

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 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. Find more at www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk

WARM WEDNESDAY WELCOME – has now been discontinued.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice

An opportunity to share in the daily prayer of churches in Marston with a special shared service on Sunday 22 Jan led by Revd Jean King with a homily from Fr Stephen Platt.

Wednesday 18 January at 11 am

St Michael (Holy Communion)

Thursday 19 January at 11 am

Marston URC (Ecumenical Quiet Day)

Sunday 22 January at 6 pm

Marston URC (Evening Worship)

Monday 23 January at 9 am

St Nicholas (Morning Prayer)

Tuesday 24 January at 7.15 pm

Rivers of Life at Marston URC (Supper & Worship)

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

NEWS FROM DIVYA SHANTHI IN BANGALORE

The school survived 2021-22 of online classes with about 25% of children dropping out. The new year began in May 2022 with record admissions to about 500 students. To catch up, we provided extra support with classes before and after regular hours and on weekends. We are beginning to see the results in improved performance. The Special Needs School is at capacity with 45 children. A new feature this year is a training program for parents to partnering in their child's development. After a break of five years, the feeder school at Lingarajapuram reopened with 33 children. They came from very poor homes but have defied expectations in doing very well, especially in learning English. These children hardly ever miss school.

This has been a very encouraging year for our Vocational Training Unit which has expanded rapidly as we partner with the Rotary Club of Bangalore and others. Tailoring, cooking classes and sanitary pad manufacturing, soft skills training for the physically disabled, placed with Amazon, Shell supermarkets, Home based products making like candle making and baking cakes etc., for people with special needs,

community health worker training and elder care training.

The Community Health Centre has also grown rapidly with a team of two doctors (part-time), three nurses and one community health worker. We added a fully equipped physiotherapy unit in June with a part time experienced physiotherapist. This serves people who are unable to pay for treatment and lose employment or miss many days of work. Most are in work that is physically intensive labour. Training for carers and eight of our staff is completed and with portable kits, physiotherapy is being provided at home or in our outreach centres.

Health camps were conducted every month. Some had corporate sponsorship that enabled us to assist diabetics from low-income families and provide spectacles for those who attended the eye camp. We serve about 7500 patients, including those recently declared free from leprosy and living on the streets and surviving by begging, men and women who have recovered from tuberculosis and need medical and nutritional support and transgender people who live in small groups of 20-25 and earn their livelihood by begging. We meet the needs of these communities in partnership with the Corporation health unit we provide nutrition support to over 100 children and 250 adults.

Rehabilitation work with alcoholics was low key this year and hopefully will grow next year. The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences is ready to work with us and the municipal health team but we need to find the right person to lead this work.

CONFIRMATION & FAITH EXPLORING COURSES

Restart on Friday 20th January from 7 – 8 pm for 9 – 18 years at The Vicarage. On Zoom (Meeting ID: 879 4461 5840. Passcode: FAITH) from 8 – 9 pm for 18+.

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.

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 18 January

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

9.30 am Babies & Toddlers

Thursday 19 January

11 am Ecumenical Quiet Day

Friday 20 January

Confirmation & Faith Exploring Courses restart

Sunday 22 January

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

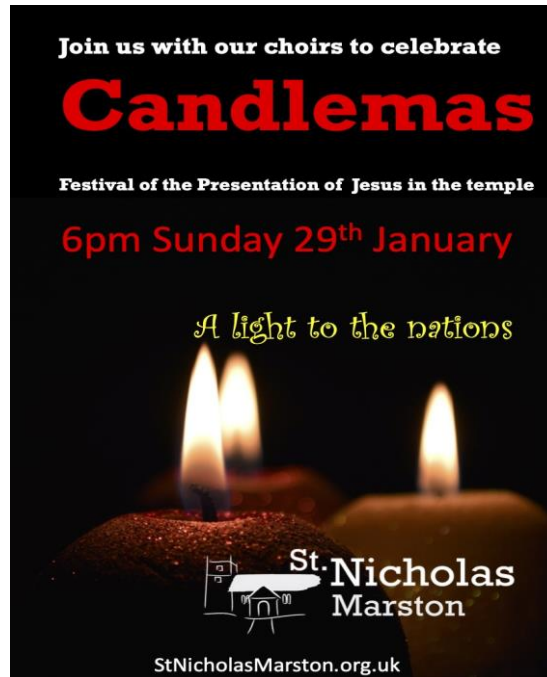
10 am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas

Live streamed straight onto YouTube

6 pm Churches Together Joint Service at United Reformed Church

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY – FOCUS MORNING WITH THE PCC AND MINISTRY TEAM.

We will be looking at ministry, mission and worship at St Nicholas Church and prayers for our discerning and planning are much needed.



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.

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Debbie Bailey is usually in the office from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays.



15th January 2023

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

TODAY'S SERVICES

8am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

LIVE streamed straight onto YouTube

Led by Revd Skye Denno

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Gospel John 2: 1-11

(Page 70 in the BCP)

10 am Matins at St Thomas, Elsfield

Led by Revd Andy Gosler

Preacher Joel Denno

4 pm Contemporary Service in the Hall.

Led by team with music band.

The focus of this service will be 'Encounter' - encountering God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit, encountering each other as we share together, and encountering our world reflectively and prayerfully.

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