

Newsletter Sunday 17 February 2019

Third Sunday before 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
Leader: Pat Willis
Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
Luke 6: 17-26

10.00am: Morning Worship
Theme: Compassionate Saviour
Preacher: Will Hunter Smart
Readings: Luke 23: 26-49

6.00pm Benefice Evensong
Leader: Jane Sutton
Psalm: 6
Readings: Hosea 10: 1-8 & 12
Galatians 4: 8-20

6.00pm: Contemporary Worship (Hall)
Theme: Keep Watch!
Leader: Will Hunter Smart
Preacher: Marcia Wadham
Reading: Mark 13

***The Church Office will be closed MONDAY 18 February.
It will be open as normal Tuesday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm.***

Children and Youth

Collect for the Day

StNicksKids 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 (Upstairs balcony)
Years 1 - 5: All Stars (Lower hall)
Years 6 - 9: Pathfinders (St Nicolas Hse)

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

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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: 18 – 22 February 2019

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

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Charity Coffee Morning – In aid of Hope for Africa

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

Notice of PCC Meeting The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28 February at 8.00pm in the Church Hall for all members of the PCC.

Youth Fundraising Ceilidh Saturday 23 February at 6.00pm at St. Nics Church Hall. Performance Piece during dinner. Fish & Chip Supper Served at 7.30pm (Fish/Sausage/Vegetarian options available when purchasing ticket). Squash provided, but do bring your own wine or beer. Tickets available at Sunday Service or by contacting: ed@st-nics.org. £8 Adult, £6 Under 18, £4 Under 10 and £25 Family Ticket – Parents and their under 18s.

Bus of Hope Annual General Meeting (AGM) Please accept an invitation to our AGM. Looking forward to an evening of fellowship, food and hearing of what God has been doing in different areas of Our Ministry in the past year. Saturday, 23 February between 6:30pm – 10:00pm, at the Kennet Christian Centre, 12 Enborne Rd, Newbury, RG14 6AH. To confirm your attendance, please email aga@busofhope.com.

CTNA Annual General Meeting and Gathering will be on the 24 February at St. Nic's. from 6pm to 8pm. Refreshments will be provided in the church hall thereafter and all are welcome to visit the tables of our organisations.

APCM Report of Parish Activities Our 2019 APCM is on Wednesday 24 April. Each year we produce a booklet of all the activities we run at St Nics over the previous year. If you have run an activity or course for St Nicolas Church this year, then your report for the booklet is due by Sunday 3 March. Please email to libby@st-nics.org, or contact me if you need more information/assistance. Many thanks for all your enthusiasm and commitment. Libby Lake

For Your information

Road Closure We have been advised that Bartholomew Street will be closed on Sunday 24 February. There will be no access from West Mills/Lloyds Bank along the front of the church to the Market Street Junction. This is between 6am and 10am on Sunday Morning.

Newbury YMCA will be with us at the morning and evening services for a "Sunday Stall" organised by the TOWN Team. We will hear about their work and opportunities to help with their ministry. We welcome our own Becky Bird together with Erin Peace and Sue Smith from YMCA; do take the opportunity to chat with them, and learn more, over refreshments after the services.

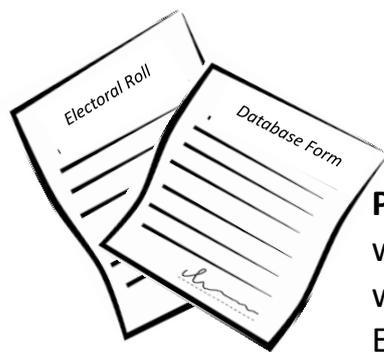
West Berkshire Homeless Shelter in West Street (near MacDonald's) is now open and provides bed and shelter to those not fortunate enough to have a place of their own. Volunteers are needed for two shifts each evening / night; the evening shift is 18:00 – 22:00 and the night shift is 21:45 – 08:30. We do need more helpers - please contact Martha Vickers on 01635 230046 or Eleanor Mullens on 01635 254700 who can tell you more of what is involved.

Hope for Africa coffee morning Thursday 21st February 10 til noon. We are looking to raise funds for the annual youth conference in Lesotho. This is a really key event in our partner church's calendar. The young people continue to gain confidence through hearing motivational speakers and being mentored. We have seen young people, who previously felt they had little to contribute, see new opportunities and thrive. Can you help us please with donations of cakes, raffle prizes, bric a brac - February is a great time to clear out some cupboards! If you can join us for coffee or help on the day that would be great. Vivien Staunton.

West Berks Foodbank We are short of the following items to make up the 'Store Cupboard' boxes. These are given to clients if needed and in addition to the standard food parcel. Urgently Needed: Self raising flour (500g) and Sunflower oil (500ml). Low on Stock: Kitchen roll and Stock cubes: Chicken, Beef & Vegetable. Well Stocked: Please, no pasta, soup or beans. Sue Stevenson, Collections Manager.

Keep Watch and Pray We will be holding Lent Prayer Evenings on 27 March, 3 & 10 April. Please keep these dates free in your diaries if this is something you would like to attend. More information to follow.

Listen Again! The sermons given at the 10am and 6pm service each Sunday, here at St Nicolas Church, are recorded and placed on our website www.st-nics.org.



Do we have your data?!

Electoral Roll and Database forms

Preparation of new Electoral Roll According to Church of England rules we need to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll this year. We would really like all members of St Nic's to add their name to the new Electoral Roll, whether your name was entered on the present one or

not. The Electoral Roll is an important statistic for St Nic's and the Church of England. Those on the Roll are eligible to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. To join you do need to be baptised, aged 16yrs or over and have attended St Nic's for six months. There are **yellow forms** at the back of church. The Roll will close on Sunday, 31st March 2019.

Are you on the Church Database? As we renew our Electoral Roll, we want to make sure that everyone is on the church database. If you have joined St Nic's recently, please fill out one of our database forms. If you're not sure if you are on our database then please check with Mandy after the Sunday services, or contact her in the week. The **purple forms** are at the back of church, so please join the database and help us to communicate effectively with you.

***For further information please speak to Mandy Maskell our Church Administrator,
T: 47018, Email: mandy@st-nics.org.***

We are GDPR compliant. Please look at our privacy policy available on the noticeboards in our buildings, or pick up an ER privacy policy today.

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

Sunday 24 February 2019

Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

6.00pm CTNA Gathering in the church

No 6pm Service in the hall

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