



St Nicolas
NEWBURY

Being Good News. Bringing Good News.

Newsletter Sunday 25th June 2017 Second 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 (CW)

Leader: Will Hunter Smart

Readings: Psalm 6
Mark 14:32-42

10.00am Morning Worship

Theme Praying our tears

Leader: Joy Mawdesley

Preacher: Will Hunter Smart

Readings: Psalm 6
Mark 14:32-42

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

Leader: Will Hunter Smart

Readings: Psalm 6
Mark 14:32-42

6:00pm Contemporary Worship (Hall)

Countering the self-secure

Theme: Will Hunter Smart

Leader: Joy Mawdesley

Preacher: Luke 12:13-48

Reading:

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 hall*)

Years 1 - 6: All Stars (*Lower hall*)

Years 7 -9: Pathfinders (*St Nicolas House*)

The Firm (Years 10-13) meet in St Nicolas House at 7.30pm following the 6pm contemporary evening service.

Collect for the day

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

This Week May 26th - 30th June

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 Coffee Morning – StNicsKids League of Friends WBCH

10:30 am Mid-Week Holy Communion Service

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

St Nicolas Fellowship Please join us if you can on Monday 26 June at 2.30pm when Edward Carthy is coming to talk to the Fellowship about his work as a Youth Minister. All welcome.

Women's Coffee, Chat and Swim, Tuesday 4th July - Cancelled This event has been cancelled because it clashes with the visit of Bishop Stephen on the same evening at St Nicolas Church. Sorry for any disappointment but all are welcome to come and hear Bishop Stephen. The new Women's programme for September onwards will be available soon. Don't forget about the Women's Day on 14th October. Leaflets available at the back. Book early to avoid disappointment!!

Music for a Summer's Day - 2pm, TODAY (25th June) at St Nicolas InCantata Ladies Choir, directed by Nic Cope, will be performing a free concert in the grounds of St Nicolas (weather permitting). This will be a lovely opportunity to enjoy some well-known and perhaps new songs and other music in the pleasant green ambiance of the church grounds. Tea and cake will be available (£3). Guest artiste - Saxophonist Victoria Benjamin. All welcome. Come and go as you please. The concert will end about 3pm.

Can you help?

Holiday Club Workshop On Sunday 2nd July, please bring a packed lunch and join us in the hall after the All Age service between 11-2pm, where the Maskell's will be running a Holiday Club Workshop to prepare stage set, decorations and banners for the week. There will be workshop options suitable for all ages. We specifically need people with skills in set-building/carpentry, fabric, potato-printing(!) and cardboard cut-out design work. That said, there are tasks for all abilities!

Annual Report We are looking for someone to take on production of our Annual Report of Parish Activities – the A5 booklet produced for the APCM full of all the various activities, groups and courses we run at St Nics. You would be given support (full instruction / guidance). Good admin skills are a distinct advantage! Please let me know if you might be interested or for more information call 01635 285 711. Many thanks, Libby Lake

Your community needs you! Victoria Park Nursery School, your local Outstanding nursery, is looking for more governors to sit on the Governing Board. We need volunteers who are committed to making sure that the Nursery provides the best possible education for all its pupils at this critical stage of their education. You don't need to have done it before, as there is excellent training available. What you do need is some time, plenty of altruism, and the desire to help oversee the strategy of the Nursery. If you're interested, please contact Will Hunter Smart who will put you in touch with the school.

For your information

Choir stalls and the chancel

You may have noticed that the choir stalls have not been returned to the chancel following the Spring Festival in May. We have decided to keep them in storage for June and July. This is to allow us to experiment with how we use the space in the chancel, with a view to possible changes to the chancel and the dais in the future. It will also give us valuable extra space for children during the holiday club at the end of July. The choir stalls are due to be returned on August 1st.

Holiday Club Sign Up Open! Roll up, enrol up!! The circus is coming to St Nic's Church at Holiday Club this summer...Join us as we learn from circus heroes of the Bible, such as Daniel the Lion-Tamer, Jonah the Escape Artist and Elijah the fire-eater...4 action-packed days of craft, circus skills, drama, games, competition and fun! Open to all children in School Years 1-6. From 9.45am-12.15pm each day from Tuesday 25 - Friday 28 July. Registration forms available at the back. Advance registration is essential - **please return completed forms to the Church Office by 30th June**. Contact amba@st-nics.org for more information.

Prayer Support The prayer support team are available at the main Sunday services to pray with anyone who has prayer needs, always confidentially. Please come at any time during the service or after taking communion. In addition, again confidentially, the team pray regularly for people on a long-term sick list and run a prayer chain when emergency requests arise. If you have any particular needs that you would like the team to pray for, either write your request on the paper provided by the prayer box on the welcome desk, or email prayer@st-nics.org.



An evening with Rt Revd Stephen Croft Bishop of Oxford

4 July 2017, 7.30pm
St Nicolas Church Newbury

*Refreshments, short act of worship, talk by Bishop Stephen
and open questions to the Bishop*

*Bishop Stephen has been encouraging people to think about how we become a
more Christ-like church, and has drawn our attention to Matthew 5.1-12 – the
Beatitudes as a key resource*

All welcome

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

Next Week: 2nd July 2017

The 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am All Age Service

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

6:00pm Contemporary Worship (Hall)

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