

Benefice of St Nicholas Newport and St Michael and All Angels Chetwynd
Newsletter 11/10/26

Musings

On 9th October the Church remembered Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln. He was a man of many parts, theologian, scientist, statesman, writer and poet. I confess a personal affection for Robert Grosseteste, having at one time studied at Bishop Grosseteste College in Lincoln. First, there's the name Grosseteste – Bighead. Robert Bighead! Was this a family surname? Did he actually have a big head? Or did this refer to the fact that he didn't suffer fools gladly and had decided opinions?

He appears to have been a self-made man, born to a family of modest means in Suffolk around 1170. He gained a post in the household of the Bishop of Hereford and then moved to Paris to continue his studies and his writing. In later life, in 1235, he became Bishop of Lincoln. He was zealous to reform the Church. According to one story he banned the playing of football in the cathedral!

Robert was a keen observer of nature and the workings of God's Creation. To study this he developed the beginnings of what we call scientific method. He undertook experiments which led to findings which led to generalisations which he then tested. Drawing on this he established the basics of optics which would in later centuries lead to the development of telescopes and microscopes. He also attempted to describe the laws pertaining to space and gravity. All this centuries before Isac Newton or the Big Bang Theory.

Robert Grosseteste received many gifts from God. God gives gifts to each one of us. We pray he will help us discern these gifts and show us how to use them in his service.

Sandra

This week beginning 11/10/26
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion
St Nicholas
Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Next week beginning 18/10/26
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer
St Nicholas
Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(Common Worship)

Readings 11/10/26 Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14
 18/10/26 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

Welcome to New Rector

The Collation and Induction service for our new rector, Revd Pippa White, will be on Saturday 17th October at 2pm at Chetwynd Church. All are welcome to join in this joyful occasion. We look forward to meeting Pippa as she begins her new role with us.

Pre-Christmas Meeting

You are invited for a cuppa, cake and fellowship in St Nicholas Church at 3pm on Thursday 22nd October 2026. As usual the church is very booked up during late November and throughout December with Christmas Events. We need offers of help to manage these events successfully, so please come along and volunteer. Any help will be greatly appreciated Best wishes Irene St Nicholas PCC

Light Party

Churches Together in Newport will be holding a Light Party for children aged 4-11 in the Baptist Church on Saturday 31st October from 4pm to 5.30pm. Games, crafts, songs and refreshments. All are welcome. For more information please see the notice in St Nicholas Church. More volunteers needed.

We pray for the Revd Pippa White as she prepares for her Collation and Induction service as rector in our parishes. We pray that God will guide her, reassure her and support her in her ministry and mission.

We remember in our prayers: Joyce and Geoff, Jo and Mike, Minoo and Iraj, Margaret and Maurice and the families of Margaret Collinson and George Smyth.

The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it. *Psalms 89 verse 11*

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