

Sunday 18th February Lent 1

Welcome to our services today

8.00 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Parish Communion

Hymns: 16, 527, 32, HC 161,

HC 69, 503

11.15 am All Age Service

2pm-3pm Visiting Bellringers 6.30 pm Evensong Cancelled

Next Sunday 25th February Lent 2

8.00 am Holy Communion9.00 am Holy Communion at St.Peter's Codsall Wood9.30 am Parish Communion11.15 am All Age Service6.30 pm Evensong

If you are a newcomer or visitor we welcome you to our church

Please join us for tea & coffee after the 9.30 & 11.15 services

This week

Monday 19th

9.30 am Churchyard Tidy Up
10.00am Burial of ashes of Gerald Turner
12.15 pm Funeral for Max Powell at
Bushbury Crematorium
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1.15 pm St. Nicholas Toddler Group -P.R.

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2.00 pm Lent Group meet in church

7.30 pm-8.15 pm Enquiry Evening

Tuesday 20th

9.45 am Tot's@St.Nic's in church 11.00 am Service at Hunter's Lodge 2.30 pm Service at The Willows

Wednesday 21st

10 am-12 noon 'Coffee, Cake & Chat' 7.30 pm Lent Group meet at 'Highfield'

Thursday 22nd

10.15 am Holy Communion6.45 pm Taizé Service7.30pm 'Waiting in Silence' 11 Windsor Gdns7:30pm CYFAM - Vicarage

Friday 23rd

10.45 am Funeral of Margaret Willis at Bushbury Crematorium 11.30 am Service at The Shrubbery 2.30pm-4.30pm C.I.T.V. Afternoon Tea -Forget-me-not Rooms

Saturday 24th

2.30 pm-4.30 pm Craft Group - P.R.

Daily Prayer is at 9.00 am Monday - Friday in church for 20 minutes - all welcome.

The community bus Every week we offer lifts to our 9.30 service on the community bus. The driver on 25th February will be Matt Jevons - 07968006328. If you don't usually go on the bus but would like a lift please call the driver on duty.

Lent - Find a Cross in Nature

Calling all local adults and children...Lent begins this week! Lent can be a time of listening and paying attention to where God may be found.

To help us focus on this time

St Nicholas Church is setting you a
challenge!

To find God in nature - or more specifically a Cross.

If you find a naturally appearing Cross in nature then take a photo and we will display the best ones in Church - either post on our FB page or give to Liz or Evelyn. Let us know your name and the place the picture was taken. Maybe you want to take a walk alone or with family to try to find one. Then the best ones will be displayed within St Nicholas Church during this time of Lent with the photographers name on. So start your lent journey today - we look forward to your posts and pictures...

Churchyard Tidy Day

Is on Monday 19th, meeting at 9.30 am at church, help will be very much appreciated.

Care Homes Services

Jan & Evelyn would be pleased to have your support for the services on Tuesday at Hunters Lodge at 11am and The Willows at 2.30pm.

Lent Groups 2018

The lent groups this year will be shared between Churches in Codsall - all are welcome to either group, or alternate, as they will follow the same study. The groups will be held at St Nicholas Church, 2pm on a Monday starting on the 19th Feb and the other one will be at Highfield House, Histon's Hill, Codsall (Opp. the post box, left past Trinity Methodist Church, Red gatepost) on Wednesday 7:30pm. The theme is At the Cross - a leaflet is available with more details. Questions and meditations on transformative encounters with Jesus at the crucifixion Be great to have you there! Please sign the list at the back

C.I.T.V. Afternoon Tea is on Friday at 2.30 pm in the Forget-me-Not Rooms with entertainment, something to think about and a wonderful afternoon tea, all for f4.00.

A date for your diaries: Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 2nd March 2018 at 2 pm at Holy Cross Church. "All God's Creation is Very Good" praying for Suriname. A service for everyone,

Christmas card envelopes Two of the Parish Christmas card envelopes are missing, these relate to Sherbourne Gardens & Sandy Lane. If anyone delivered to those roads can we have the envelopes back please.

Confirmation service

all are welcome.

Congratulations to all those who were confirmed last Sunday - please continue to pray for:

Emily De-Loyde, Katie
Cross, Rhianna Johnson, Juliette
Madeley, Kirsty O'Connor
and Marion Skowron. It was a
lovely service with the Bishop and
thank you to all for the organisation,
the singing and for making the cakes
we so enjoyed after the service.

Dovedale - July 6th-8th

The dates for this year are Friday 6th to the 8th July. The forms will be out soon to book up but please mark the date in your diary. All are welcome.

Fairly-traded Real Easter EggsDo sign the list at the back of church

if you'd like me to order eggs for you this year; they are the same price as in previous years, £4 for milk and £5.50 for plain chocolate. Mike Fox

Coffee, Cake & Chat

Is on Wednesday 10am-12 noon in church. All welcome.

Arts Festival tickets

In order to make sure that church members can get tickets for the church events, I have provided each church with tickets for:

The Screwtape Letters - Thursday 15 March, Trinity Methodist - if you want to improve your techniques for singing well; it's really good, cost f9

Ex Cathedra - one of the best choirs in the country coming to sing sacred music for us on Thursday 22 March, including a world première commissioned by the committee to celebrate 40 years of festivals. The composer will be present and he writes good tuneful music; this piece is based on Genesis 1:1-5 and is entitled "and there was light"; again, a good event to come to, cost £17. Ask me or one of the churchwardens for tickets. Mike Fox

Pat & Tony Yates, have now moved into Sunrise, Wergs Road, W'ton. They would welcome visitors.

Prayer: Lord, help us to realise that Lent begins with paying attention and listening: we have to acknowledge our sin and our humanity. As we allow new space in our hearts for Christ's hope, we pray it will overflow around us. Amen

Those in particular need: Mark Smith, Don Trubshaw, Helen Marsh, Avril Neal, Olga Thompson & Ron Rowley.

The departed: Max Powell, Nellie Charlesworth, Martyn White, Margaret Willis, Ray Perry, Sylvia Rogers, Caroline Edwards, Mary Lennon, Anona Norton, Pauline Colley & Carolyn Edwards

About St. Nicholas' Church, Codsall & St. Peter's Church, Codsall Wood

Parish Office: rear of Parish Rooms, Church Road Parish Secretary - Angela Jevons Tel. 847786

(Office hours : Tuesday & Thursday - 10.00am-1.00pm)

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If you know someone who would appreciate the support of the church or would like to receive communion at home, or if you would like someone to be included in our prayers (and have asked them), please let Angela know.

Church website: www.stnicholascodsall.org.uk E-newsletter: To receive this please email: stnicscodsall@gmail.com Arranging baptisms and weddings

Every Monday (except Bank Hols) from 7.30pm - 8.15pm there is an Enquiry Evening at St. Nicholas Church for arranging weddings& christenings.

Clergy contact

We are served by a Ministry Team of clergy and lay people. Our Curate is Revd Liz England,

Email: reverendlizengland@gmail.com Tel: 843663 Churchwardens: Janice Symonds - 842570 & Sue Richardson - 845556

Giving to the church We are very grateful to all who support our church in different ways. The easiest way to give regularly is by Standing Order. Please ask Jill Dodd for a form (or let her know if you use internet banking) and for a Gift Aid form if you pay tax. You can also fill in a green envelope to give in church using Gift Aid if you pay tax.