



St Nicolas  
NEWBURY

Being Good News. Bringing Good News.

## Newsletter Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Seventh Sunday of Easter

### 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 (CW)

**Leader:** Will Briggs

**Readings:** Acts 1:6-14  
John 17:1-11

#### 10.00am Holy Communion & Baptism

**Theme** Waiting for the Spirit

**Leader:** Will Hunter Smart

**Preacher:** Joy Mawdesley

**Readings:** Acts 1:1-11

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

**Leader:** Pam McKellen

**Readings:** 1 Peter 4:7-11  
John 15:26-16:4a

#### 6:00pm Contemporary Worship (Hall)

**Theme:** Countering the Darkness

**Leading:** Will Briggs

**Preacher:** Will Hunter Smart

**Reading:** Luke 11:14-36

***We welcome the family and friends of Isaac Rendall who is being baptised today.***

### Children and Youth

**As it is half term there is no children's work today.**

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

***As children come in they will be handed an activity book 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

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

# *This Week May 29<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> June*

## **Thursday**

10 am - 12 pm

Charity Coffee Morning in aid of St Mary's Shaw

10:30 am

Mid-Week Holy Communion Service

## *Dates for your diary*

**Churchyard Gardening Team** continues planting on Saturday 3 June and 10 June, from 10am to 12noon. Do bring your tools, and family to share the work. Your rewards are refreshments & snacks with good humour. Belinda B 0755 443 0621.

**Women@St.Nic's** Saturday 10 June is the date for the next Women's Breakfast. Starting at 8.30am in St Nicolas Hall, we will hear from Sue Elliott and Angela Turton about their roles as Newbury Street Pastors. We'd love to see you there and feel free to invite friends. No charge but donations welcome. Any questions, contact Pip Peacock, pip412@gmail.com or speak to Mandy in the office.

## *Can you help?*

**Churchyard Garden Coffee Morning** The Thursday coffee morning on 15 June will be in aid of the Churchyard garden enabling us to update the planting. Cakes, tombola prizes, bric a brac and help on the day would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks. Belinda and Viv.

**Urgent! Coffee Morning Cancellation** Do you know a charity that would like to hold a coffee morning on Thursday 22 June here at St Nic's? We have had a cancellation and would like to fill the slot. Contact Mandy in the office (office:st-nics.org/47018).

## *For your information*

**Thank you!** On behalf of all my family I want to thank the St Nicolas Church Community. We are very grateful for the love that the church showed to Jo and me when she became ill - the regular visits were much appreciated and showed how people cared for us. Following Jo's stroke the visits of Will HS and Joy to the Rainbow Room gave the family so much strength at a difficult time. We were all so appreciative of the efforts of the many people who gave their time to make the funeral day an occasion which I know that Jo would have been so happy with. Thank you to; the ladies in the office, the flower arrangers, the choir and organist, and Will for conducting both services with such thoughtfulness. Thank you for all those that attended and gave so generously to the charities, and those that were unable to come who prayed for us and sent such kind words of comfort. St Nicolas Church remains a special place for the whole Eatwell family. Thank you Ewart Eatwell.

**Summer Clothes for Refugees** are urgently needed in camps in Greece. West Berkshire Action for Refugees are collecting specific items including sunhats, lightweight modest sleeved tops for women, good condition t-shirts, light jeans and trousers for all ages (not babies). Bring to Vets4Pets, Greenham Road RG14 7HX when open. Help needed with sorting 10:00-13:00 on Thursdays 1st and 8th June. See Facebook and website for details.

**The Leprosy Mission** Thank you to all who pass on used stamps, postcards etc. for the mission. They sell them and money supports those with leprosy, though treatment, surgery, permanent disabilities, training facilities, and also to educate communities. Leprosy is not a curse, but families, villages, schools, etc. need to learn this. Read the latest New Day magazine, free from the back of church, to learn more. Grateful thanks also for donations and purchase of marmalades and, most of all, your PRAYERS. Rosemary Collins.

**Men's Quiet Day** 'Is listening to God in 2017 a luxury or a necessity?' There is a quiet day for Men at Masons Farm, Hamstead Marshall, Berkshire, RG20 0HT on Saturday 10th June, from 11am-5pm (including lunch) led by Patrick Whitworth. For more info please contact 07597 127801 or hallamgoad@gmail.com.

**COINS Session Worker Opportunity** There is an exciting opportunity to join the COINS team of schools' outreach workers leading and organising lunchtime or after-school Christian clubs, taking assemblies and RE lessons, and helping with special events in Newbury area schools. We are looking for a suitably qualified person willing to work initially for 6 to 8 hours per week, term time only. Applicants should have a passion for sharing their faith with young people in a sensitive and effective manner. For info contact Liz on lizahow@btinternet.com Closing date for applications – Friday 16th June. Interviews during the week beginning 28 June will include conducting a small group session with children.

**The Christian Aid Week** a very sincere thank you to all who helped to collect in the Central Newbury Area and to everyone who contributed either through the House-to-House Collection or St. Nicolas' Church; over £850.00 - a splendid total - with a little more expected to come in. Trevor Maines - Chairman of the Newbury Committee.

**Also** St Nic's have received a thank you letter from Christian Aid for the collection made the weekend of Palm Sunday in response to their Emergency East Africa Crisis Appeal; a total of £512.71 which was gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

**CTNA Pentecost in the Park, Sunday 4 June** at the bandstand in Victoria Park. Starting at 1pm with a picnic, followed by a service of praise and thanksgiving and ending the afternoon with fun activities including face painting, balloon modelling, storytelling, circus skills, crafts, sports, prayer and more. This free event is open to all. Why not pack some extra food and bring family and friends along with you? Just as the first Pentecost was a public demonstration of God's great love for us so too we have an opportunity to celebrate in public and to ask God to pour out His blessing on our town of Newbury.



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## Ascension to Pentecost

### 25th May — 4th June 2017



**Half Night of Prayer**  
**Here at St Nicolas Church**  
Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017  
6 p.m. — Midnight

**Lunchtime Prayer in the Lady Chapel**  
Monday to Friday 12:30 — 1 p.m.

Join St Nic's as we take part in the Global Wave of Prayer

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

#### Next Week: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

#### Pentecost

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am All Age

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

6:00pm Contemporary Worship (in the Hall)

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