

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; There is a T loop in the church for the benefit of people with hearing aids and a heater under each pew which you can switch on if it is chilly. There is a WC and changing facilities in the vestry opposite the entrance which you can use at any time.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah,

the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

John 1:9-13

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his

own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

THIS IS THE DAY

Churches Together in Marston and Northway (CTMN) hosts a regular service at 2.30 pm on the second Wed of each month at the URC in Marston Road. It is particularly suitable for people suffering from dementia but anyone is welcome.

ECUMENICAL QUIET DAYS

These take place on the third Thursday of each month from 11 am to 2 pm. Not so much 'quiet' but an opportunity for fellowship and refreshment, guided by a guest speaker. You are invited to bring a packed lunch, but soup and drinks are provided. The next meeting will be on 19 Jan when the speaker will be Rev James Bloice-Smith from Headington Baptist Church.

NEXT WEEK COMMENCING 2nd January 2023

Wednesday 4 January

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
3 pm Wednesday Welcome

Sunday 8 January

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10 am Holy Communion
10 am Messy Church in the hall

Wednesday 11 January

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
9.30 am Babies and Toddlers
3 pm Wednesday Welcome



1st JANUARY 2023

The Second Sunday of Christmas

TODAY'S SERVICES

8 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Led by Revd Andy Gosler
Gospel Matthew 1:18
(pages 62-63 in the BCP)

10 am BAPTISM FAMILY SERVICE

Led by Revd Skye Denno
Preacher Revd Skye Denno
Gospel John 1: 9-13
Gathering And can it be CP260
Gradual Morning has broken CP260
Offertory Make me a channel of your
peace CP519
Sending From heaven you came
(Servant King) CP432

BAPTISM OF ROSE HALE 1 JAN 2023

Chris & Taylor, Geoff & Gill and the family would like to invite you all over to the hall for cake, fizz and refreshments after Rose's christening in the ten o'clock service on New Year's Day.

Our Music Licences: CCLI Licence # 493757 ; One License 401285-M

WARM WEDNESDAY WELCOME – NOT AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY 28th DECEMBER 2022

The Church Hall is open each Wednesday afternoon to offer hot drinks and a warm welcome. We have board games, magazines, homework space and information about other local groups. We plan to operate from November to March. Please let friends and neighbours know. For more information, contact Jane Burd (janeburd0@gmail.com).

FRIDAY 30 DECEMBER 2022

Wedding of Dan and Gill at St Nicholas.

OUR BUDGET FOR 2023

If you missed the services on 27 Nov, copies of the notes are available at the back of the church, also on our web site (About Us/Policies). If you have been thinking about increasing your monthly giving, the leaflet contains forms to set up a standing order and claim gift aid. Or if you have any questions, please contact Geoff Hale: treasurer@stnicholasmarston.org.uk

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Please note that you can download the pew sheet each week to your phone from our website: stnicholasmarston.org.uk.



25th DECEMBER 2022

Christmas Day

TODAY'S SERVICES

10 am HOLY COMMUNION

Led by Revd Skye Denno
Preacher Revd Skye Denno
Gospel Luke 2: 1-14
Opening Carol O come all ye faithful CP61
(V1,6&7)

Confession Carol Away in a manger CP45
Reading & Reflection
Carol Long ago, prophets knew CP58
Prayers & Peace
Offertory See him a lying on a bed of straw CP68
Communion Reflective music
Closing Carol Angels from the realms of glory CP44

12 Noon HOLY COMMUNION at St Thomas.

Led by Revd Andy Gosler
Preacher Revd Andy Gosler