

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

MATTHEW 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and

worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

We come today to celebrate

the life that Jesus gives,
and welcome in God's loving grace
that in the Spirit lives.

The Spirit sanctifies our lives
and helps our darkest days;
we hold each other close to You
with voices joined in praise.

We celebrate diversity,
as well as common ground,
and will continue so to do
while love and peace are found.

For Christ does not discriminate,
but welcomes one and all;
so we will seek to do the same,
responding to God's call.

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My soul finds rest in God alone,

My Rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes,
And I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
And lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,
I'll look to Him who hears me.

*O praise Him, hallelujah,
My Delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing,
My Redeemer, my God.*

Find rest, my soul, in God alone
Amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
Don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven.

O praise Him, hallelujah ...

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely;
With every day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
A sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever.

O praise Him, hallelujah ...

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CURCH ELECTORAL ROLE

Our roll needs to be revised before our annual meeting. If you are already one it, you don't need to do anything. If you regularly attend St Nicholas, we hope you will join so that you can have a say at our annual meeting. Please complete an application form which you can find in church or on the web site and return it to Geoff Hale. If you attend two churches, or you attend one and live in the parish of another, you can be on both electoral rolls. The deadline is Saturday 8 April.

CHORAL EVENSONG – Sunday 5th March at 6 pm
Join us at St Nicholas with combined Choirs of St Nicholas and Holy Trinity Headington Quarry.

NEXT WEEK

Monday 27 February

9 am Morning prayer at St Nicholas.

Wednesday 1 March

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas.

9.30 am Babies & Toddlers

Thursday 2 March

8 pm Compline at St Thomas, Elsfield.

Friday 3 March

9 am Morning prayer at St Nicholas.
Confirmation & Faith Exploring
Course (Baptism & Confirmation)

7-8 pm 9-18 years old at the Vicarage

8-9 pm 18+ on Zoom

Sunday 5 March

10 am Community Celebration Service with
Holy Communion at St Nicholas with
Choir & Worship Band

LIVE streamed straight onto YouTube

6 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTER VACANCY

CLOSING DATE MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY

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

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.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 3rd March

at 2 pm in United Reformed Church.

Refreshments Available – All Welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This is a small informal group and meets in the Church Hall on the second Friday of each month from 10-11.15am. It is most likely to benefit those who have been bereaved in the last two years but may also be suitable for others. If you are interested, please contact Eileen Palayiwa on 01865 725423

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.



26th February 2023

The First Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S SERVICES

8 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Led by Revd Andy Gosler

Preacher David Cranston

Gospel Matthew 4:1

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10 am HOLY COMMUNION

LIVE streamed straight onto YouTube

Led by Revd Skye Denno

Preacher Guest Speaker Ruth Wilde,
National Co-ordinator for
Inclusive Church

Setting Trinity Mass – *Thorne*

Gathering Forty days & forty nights CP95

OT Reading Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

NT Reading Romans 5: 12-19

Gradual We come today to celebrate –
Jenner – Tune: *St Columba*

Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11

Offertory My soul finds rest in God alone
– *Keyes & Townsend*

Communion O God you search me – *Farrell*

Sending O for a heart to praise my God
CP533

3 pm Baptism of Nico Christodoulou