

## 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. There is a WC and changing facilities, which you can use at any time, in the vestry opposite the entrance. Find more about our services at [www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk](http://www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk)

## 2 THESSALONIANS 1

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

<sup>5</sup>This is evidence of the righteous judgement of God, and is intended to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering. <sup>6</sup>For it is indeed just of God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, <sup>7</sup>and to give relief to the afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels <sup>8</sup>in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup>These will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, <sup>10</sup>when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marvelled at on that day among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was

believed. <sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, <sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## LUKE 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.'<sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.'<sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.'<sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

## WEDNESDAY WELCOME 2 NOV

This week, we open the church hall on Wednesday afternoons with hot drinks and a warm welcome. We will have board games, magazines, homework space and information about local groups. 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](mailto:janeburd0@gmail.com)). Thank you.

## NEXT WEEK

### Mon 31 October

9 am Morning Prayer.

### Tue 1 November

6.30 pm Celtic Gathering at the Vicarage

### Wed 2 November

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

9.30 am Babies and Toddlers

3 pm Wednesday Welcome

6.30 pm All Souls Service at Elsfield

### Fri 4 November

7 pm Exploring Faith & Communion

## SUNDAY 6 November

9 am Taize Communion

10:30 am Green Church with bulb planting

6 pm Evensong with Amy Tan

## DIVYA SHANTHI

Vinay writes: Our residential homes are running smoothly. We are disappointed that in spite of the measures we took for the past two covid years to facilitate the educational progress of our sponsored children, a majority of them are still lagging behind. Colleen is doing her best to get volunteer help to coach our children especially in the subjects of Maths, Science, and languages of Kannada and Hindi. We are encouraged that the children are enjoying good health.

Thank you for your support and prayers. We continue to pray for each of you and praise God for you.

## EXPLORING FAITH & COMMUNION 4 NOV

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.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13 NOV

Our morning service will start at **9.45 am**. 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.

## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT 24 NOV

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

## 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](mailto: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.**

## FOR ALL THE SAINTS (by John Bell)

For all the saints who've shown your love in how they live and where they move, for mindful women, caring men, accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name, whose faith increased the Saviour's fame, who sang your songs and share your word, accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will, and showed the kingdom coming still through selfless protest, prayer, and praise, accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love reflects the grace of heaven above. Though unclaimed by earthly powers, your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Please note that Tuesday is the Vicar's day off

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



**30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**Fourth Sunday before Advent**

## TODAY'S SERVICES

### 8 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Led by	Revd Skye Denno
Preacher	Catherine Duff
Epistle	Ephesians 5:15
Gospel	Matthew 22:1

(pp 188-189 in the BCP)

### 10 am HOLY COMMUNION

Led by	Revd Skye Denno
Processional	CP232 For all the Saints
Old Testament	Isaiah 1:10-18
Epistle	2 Thessalonians 1
Gradual	CP519 Make me a channel
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10
Offertory	For all the saints (Bell)
Sending	CP386 Be thou my vision

### 6 pm ALL SOULS SERVICE

Led by	Skye Denno & Andy Gosler
Preacher	Neil Barker
Hymn	CP594 The Lord's my shepherd
Hymn	CP22 The day thou gavest
Hymn	CP10 Abide with me
Hymn	CP516 Love divine