

WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome you if you are a visitor or newcomer to the church. If you'd like to, please make yourself known to the sidesperson or a churchwarden. We use a variety of liturgy. There is a T loop in the church for the benefit of people with hearing aids.

There are toys, a WC and changing facilities, which you can use at any time, in the vestry opposite the entrance.

READINGS

Ezekiel 37.1-14

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' ⁴ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath^[a] to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath^[a] in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath:^[a] Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath,^[a] and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

John 14.23-29

²³ Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate,^[a] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Please note Alison's working hours:

- Monday 09:30 to 13:00
- Tuesday 09:30 to 12.30
- Thursday 09:30 to 13:00

TONIGHT AT ST NICHOLAS

Pause for Thought

6pm - Psalms: The Poetry of the Psalms - with Joel Denno

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon 23rd May

9am Morning Prayer

Wed 25th May

9.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

Followed by coffee and cake.

9.30am Toddlers in the church hall

9pm Compline live on FaceBook

Fri 27th May

Lunch Club – fully booked.

FRIDAY 27TH MAY AT MARSTON URC

Prom Praise: 50th Anniversary

Enjoy All Souls Orchestra and choir on stage at the Royal Albert Hall, all without leaving Marston!

Marston URC is hosting a showing of Prom Praise at 3 pm on Fri 27 May. To book a place, contact Ian Simpson simpsoniang2@gmail.com or Tel 078 6020 9998, or turn up on the day. Cost £5. See the poster for further details.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday 4th June

Garden Party and Open Vicarage

Sunday 5th June 6pm

Choral Evensong for the Jubilee



NEXT SUNDAY 29TH MAY SERVICES

Ascension Day

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion

OPEN GARDEN

Maureen Davis will be opening her garden at 17 Hayes Close with all donations to Divya Shanthi on:

- Saturday 28th May, 10am – 6pm
- Sunday 29th May, 2-6pm

See more about the work of Divya Shanthi on our website:

www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk/divya-shanthi/

PLEASE NOTE

This Pew Sheet is also available on the website:

www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk

A LEAVING PRESENT FOR ANDY GOSLER

If anyone would like to contribute to Andy's leaving present, please pass your envelope (clearly marked **for Andy's leaving present**) to one of the churchwardens or to Geoff Hale.

A PICTURE ALBUM FOR ANDY GOSLER

We would like to give Andy a pictorial record of his time at St Nic's. If you have a digital photo of Andy, taken during his time with us, which you would like to see included, please attach it to an email and send to Judith Piggott via judith.piggott25@gmail.com

You're the Word of God the Father

You're the Word of God the Father,
From before the world began;
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice:
Let the skies declare Your glory,
Let the land and seas rejoice!

You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
With a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.

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22ND MAY 2022

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (CW)

The Fifth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

TODAY'S SERVICES

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Led by Revd Skye Denno

Epistle: James 1.22

Gospel: John 16.23

(pp 142-144 in the BCP)

10am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Skye Denno

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37.1-14 *

Gospel: John 14.23-29 *

*see below

<i>Setting:</i>	Marston Setting - <i>Barker</i>
<i>Processional:</i>	Christ the Lord is risen again CP141
<i>Gradual:</i>	Breathe on me, breath of God CP174
<i>Offertory</i>	We cannot measure how you heal CP348
<i>Communion:</i>	A Gaelic Blessing – Rutter <i>Junior & Youth Choir singing</i>
<i>Recessional:</i>	You're the word of God the Father – <i>See back page for words.</i>