



St Nicolas
NEWBURY

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Newsletter Sunday 15 October 2017 Eighteen Sunday after Trinity

A Warm Welcome to St. Nicolas:

We are so glad you have joined us. If this is your first time here please introduce yourself to one of our host team who would love to welcome you personally.

8:00am Holy Communion

Leader: Joy Mawdesley

Readings: Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-44

10.00am Morning Worship & Baptism

Theme: Encountering Obstacles

Leader: Joy Mawdesley

Preacher: Will Hunter Smart

Reading: Acts 27:13-44

6:00pm Benefice Evensong, St Mary's Speen

Leader: Will Hunter Smart

Readings: Proverbs 3:1-18
1 John 3:1-15

Psalm: 139: 1-18

6:00pm Contemporary Worship (Hall)

Speaker: Will Briggs

Theme: Gifts that He gave

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

We welcome the family and friends of Oliver Samuel Parker who is being baptised today.

Children and Youth

StNicsKids and **Pathfinders** start in church for the beginning of the 10am service and then go to the church hall and St Nicolas House for their groups.

Ages 0 - 3: Sparklers (*Upper hall*)

Age 4 - Reception: Comets (*Upper room*)

Years 1 - 5: All Stars (*Lower hall*)

Years 6 - 8: Pathfinders (*St Nicolas Hse*)

The Firm (Years 9 -13) meet in the **Upper hall** (until October half term) at 7.30pm following the 6pm contemporary evening service.

Collect for the day

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your
commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

This Week: 16th – 20th Oct 2017

Tuesday

10:00 - 11:15 am Foundations (a group for women) in the upper hall for informal Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Pre-schoolers are also very welcome!

8:00 – 9.15pm Encounter Prayer

Wednesday

10:00 am Daybreak - a group for parents with young children

Thursday

10 am - 12 pm Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Miriam Dean Trust

10:30 am Mid-Week Holy Communion Service

Friday

7:30 pm TGI (Years 6-9)

Dates for your diary

Miriam Dean Fund Coffee Morning Our Annual Coffee morning is on Thursday 19 October in the Church Hall. Please would you support our charity by dropping in for a coffee or providing some cakes, bric-a-brac or a raffle prize. We will also need some more helpers on the day. We can collect any cakes etc. the day before. Thank you. Andy & Sheila Moore 41026.

Riding Lights 'Gospel Street' – Saturday 21 October at 7.30pm. Riding Lights' latest production is coming to St George's. It's a powerful mix of theatre, music, comedy and spoken word - a collaboration between award-winning writers, including hip-hop artist Testament. St Nic's has hosted Riding Lights in the past and we can confirm that they are well worth seeing! See posters for more info on the production. Tickets £10 (£5 concessions). Box Office 01635 41249 / 07876 038977 or ridinglights.org/gospel.

For your information

October 1/2 Term Holiday Club! Run by Mark, the children's ministry leader at Glendale Church, Will be taking place on mornings of Tues 24 & Wed 25 October at John Rankin Junior School. The theme "light of the world" - open to those ages 5-11. Contact Mark via info@glendale-church.com if you'd like more information or to book a place.

Pastoral Care If you know of anyone in the church family who could do with a little extra care and attention, or if you are in that position yourself, please do not hesitate to make contact with the Pastoral Care Team. This could be for something such as a visit at home, for transport to an appointment or a church event or to receive Home Communion. Do pass on any needs for support to Joy Mawdesley and Janet Price (who head up the team) via the church office.

Marion Burke is settling in well at Moorlands Christian College and would like to say thank you to the St Nicolas Fellowship for the gift of the "New Bible Commentary" which is very useful for dipping into, not only for the studies but also for future ministry.

Bell Ringing There will be no ringing at Newbury on Sunday 15 or Monday 16 October.

CTNA Christmas Outreach in the Kennet Centre - "Wrapped with Love 2017" We have urgent need of someone with a vision of how the shop space might be set up. Setting up will be on Saturday 16th December. We have willing volunteers and resources but need a creative director. If you are interested please contact Julie Cobbett, shawchurchoffice@btconnect.com.

The Leprosy Mission A cheque for £370 has been sent to TLM from the sales of jams etc, and generous donations. A BIG thank you to All. The Annual Coffee morning is on Thursday 16 November. We will need helpers on the day, as well as raffle prizes, cakes and bric a brac please. A desperate plea is made for someone to run it, if my situation deteriorates, please make contact via the church office. Rosemary Collins.

Thank you to all my friends at St Nics for their prayers, messages and cards. It means a lot to me to have such support. I am now at home and recovering slowly (too slowly for this impatient patient!) However, I hope to be out and about before too long. Hazel Johnston

Thoughts and Prayers We are sad to announce that our dear friend Joan Wildish died earlier in September. Joan was a long-standing member of St Nics and a very faithful member of the choir. A Memorial Service has been arranged here at St Nics at 2pm on 2nd November, with a funeral tea afterwards in the hall.

Host UK 2017 This charity whose mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes, for friendship and cultural exchange, are looking for hosts. Hospitality can be offered for one day (daytime only), three days and two nights at the weekend or at New Year, or four days and three nights during the Christmas festive period. www.hostuk.org. For further details please contact Lesley Park 01635821420 or email l.m.park@ntlworld.com.

Christmas Open Day St Nic's will be having an Open Day on Saturday 16 December, please put the date in your diary. Anyone wishing to get involved with the day can email or speak with Mandy in the church office. We would like help with refreshments, crafts, drama/storytelling, prayer, handing our mince pies and service info out the front of church and more. We would love a big team of all ages to help on the day. Anyone wishing to get involved please email or speak with Mandy in the church office.

Car Park Reminder Please can we remind the church family that the car park next to the hall belongs to Horsey Lightly and that we only have two spaces allocated for our use during the week. They are happy for us to use the car park for church events and Sunday services at the weekend. If you are able-bodied, please consider parking in the Newbury Building Society car park on a Sunday morning (free to church members from 9 - 12noon), to allow space for some of our frailer members.



**Join us for Bitesize – a three-week short course on 2, 9 and 16 November
in St Nic's Hall from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.**

Following Jesus:

A Healthy Habit - Thursday 2nd November

A Respectable Sin - Thursday 9th November, followed by:

Question Time with our Panel from St Nic's - Thursday 16th November

Refreshments, short talks, group time, friendship and fun.

Sign up by 31st October!

More flyers at the back if you would like to invite someone to join with you.

Ring or email the church office on 01635 47018 / office@st-nics.org

Please ensure that items for the
Newsletter reach the office by
10am Thursday Morning
No more than 80 words please!

Next Week: 22nd October 2017

The 19th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

6:00pm Benefice Holy Communion, St Mary's
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