

# St. James' Church Parish of Weddington and Caldecote 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Trinity 20

A very warm welcome to you all as we join together in worship today.

# **Services for this Sunday**

Sun 10:00pm St James Holy Communion

Sun 6:00pm St Nicolas Evensong

Readings Job 23:1-9, 16-end; Mark 10:17-31;

#### Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Contacts**

Rev Kelly Betteridge (Day off Friday)

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Please submit before 6:00pm. Tuesday

Toy bags are available for toddlers. Please ask a sides-person. Please join us after the 10am service in the lounge for tea/coffee/squash and biscuits.

Please feel free to take this sheet home for yourself or friends.

#### What's On 7th October till 14 October?

Tue 10:00 AM Coffee Morning.

Tue 01:30 PM Swans

Wed 01:00 PM No Baby and Toddler till 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Services For The Coming Week 7th October till 14 October.

Mon 08:45am St Nicolas Morning Pray Plus Thu 10:00am St Nicolas Holy Communion

Sun 8:00am St James Holy Communion Sun 10:00pm St James Family Praise

Sun 3:00pm The Chines Holy Communion

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#### Dates for your Diary.

Sat 10 Nov Atherstone Choral Society Holy Trinity Attleborough

Commemoration for WW1 7.30 pm

Mon 19 Nov PCC

Tue 27 Nov Christmas Coffee Morning Sun 02 Dec First Sunday of Advent

Sun 9 Dec Atherstone Choral Society Christmas concert at Holy Trinity

Hartshill 4 pm

Thu 13 Dec Ambleside Christmas concert at Club

Mon 11 Feb PCC Mon 22 Apr PCC

### Please pray for:

Jane Dyall, Eunice, Eileen Saunders, Rachel McCormack, Dennis Jones, Noreen (Terry's Sister), Harold and Joyce Bishop, Sandra Craner, Colin Green, Ron Chattaway, Toby Dawson Heather Burchell.

**Church Flowers - .** If you would like to sponsor a beautiful flower arrangement, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or to offer donations for special occasions, please contact Betty Green or sign up to the list which is now on the board in the Church Lounge. Thank You.

End Hunger UK Petition. Bishop Christopher and Bishop John have signed the End Hunger UK Petition calling on the Government to fix Universal Credit. The campaign is also calling for improvements to the design of Universal Credit and a long- term commitment to ensure the benefit system provides people with an adequate income to afford good food on a regular basis. The Bishops are calling on churches and churchgoers in the area to consider signing the petition and to collect further signatures, as well as liaising with neighbouring churches to raise awareness of food poverty in their local area.

To sign the petition go to: - Website: endhungeruk.org/ucpetitiontext/

**Advent Retreat** Janet Favel has asked me to put this in the Pew Sheet: - From: Heather Vernon <heatherv@btinternet.com> Dear all.

It's been a busy year for me and I'm prayerfully considering where God wants me to serve in 2019.

However, a few people have asked if there will be an Advent Retreat at Southam this year. So, I have booked Saturday December 1st at The Olde House Retreat, Wood Street, Southam, from 10am-4pm. Arrival is between 9.45-10 for coffee/tea.

There will be prayer stations, activities, and plenty of time for reflection and solitude. As usual, a simple lunch and tea will be provided and I'm hoping to keep the cost down to £25.

I do hope you will be able to join me, Blessings Heather

#### FROM THE VICAR

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Psalm 103: 1

Welcome to a bumper edition of the newsletter. Are you able to put an extra 50p in the collection to cover the cost of your copy? It would be great to be able to communicate via email and social media but not everyone has access to these things or enjoys reading on a screen so we have a printed newsletter and it helps if we're aware of what these things cost. Thanks. On the back page there are a few quotes about worship. Here is another that strikes a chord:

'Worship has been misunderstood as something that arises from a feeling which 'comes upon you', but it is vital that we understand that it is rooted in a conscious act of the will, to serve and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.' Graham Kendrick At a time when we are thinking (more than usual) about our worship as a church it is good to be reminded that it is often something that requires some effort and our will.

For years (as a young Christian) I never really understood the psalms that began with an exultation like the one above—'Bless the Lord, O my soul'. It is an odd turn of phrase and yet the sentiment is repeated many times in scripture. The psalmist instructs himself [sic] to bless or praise God. Why might that be?

I hope we all have those times when our praise and worship of God flows freely, perhaps generated by circumstance or feelings, a lovely sunset, a general joie de vivre or a services that connects with us and ticks all of our boxes. More often though our praise of God comes by way of a choice, a

decision, an act of the will. We praise God because God is worthy, regardless of how we are feeling or how life is treating us.

I think that may be why the psalmist instructs and reminds himself (and others) to bless God. It is a metaphorically nudge to get on with the thing that you should be doing. Shall we join the psalmist in making a decision to worship and coming to services prepared to put the effort in?

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Has anyone borrowed a multi-coloured striped telescopic umbrella from the church lobby, which unfortunately was left behind after Sunday Service recently. If so, please return to Diane Box.

# Nuneaton Christmas Day Meal

Who will you be sharing Christmas Dinner with this year?



If you would be alone and are over 16 years of age why not come and share in Nuneaton Community Christmas Lunch. Join us around 12:30 for lunch at 1:00 at Manor Court Baptist Church.

There's good food, good company, entertainment and a gift from Santal The whole day is free but any donations towards the cost would be welcomed. This will be an alcohol-free day.

So that we can know how many people to prepare for and any needs you may have to help make your day special, please pick up an invitation form and return it by Wed 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

## Nuneaton Community Christmas Lunch

Forms are at the back of the Church. Places are allocated on first come first served basis. Last year it was over subscribed.

St Nicolas October Notice Sheet. Is now available in the lobby.