service of readings and carols, helping us to reflect on the meaning of Christmas in the Beautiful and Historical setting of St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton

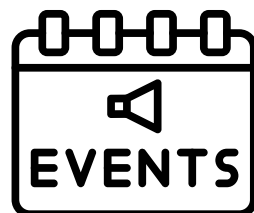
**Sunday 21st Dec**  
8PM AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH

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





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## Ashby Fish Wives CAROLS AND CHAOS

Come and Enjoy some Carols and new interpretations of well-known Christmas Songs

**Tue 16th Dec**  
7:30PM AT ST JAMES CHURCH

St James Church, Church La. CV10 0EY  
[www.stjamesweddington.org.uk](http://www.stjamesweddington.org.uk)

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## St. James COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

A carol service for the Weddington & Caldecote Community with a chance to sing your favourite Carols and hear the Christmas message in the beautiful setting of St James Church

**Mon 22nd Dec**  
7:00PM AT ST JAMES CHURCH

St James Church, Church La. CV10 0EY  
[www.stjamesweddington.org.uk](http://www.stjamesweddington.org.uk)

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## St. James CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CAROLS

A popular and festive way to begin your Christmas Eve Celebrations. This has become so popular we run this twice at 3.00pm and 4.30pm. To ensure you can get in don't forget to book. Tickets available on Eventbrite (see facebook and website for more details)

**Christmas Eve 24th Dec**  
3PM & 4:30PM AT ST JAMES CHURCH

St James Church, Church La. CV10 0EY  
[www.stjamesweddington.org.uk](http://www.stjamesweddington.org.uk)

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## Crib Service

CHRISTMAS EVE 4PM  
ST NICOLAS CHURCH NUNEATON  
ALL WELCOME  
A CHRISTMAS SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**Christmas Eve 24th Dec**  
4PM AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH

St Nicolas Church, Vicarage St. CV11 4AZ  
[www.stnicolasschurch.org.uk](http://www.stnicolasschurch.org.uk)

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## St. Nicolas MIDNIGHT MASS

A traditional and beautiful service to celebrate the first Holy Communion of Christmas

**Christmas Eve 24th Dec**  
11.30PM AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH

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## St. James CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrate this special day with Carols and sharing Holy Communion on Christmas Day

**Christmas Day 25th Dec**  
10AM AT ST JAMES CHURCH

St James Church, Church La. CV10 0EY  
[www.stjamesweddington.org.uk](http://www.stjamesweddington.org.uk)

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## St. Nicolas CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

A service for all ages on Christmas Day

**Christmas Day 25th Dec**  
10:00AM AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH

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## St. Nicolas & St. James CAROLS OF PRAISE JOINT SERVICE

A Chance to sing your favourite Carols and share why they are important to you

**Sunday 28th Dec**  
10AM AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH

St Nicolas Church, Vicarage St. CV11 4AZ  
[www.stnicolasschurch.org.uk](http://www.stnicolasschurch.org.uk)





## Mission Support



- Please pray for these organisations - be curious and find out more.
- *Could you be a link person for one of these organisations?* I would love to have someone who is able to be a point of contact for news, prayer requests and to be able to share information.

If you think you might be able to help please contact Chris or Marina through the parish office and we will discuss this further with you.

**Nuneaton Foodbank:** <https://nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk/>

**Parish Reps:** Val Bottrill & Jim Keeley

Nuneaton Foodbank attended St Nicolas festival on 29<sup>th</sup> November, read more here about their experience - <https://nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk/2025/12/04/st-nicolas-festival-29th-november-2025/>

**Nuneaton CAP:** <https://mcbcnuneaton.org.uk/cap-christians-against-poverty/>

**Parish Reps:**

**Saints: Student Lounge** <https://www.saintsnuneaton.org/student-lounge>

**Parish Reps:** Rev Dave Jones

**Signers & Speakers United:**

**Fielders 'Deaf Hearing United' mission in Uganda** (on Facebook)

**Parish Reps:**

**Tearfund:** <https://www.tearfund.org/>

**Parish Reps:**

**Bible Society** <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/>

**Parish Reps:**



### Can you Help with Food Bank?

Foodbank would love to receive additional Sleeping bags if you have any no longer needed. These can be given to Val or Jim directly.

### Can you Help with Signers and Speakers United?

Signers and Speakers United further request for any used, factory reset smartphones. New Ugandan towns and lead advocates are emerging and they need a visual communication tool which is unaffordable to them. Please pass on to Helen and Adam or via Parish Office.

## Team Contacts

**Nick Shaw** Church Warden, St Nicolas  
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## Parish Office

**St Nicolas & St James Parish Office**  
**Open Mon, Wed & Fri**

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## Safeguarding Team

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**Phil Healy** (Assistant PSO)

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## Pastoral Care & Prayer Coordinators

**Terry Lenton**

Pastoral Care & Prayer requests, St Nicolas

Email: office@stnicolaschurch.org.uk

**Rev Martin Butt**

Pastoral Care, St James

Email: office@stjamesweddington.org.uk

## Dates for your Diary

14<sup>th</sup> December

10am Pop-up Nativity (St James)

6pm St Nicolas Community Carol Concert

16th December

7pm Carols and Chaos: Ashby Fishwives (St James)

17th Dec 12-1pm Wednesday Winter Warmers (St Nics)

18th Dec 6pm Carols at Caldwell Lodge

20th Dec 10am Great Mince Pie Giveaway  
1-3pm Saints Hamper Packing

21st December

10am Children's Church Nativity (st Nics)

6pm Nine Lessons and Carols (St Nics)

22<sup>nd</sup> December

7pm Weddington & Caldecote Carol Service (St James)

23<sup>rd</sup> December

7pm Blue Christmas Service (St James)

24th December - Christmas Eve

10am Blue Christmas Service (St Nics)

4pm Crib Service (St Nics)

3pm and 4:30 Family Carol Service (st James)

11:30 Midnight mass (St Nics).

25th December - Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Communion (St James)

10am Carols around the Christmas Tree (St Nics)

28<sup>th</sup> December - Carols of Praise (St Nics) ( there will be no junior church at St Nics)