

## **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](http://www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk)

### **Matthew 6: 25-end**

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive

first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

### **NEWS FROM DIVYA SHANTHI**

Christmas and New Year programmes and services were well attended and times of joyful worship, fellowship and blessing. But there were no Christmas holidays for the high school children who underwent intensive coaching particularly in Maths, Science, Hindi and Kannada. Nevertheless, we are apprehensive that they will find the State exams in a few weeks time very difficult. Please pray that the children will do their very best. The Special Needs School is doing very well with increased participation by parents. Due to our fine teachers and excellent facilities there is an increased demand for admission to our Special Needs School. Please pray as we decide what to do. Teacher recruitment for the new High School year in June has started. We need wisdom to make the right choices.

The grim economic situation with thousands losing jobs in the past two months means parents struggle to pay the fees if one parent loses his/her job. We provide scholarship support for 25% of the children and may not be able to sustain that level as local sponsorships have reduced. The burden of compliances is killing small businesses in India and is now crushing social and religious non-profit organizations. Withdrawal of US investment is meaning that many jobs in the outsource/back-office industry are lost and this has seriously affected young adults from Divya

Shanthi. Our Lenten Studies will focus on "Enduring and Overcoming Suffering: Examples from the Bible". The study booklet is translated into Tamil and Kannada languages. We are amazed at the encouragement and support we receive from friends like you. We remember you in our prayers.

Health Care work is growing and continues to be very demanding. Three camps were held in January. The Orthopaedic Camp with the Municipal Corporation medical team attracted 28 patients. Our modern, well equipped and clean physiotherapy Centre has begun to attract patients from the area. Three part time physiotherapists have been appointed and physio services will be available in New Lingarajapuram and Venkateshpuram. The work with those recovering from TB and Leprosy continues. Nutritional support is provided to 100 families and 50 children. We provide free medicines to 300 patients each month and medicine at discounted costs to 200. As our health camps attract people from very low income backgrounds we plan to organize two each month in partnership with local authorities.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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Please note that Tuesday is the Vicar's Day off.

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

## NEXT WEEK

### Monday 13 February

9 am Morning prayer at St Nicholas

### Wednesday 15 February

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

9.30 am Babies & Toddlers

### Friday 17 February

9 am Morning prayer at St Nicholas

### Sunday 19 February

8 am BCP HC Service at St Nicholas

### Live streamed straight onto YouTube

10 am Holy Communion at St Thomas,  
Elsfield

4 pm Contemporary Service in the Hall

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTER VACANCY

We are looking for a Children & Youth Minister to join the team. IS THIS YOU? – For more information please go to our website: [stnicholasmarston.org.uk](http://stnicholasmarston.org.uk)

Loving God, Loving Community.

If you think that this part-time, 3 year salaried post is something that you would be interested in please contact Revd Skye on 01865 202988.

If you know anyone that you think would be interested please mention this to them.

**PLEASE PRAY** in your quiet prayers for our Children & Youth Minister vacancy to be filled as soon as possible.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

at 2 pm in United Reformed Church.

Refreshments Available – All Welcome.

## OUR LINK PARTNERS

About once a quarter, we receive news letters from our partners Andy and Kati Walsh in Brazil, Pippa and Toby Vokuhl in Nepal and Vinay and Colleen Samuel in India. They contain many items for praise and prayer. If you would like to receive a copy, please tell Geoff Hale.

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY AT ST NICHOLAS

Ash Wednesday on Wednesday February 22nd

9.30 am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes - quiet & reflective.

6.30 pm Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes - including hymns.

## CONFIRMATION & FAITH EXPLORING COURSES

Living as a Christian - continue on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 7-8 pm for 9 – 18 years at The Vicarage. On Zoom from 8 – 9 pm for 18+.

## BLESSING BAGS – DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE

We really need A4 gift bags and any unused/unopened toiletry items with which to fill them. Toiletry items such as:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Bubble bath
- Shower gel
- Pull up nappies
- Sanitary towels
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Washing detergent

Please drop off donations at the font in St Nicholas Church.



12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

The Second Sunday Before Lent

## TODAY'S SERVICES

### 8 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Led by Revd Skye Denno  
Preacher Revd Skye Denno  
Gospel Luke 8: 4  
(Pages 81 – 82 in the BCP)

### 10 am HOLY COMMUNION

#### LIVE streamed straight onto YouTube

Led by Revd Andy Gosler  
Preacher Joel Denno  
Gathering Immortal invisible CP474  
OT Reading Genesis 1.1 – 2.3  
NT Reading Romans 8: 18-25  
Gradual Peace perfect peace CP553  
Gospel Matthew 6: 25-end  
Offertory Alleluia! Sing to Jesus CP278  
Communion Reflective Organ Music  
Sending Thou whose almighty word CP267

### 10 am MESSY CHURCH in the Hall

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