

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

Newsletter 9/8/26

Musings

We have had 3 heatwaves this summer so far and we are told that next week temperatures may again break the heatwave threshold. Average temperatures in Europe are rising even faster than in the rest of the world. The effects of this global rise in temperature are beginning to hit home. Many of us are finding that our homes were designed to keep the heat in, not keep it out. The effect on nature is plain to see. Many of our gardens are suffering and we are advised we may need to change our plants for those which enjoy a drier summer. Some plants though have thrived. The lavender has bloomed wonderfully this year, although the flowers have begun to die off earlier than usual. The result of these heatwaves though is more serious for farmers and growers. Crops have grown poorly due to lack of rain and fields are parched providing poor food for the sheep and cattle who usually graze there.

As our great-grandparents and great-great-grandparents sought to make progress, invent machinery, increase production and improve living conditions along the way, they never foresaw the problems this would cause. Unless we want to give up the benefits they have brought us, more comfortable homes, easier travel, technology, we must seek ways to lessen the rate of temperature rise.

We know that God loves this world he has created, and more, he loves all of us, his children. If we pray and listen to him, solutions will be found. Although it may be wise, in the short term, to keep those fans handy.

Sandra

This week beginning 9/8/26

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 16/8/26

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

9/8/26 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Matthew 14:22-33

16/8/26 Genesis 45:1-15, Matthew 15:10-28

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Bells

The renovation work on the bells of St Nicholas Church will begin on 24th August. The work will take 2 – 6 weeks.

Lunches

The Ladies and Gentlemen's lunches will take place on Friday 28th August at 12.30pm. The ladies will meet at Gunero's and the gentlemen at the New Inn

Summer Festival 2026

A fun filled afternoon for all the family. Entry is free. There will be crafts, parachute games, snacks. Win prizes in the Back to School Bingo. Prayer spaces and free Bibles. All are welcome.

Saturday August 29th from 12.00pm to 3.00pm at Victoria Park

We pray that God will prosper the work of scientists and environmentalists as they seek ways to limit the increase in global warming.

We remember in our prayers: David, Jo and Mike, Margaret and Maurice, Joyce and Geoff and Iraj and Minoo.

We pray too for Sue and all the family of David Askin

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? *Psalms 27 verse 1*

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