



St Nicolas
NEWBURY

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Newsletter Sunday 18th February 2018 1st Sunday of Lent

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 (BCP)

Leader: Will Hunter Smart

Readings: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
John 12:20-29

10.00am Morning Worship

Theme: Praying for Power

Preacher: Will Hunter Smart

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

3:30pm Benefice Evensong

Leader: Pam McKellen

Psalm: 119: 17-32

Readings: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
Romans 5:12-19

6.00pm Contemporary Holy Communion

Leader: Will Hunter Smart

Preacher: Alex Muir

Reading: Colossians 1:15-23

Children and Youth

Over the half term the Pathfinders, The Firm and StNicsKids take a break.

The children and youth will join us in the Church for the entire service.

Pathfinders and StNicsKids will go over to the hall during the sermon today There are activity books for them which links with the theme of our service this morning.

A 'pop-up' crèche is available at the back of the church for 0-4yrs with their parents.

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: 20th – 23rd Feb 2018

Monday

7:30 pm Bell Ringing practice

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!

Wednesday

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

Thursday

10 am - 12 pm Charity Coffee Morning – India Mission Trip

10:30 am Mid-Week Holy Communion Service in Side Chapel

Friday

6:30 pm Junior Choir Practice in the Church

7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice in the Church

7:30 pm TGI (Years 6-9)

Dates for your diary

Spring Churchyard Workparty on Sat 10 March from 9.30am to midday. Anyone is welcome to bring their saws, secateurs, clippers and trowels to help maintain the greenery. Drinks, bacon butties and pastries will be served. Contact Belinda Bowrey, belinda@st-nics.org, 0755 443 6021.

Sunday 25 February, CTNA AGM-GATHERING, at St. Bart's School Hall, 6.00-8.30pm. We start at 6.00pm promptly with worship and brief sharing of the business part, followed by an hour of worship, prayers and reports. After that we are invited to take refreshments and find out more about the wonderful works of grace that God is showing to our community through all our member organisations and churches. Please put this date in your diary, all are welcome. *There will not be a 6pm Contemporary Worship here at St Nic's Hall that evening as we will be joining this service.*

Women's World Day of Prayer - 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' The interdenominational movement of the Women's World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5,000 services being held on Friday 2 March. We will join an estimate of 3 million people around the world that day in a service which has been written this year by the women of Suriname in South America. This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it. Join us at Newbury Baptist Church, Cheap Street between 10 – 11am on that Friday.

For your information

Home Insurance - An opportunity to benefit St Nics by £130. Ecclesiastical has been voted 'The UK's most trusted Home Insurance provider'. They will donate £130 to St Nics for each policy taken out this year. If you're renewing your home insurance do take advantage of this offer if it's suitable for you. If you do, please let us know! Visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or call 0800 783 0130 and quote Trust130.

Heartfelt thanks We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you as a church family for the amazing love and support you have shown us through Farhad's illness and recently, the prayer has really upheld us and knowing Farhad proclaimed his love for Jesus, such a comfort. Monday, although a very painful day, was made possible with the wonderful help and contributions by so many, some obvious and others behind the scenes, also the delicious meals brought to our door have sustained our energy at a time that was last on our minds. God bless and thank you. Lorna, Bob, Rose, Rosie, Phil and Leila.

Spacious rooms to let in the countryside with easy access to the A339 near Kingsclere. Suitable for single or couple. available March 1st. See Tutoring Solutions Website for details.
<http://www.tutoringsolutions.co.uk/?q=node/12>. Joyce.

News from Lindy Hope: The latest prayer letter from Lindy is on the notice boards at the back of the church and in the hall. It is a very full one and tells of her plans for her return to England in May for her final Home Assignment. If you'd like a copy contact Lesley Park: l.m.park@ntlworld.com or 01635 821420.

St Nic's Thursday Charity Coffee Mornings 2018/2019 – We are now taking bookings for 2019 but still have some dates available for 2018. Running a coffee morning in the church hall is a great way of making money for a charity or good cause, raising its awareness and serving the local community who come to enjoy the coffee mornings with home-made cakes, bric-a-brac, raffle and meet up with friends – do pop along if you haven't been to one before! Please contact the church office for further information and to make a booking.

Calling all SOUP MAKERS! If you are free on the second Tuesday mornings of the month, please would you consider blessing our church leaders by joining a rota to provide soups for their monthly prayer meeting. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Christine at christinein@talktalk.net
Many thanks.

A Rocha UK Fantastic opportunity to join A Rocha UK for a week of retreat, mission and discovery at A Rocha's centre in the Alpes Maritimes (South France). A Rocha is a Christian conservation charity with centres worldwide. 'Les Courmettes' is a mountain chateaux just north of Nice, near historic towns Tournettes-sur-Loup, Gourdon and St Paul de Vence. 10-16 June 2018, €350pp. For more information please contact the church office. Response required by end of February. Thanks Samantha Mullender.

Foodbank Many thanks for responding to their shortages; the revised list for February is as follows: Toilet Rolls, Beef, chicken and veg stock cubes, Washing up liquid and Instant mash. Thank you all for your amazing support. Mandy Maskell.

Palm Sunday Lunch We need people to help with cooking, food prep, serving, setting up and clearing away for our Palm Sunday Lunch for the church family this year on 25 March, straight after the 10am Service. With our wonderful head chef Hilary moving away, we are looking for a new team of volunteers to come together and organise this valued celebration. If you think you would like to help then please contact Mandy in the office or email office@st-nics.org.



Come and join our "Pop up Choir"
Saturday 24th February.

Sarah Cope will be leading us in an enjoyable sing in St Nicolas Church Hall. Door open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Finish 9.30pm. Fun warm ups, body percussion and a couple of songs from Sister Act!!

No need to read music.

All ladies welcome, bring your friends.

Easter Open Day

Our next Open Day will take place on from 11am – 3pm on Saturday, 24 March.

If you want to get involved with the day and would like to offer some help for a couple of hours, please contact the church office.

We are looking for people to welcome, help with simple craft, serve in our café, hand out hot cross buns on the streets and help in the kitchen.

Many hands make light work! Looking forward to hearing from you.

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

Next Week 25 February 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Celebration

6:00pm No service. CTNA Service at St. Barts.

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