



St Nicolas
NEWBURY

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Newsletter Sunday 25th March 2018 Palm Sunday

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: Will Hunter Smart

Readings: Mark 11:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2,19-end

10.00am All Age Celebration

Preacher: Will Briggs

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*There is no 3:30pm
Benefice Service
at St Mary's, Speen this week.*

6.00pm Contemporary Holy Communion

Leader: Will Briggs

Preacher: Joy Mawdesley

Reading: Colossians

Children and Youth

**As it is our All Age Celebration
there is no children's work today.**

**The children and youth will join
us in the Church for the service.**

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the
human race sent your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility, and also
be made partakers of his resurrection;
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: 26th – 30th March 2018

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 am - 12 pm Charity Coffee Morning – St Nic's raising money for SCOPE

10:30 am Mid-Week Holy Communion Service

Dates for your diary

Easter Flower Arranging We will be arranging flowers for Easter on Saturday 31 March from 9.30am – 12.30pm in St Nic's church. You are very welcome to come along and join members of the regular team in arranging flowers to enhance the welcome and beauty of the church ready for the celebration of Easter Sunday! We are also always grateful for any spare greenery which can be brought to the church first thing on the Saturday. For further information, contact Maria Muir or Judith Crockford via the church office.

Church Office Closed The church office will be closed for a week during the Easter break from Tues 3rd April – Friday 6th April. It will be open as normal the week beginning 9th April.

APCM on Wednesday 25 April at 7.45pm. All are welcome to our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church Hall where we will elect new members to the PCC. This year there are 6 vacancies for the PCC and 1 vacancy for the Deanery Synod. We will also elect our 2 Church Wardens. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact the office for a nomination form or speak to one of the clergy for more details.

For your information

The Hallelujah Chorus The choir are finishing our Worship on Easter Sunday Morning by singing the Hallelujah Chorus. If you would like to, please do join us, there will be music at the back available from the welcomers. We will also have the words on the screen. You could either sing from where you are or if you wish to be among similar voice parts do come and join the choir during the last hymn. "Its almost a Flash mob Hallelujah!" Thank you to Bertram for suggesting it. Sarah and Nic.

Good Friday 30th March at 10.30am. There will be a United Service at St. Nic's Church which will be followed by a walk through the town towards the Methodist Church. We will gather together in the garden of the Methodist Church to sing a couple of hymns before enjoying hot cross buns in the Church Hall. *(Refreshments will be in aid of, and served by, Christian Aid).*

Easter Sunday Early Morning Service 1st April @ 7am.

A joyful short prayer service of celebration of our Risen Saviour, Jesus Christ, from 7 to 7.30am at the Bandstand in Victoria Park, followed by refreshments on the Bus of Hope in the Wharf.

Thoughts and Prayers Many of the congregation will know Alan Isaacs, a member of St Nicolas for many years. Sadly, Alan died on Wednesday 14 March in Basingstoke Hospital. Alan's funeral is at West Berkshire Crematorium on Wednesday, 18th April 2018 at 11.15am.

Electoral Roll and APCM - Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on Wed 25 April. In order to stand for a position or vote at the meeting you need to be on the St Nicolas Church Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll is open for new members **until Wed 28 March**. In order to join the Electoral Roll, you need to be baptised and have been attending the church for six months. If you would like to join, then please take a yellow form from the back or from the church office.

Coffee Morning 5th April - We are holding a coffee morning for our partner church in Lesotho. We will be raising money to fund their annual youth conference. If you can bake a cake, help on the day or donate a prize to the tombola or something for the bric-a-brac stall we would be very grateful. Many thanks . Vivien Staunton.

Trustee vacancies Newbury Church & Almshouse Charity (NCAAC) is looking for voluntary board members to contribute to the running of this small/busy charity. NCAAC provides low cost housing for people in need within Newbury and provides relief in need for non-residents in the local area. The charity also contributes towards the maintenance of the fabric of the parish church of St Nicolas. Board members meet at least three times per year, and also take an active role in other duties including visits to residents, review of maintenance projects and financial reviews. Applications are welcome from those with broad business skills, and an interest in the work of the charity. For an informal discussion, please contact Vicki Murphy, Clerk to the Trustees, on 07538 880428 / clerk@newburyalmshouses.com.

Staff Vacancy – Children's Minister (Maternity Cover) Up to 25 hours per week. Possibility of a job-share.

The PCC would like to recruit a part-time Children's Minister for maternity cover, starting in either June or September 2018. We realise that this role may appeal to applicants who would not be able work 25 hours and we are open to the possibility of a job share.

We are looking for someone who is:

- passionate about teaching the gospel to children and seeing them grow in faith in Jesus Christ
- able to lead and coordinate the many different volunteers within the existing children's ministry
- committed to seeing the ministry develop and grow for effective outreach to our town

Application deadline: 30th March

For a full job description contact Libby Lake (libby@st-nics.org or 01635 285 711)

For an informal discussion about this post contact the Rector (will@st-nics.org or 01635 285 710)

It is a Genuine Occupational Requirement that this post be filled by a Christian.

DBS Enhanced Disclosure is required.

St Nicolas Church Summer Holiday Club 2018

Are you in School Years 1-5?
Come and be trained along with the best at St Nic's

SUPERHERO TRAINING ACADEMY

Tues 24th - Fri 27th July + Sun 29th

Craft - Drama - Competitions - Games - Cooking - Challenges Join us as we explore the SUPER-POWERS of the greatest SUPERHERO of all time...and embrace the SUPER-MISSION left to us!!

Sign Up opens 1st May!

Already a fully qualified SUPERHERO?

*Youth in School Years 6-13 and grown-ups welcome to apply to join the fun as helpers!
Contact holidayclub@st-nics.org for more information.*

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

Next Week – 1st April 2018

Easter Day

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion

No Evening or Benefice Service

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