

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'd be delighted if you'd join us for coffee in the church hall after the service. We use a variety of liturgy. There is a T loop in the church for the benefit of people with hearing aids.

Children join us today in the services. There is a WC and changing facilities, which you can use at any time, in the vestry opposite the entrance. There is no collection plate at our services but if you would like to make a donation, there is a card reader and a wall safe by the door.

This Pew Sheet and much more is available at www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk

DIVYA SHANTHI

Vinay writes: September was marked by heavy rains and flooded roads, children struggled to attend schools and the medical team was stretched. Our partnership with the Municipal Corporation health team has resumed. Covid vaccines for children under 12 are available and are being administered to the children in schools in our area. A camp with specialists in cardiology, diabetics, orthopaedics, gynaecology, nephrology and dentistry attracted about 4000 patients. TB screening was done for several hundred families and 37 TB patients will be given extra nutrition for six months.

A fortnight ago two officials visited us with regard to the renewal of our permission to receive

donations from abroad. They minutely examined our records, reports, finances and spoke with our staff. They asked for financial statements, reports, list of beneficences, foreign visitors and assets for the past 6 years. We provided 1120 pages of information!

Our daily worship is the source of our strength from God and we will flourish as God is very real to us in all we do. Thank you for your support and prayers. We continue to pray for each of you and praise God for you.

NEXT WEEK

Mon 17 October

9 am Morning Prayer.

10.30 am Coffee Pot

Wed 19 October

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas.
Followed by coffee and cake.

9.30 am Babies and Toddlers

Fri 21 October

7 pm Exploring Faith & Communion

Sat 22 October

10 am Fun Day

7 pm Pulse Youth Club

SUNDAY 23 Oct

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10 am Celtic Holy Communion

PLACEMENT STUDENTS

We welcome ordinands Catherine Duff from Cuddesdon and Amy Tan from Wycliffe who join us on placement this term.

EXPLORING FAITH & COMMUNION 21 OCT

Courses continue Fridays 7 to 8 pm at the Vicarage for young people and 8 to 9 pm on Zoom for over 18s. It's not too late to start! Contact Skye for details.

FUN DAY 22 OCT

We plan a community fun day from 10 am on Sat 22 Oct. Please invite your friends and neighbours. Skye would be pleased to receive raffle prizes, cakes and biscuits.

ALL SOULS 30 OCT

Our 6 pm evening service on Sun 30 Oct is a time to remember those we have loved. If you have a friend or neighbour who has been bereaved, let them know that they will be very welcome.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13 NOV

Do you have photos or other memorabilia of service men and women which you could lend to Skye for display in the church? At Messy Church we'll be packing gifts for Ukrainian children. Suitable items are: toys, stationery, hygiene items and small clothing items, NOT toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids, chocolate or food or literature.

CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: Skye Denno 202988

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Please note that Tuesday is the Vicar's day off

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Debbie Bailey starts in November. She will usually be in the office from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT 24 NOV

A date for your diaries. On Thursday 24 Nov at 7:30 pm, Col Nicolas Lipscombe will be speaking about Old Marston During the English Civil War.

GIVING GARAGE AND COMMUNITY LARDER

The garage in front of the Vicarage continues to be open each Saturday from 9 am to 11 am where you can borrow or swap all sorts of useful garden and household items. Our Loaves and Fishes Larder has store-cupboard items such as tea, coffee, sugar, rice, pasta, tinned soup and vegetables to help folks whose food budget doesn't last the week. We also have fresh fruit, bread and vegetables, different from week to week.

CHURCH HEATING

In view of our high electricity costs in winter months (£250/week), the PCC has decided to use only a minimum of background heating in the church. When it is cold, bring warm clothes and use the individual heaters in your pew.

GIFTS TO CHARITIES

Each year, the PCC makes donations from our funds to a number of local, national and international charities. The treasurer would appreciate suggestions from church members. Email treasurer@stnicholasmarston.org.uk with the following details: (1) Name of the charity, (2) Registered number, (3) If you have a personal contact, then email address, (4) a short paragraph to explain why you think St Nicholas should support them this year (this will be used to brief the PCC). **Deadline Sunday 6 November.**

The PCC usually makes grants of £250 to £1000. Details of charities supported in past years can be found in our annual reports. We hope to do similar this year, despite a significant deficit in our income. If you can make a special donation towards these charitable gifts, that would be very gratefully received, ideally by bank transfer, referenced "Charities".

FAMILY MINISTER

Sadly, we have not received any applications for our vacant position of a Children's and Family Minister. If you know of anyone who might be suitable and interested in this position, please point them to the advertisement on our web site or speak to Skye or Jane Burd.

WARM WEDNESDAY WELCOME

Given the rise in energy prices, we are planning to open the church hall on a Wednesday afternoon, to offer hot drinks and a warm welcome to those who might need a bit of additional warmth in this winter season. We will have board games, magazines, homework space and information about other local groups. We hope that this might benefit some of our local community. We plan to operate from November to March, if there is a need. Each session (3.00 pm to 5.30 pm) will need two helpers to open up, make tea and generally provide a welcome. If you can help regularly or just once, contact Gill Hale, Eileen Palayiwa or Jane Burd (janeburd0@gmail.com). Thank you.

RIDE AND STRIDE

Raised £376.25. Thanks to all involved!



16TH OCTOBER 2022

Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

TODAY'S SERVICES

8 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Led by Revd Stephanie Bullock
Epistle 1 Cor 1:4
Gospel Matthew 22:34
(pp 185-186 in the BCP)

10 am MATINS at Elsfield

Led by Revd Andy Gosler
Preacher Joel Denno

4 pm THE 4PM SERVICE in Church Hall

A more informal service of worship, bible reading, discussion, prayer and refreshment.

Led by Neil Barker & 4pm Team
Theme Renewing Community