



St Nicholas Church

Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love

Monthly Notice Sheet - April and May 2015

Welcome to all those worshipping at St Nicholas Church and greetings to those unable to be here but sharing an interest in church life. For those here for the first time, please introduce yourself to one of the *welcomers* who aim to help people feel at home. At the **10am** service Prayer Ministry is available during communion and after the service. There are also activities for the young and a chance to do church slightly differently in HUB - check with the welcomers!



Great opportunities for joining in the bitter sweet experiences of Good Friday and Easter - Good Friday FOG, 7pm, then on Easter Day a quiet, said Holy Communion at 8am and joyous Easter Day Family Friendly Holy Communion at 10am.

ALLESTREE ST NICHOLAS' WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.15pm in the Church Room. We have a varied programme of talks each meeting except July when we have a Strawberry Tea. Christmas is celebrated with our Christmas Social and buffet tea. Every September we have our annual outing to various places with a WI tea or lunch. Every year we choose a Charity for which we raise money with our monthly raffle. Last year we raised £200 for Alzheimer's Society and the cheque will be presented to their representative at our Strawberry Tea. The charity chosen for this year is Action for Children – Young Carers. If you would like to join us or just visit us, please do so, we welcome any new members.

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More Knitting Projects by Knit 'n' Natter for Toddler Group



Many thanks to the Knit 'n' Natter Group for dressing these needy dollies! These were salvaged at the toy cleaning session (thanks to those who helped) and now look as good as new ready for the new toddler group starting after Easter.

Pray until something happens - PUSH

Once a month for an hour some of us meet to pray for the church and wider community. We have been very encouraged by answers to prayer eg the appointment of Anna Price and more links between young and old. The next prayer time is on **Wed April 15** in the **chapel from 7.30pm to 8.30pm**. *All welcome!*

Julie Tanner

Special Guest!



William met a singer-songwriter at a conference in January and, after getting to know her a little, decided to invite her to St Nick's. Ellen Lockwood is a worship leader at a church in Loughborough who has a great desire to help people connect with Jesus. William particularly appreciated her gentleness and the natural way in which she shares her faith with others. Musically she has a lovely voice and a distinctive style which you can check out at www.ellenlockwood.com

Ellen's first visit will be on **Sunday 19th April**. She'll try to answer the question, 'How can I share my faith in a way that is gentle yet meaningful?' I guess all of us have a faith to share but often we're conscious of barriers, not least within ourselves, that hold us back. Ellen will share some examples of what works (and what doesn't) and how to be as natural as possible as we follow the Holy Spirit's lead.

Ellen will come again on **Sunday 31st May**. Having seen what she's like, I hope we'll want to invite others to hear her. She'll share more songs and tell more of an in depth story about how she came to know Jesus. She'll also include a couple of songs that people are likely to know so everyone can sing along too.

William Bates

The Month's Activities

April

Wed 1	2.15pm	Women's Fellowship	Church Room
Fri 3	11.30am	ACT Good Friday service	Park Farm
Wed 8	2-3.30pm	Knit 'n' Natter	Choir Vestry
Fri 10	10.30 - 12	Coffee and Chat	Church Room
Sat 18	4-6pm	Messy Church	Church Hall
Wed 22	2-3.30pm	Knit 'n' Natter	Choir Vestry
23-25	7.30pm	Allestree Theatre Group play	Church Hall

May

Tue 5	7.30pm	PCC	Chapel
Wed 6	2.15pm	Women's Fellowship	Church Room
Fri 8	10.30 - 12	Coffee and Chat	Church Room
10-16		Christian Aid Week	
Wed 13	2-3.30pm	Knit 'n' Natter	Choir Vestry
Sat 16	4-6pm	Messy Church	Church Hall
Wed 27	2-3.30pm	Knit 'n' Natter	Choir Vestry

June

Wed 3	2.15pm	Women's Fellowship	Church Room
Wed 10	2-3.30pm	Knit 'n' Natter	Choir Vestry
Fri 12	10.30 - 12	Coffee and Chat	Church Room



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 May

There will be a display at the back of church nearer the time showing the streets St Nick's has agreed to cover for this collection. If you can, please sign up to help. If you haven't done this before, consider helping this time. If you are willing but really feel unable to take it on by yourself, do it jointly with another! Thank you!

Peter Grattidge

Deadline for
next sheet
Monday 18
May

All being well, the next notice sheet will come out in early June and be produced by the new administrator. Thanks to everyone for your contributions over the years and please support my successor!

Kathy Lucas

Services

The chapel is open for prayer from 9.30am each Sunday morning. Running concurrently with the normal 10am service on all except All Age Sundays is **HUB**. Ask a welcomer for details!

3 Apr Good Friday

7pm FOG Mark 15:16-32

5 Apr Easter Day

8am Holy Communion CW Acts 10:34-43 John 20:11-18

10am Holy Communion Acts 2:14a, 22-32 John 20:1-9

12 Apr Easter 2

10am Morning Praise Acts 10:34-43 John 20:11-18

7pm FOG 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 *Resurrection*

19 Apr Easter 3

8am Holy Communion CW 2Corinthians 5:16-6:2 Matthew 4:18-23

10am Morning Praise Matthew 4:18-23 *with Ellen Lockwood*

26 Apr Easter 4

10am Holy Communion 1Corinthians 12:12-27 Luke 10:25-37

7pm FOG John 10:1-10 *Flock*

3 May Easter 5

8am Holy Communion BCP 1Corinthians 12:12-27 Luke 10:25-37

10am All Age Acts 3:1-10

10 May Easter 6

10am Holy Communion Hebrews 10:19-25

7pm FOG Proverbs 25:11-28 *Trust*

17 May Easter 7

10am Morning Praise Isaiah 58:6-12 Matthew 18:1-6

24 May Pentecost

10am Holy Communion Acts 1:1-11 John 20:19-23

7pm FOG Acts 19:1-12 *Holy Spirit*

31 May Trinity

10am Guest Service with Singer/Songwriter *Ellen Lockwood*

7 Jun Trinity 1

8am Holy Communion

10am All Age

14 Jun Trinity 2

10am Holy Communion

7pm FOG