

Benefice of St Nicholas Newport and St Michael and All Angels Chetwynd
Newsletter 20/9/26

Musings

The 21st September is the day of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. I expect many of us remember as children hearing the story of St Matthew, the tax-collector who was called by Jesus and immediately left his money, stood up and followed Jesus. As well as this story in St Matthew's Gospel, similar stories are found in the Gospels of Mark and Luke, but there the name of the tax-collector is Levi, son of Alphaeus. In all three Gospels, in the lists of the disciples one of them is named as James, son of Alphaeus, leading some to suggest that Matthew (or Levi) and James were brothers.

After the ascension of Jesus, Matthew travelled around Judea, spreading the Good News of Jesus. Later he travelled farther afield although details of where he went are hazy. He is believed to have been in Iran and in Ethiopia, where he is reputed to have been martyred. Tradition also says that Matthew the Apostle wrote the Gospel according to St Matthew. Writers in the 1st and 2nd centuries say that he wrote it for the church in Judea, first writing in Hebrew and then translating it into Greek. Recent discoveries have caused some scholars to doubt that this is so.

We read in the Bible about the calling of St Matthew and of other disciples like the fishermen Simon and Andrew and James and John who immediately left their boats to follow Jesus. They are held up to us as examples of how we should follow the call of Jesus. But many of us are more like the man who wanted to go and say good-bye to his family first or even the rich man who did not want to give up his wealth. We pray that God through his grace will give us the courage to follow him whenever and to wherever he calls us.

Sandra

This week beginning 20/9/26

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Next week beginning 27/9/26

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Harvest Festival

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
(Common Worship)

Readings	20/9/26	Philippians 1:21-end, Matthew 20:1-16
	27/9/26 St Nicholas	2Corinthians 9:6-15, Matthew 6:25-33
	Chetwynd	Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

Lunches

The combined Ladies and Gentlemen's Lunches will be on Friday 25th September at 12.30pm at The Swan at Forton. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in St Nicholas church where there is further information.

Harvest Festivals

St Nicholas Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 27th September at 10.30am. Gifts, goods or cash, will be donated to the Newport Foodbank.

St Michael and All Angels Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 4th October at 9.00am. Gifts will be donated to the Newport Foodbank.

Pre-Loved & Table Top Sale

This will be held in the Parish Rooms on New Street on Saturday 3rd October 10.am to 4.00pm. All proceeds to St Nicholas Church Renovations and Repairs Fund. Tables for hire £10 per table. Please bring donations of clothing, books etc. into church by Wednesday 30th September. Cakes wanted and volunteers to assist with refreshments and on stalls.

To donate or book please contact 07305 326482 or stnicsnewport@gmail.com

We pray for peace and stability in our world so that economies may stabilise to the benefit of those in need.

We remember in our prayers: Joyce and Geoff, Jo and Mike, Minoo and Iraj and Margaret and Maurice. We pray too for the family of Damien McLoughlin

How priceless is your unfailing love Psalm 36 verse 7a

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