

Benefice of St Nicholas Newport and St Michael and All Angels Chetwynd

Newsletter 7/6/26

Musings

The starlings all seem to have babies. And, on some days, it seems as if every starling family in Newport are gathered around my birdfeeders. It is lovely to watch the parents feeding their fledglings as they gently drop food into the babies' mouths. It is a never-ending task. The babies' beaks are always open for more food no matter how quickly the parents fly back and forth to try to satisfy them. Although I admire their dedication, they are a quarrelsome bunch, always squabbling over which bird feeder they prefer. Even the babies argue over their place. (Perhaps it is because the parents don't set a better example?) Worse though, is that they don't let the smaller birds have any share in the food. They noisily chase them away. The cheeky sparrows try to dodge their way in but often get pecked for their trouble.

When I then watch or listen to the news, I sometimes wonder if we are any better than the starlings. It seems like those with power (and weapons) bully those less able to protect themselves. This happens within countries and between countries. It can feel like the school bullies now rule the world.

Yet Jesus tells us that God judges us by how we treat those less fortunate than ourselves. (Matthew 25:37-40). He tells us to care for the poor, the hungry and the homeless. And he tells us not to retaliate but to love our enemies. (Matthew 5:38-44).

Each day we pray 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done'. We pray that God will show us how we may play our part to make this happen.

Sandra

This week beginning 7/6/26

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer

Next week 14/6/26

St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

(Common Worship)

Readings: 7/6/26 Romans 4:13-end, Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

14/6/26 Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8

Carnival

Newport Carnival will be held on Saturday 13th June. There will be activities in and around St Nicholas Church. Volunteers are needed on Friday 12th June from 6.30pm to help move tables and on the Saturday, especially between 1pm and 3pm, to help with the outdoor games.

St Nicholas church are organising the refreshments, if you can spare an hour or two on Saturday to help or if you can donate a cake please see the notice on the noticeboard in church or speak to Sue Wilson.

Fashion Show

There will be a Fashion Show on Tuesday 23rd June at 7pm in the Parish Rooms in aid of church funds. For tickets or more information please speak to Irene Evans (07570 296304).

We pray for all working to promote peace and for organisations working in conflict zones to help those in need.

We remember in our prayers: Chris, Brian, Iraj and Minoo, Pat, Margaret and Maurice and Vanessa.

Also the families of: Joyce Parton, Joan West and Margaret Kaleta

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Matthew 5 verse 9

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