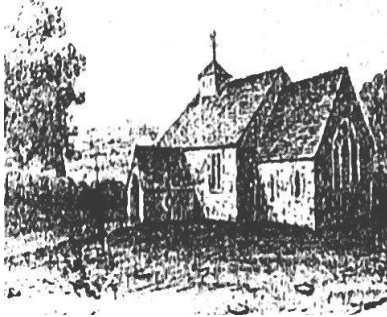




St Nicholas' Hedson

Newsletter

August 2018



Standing Together

With the hot weather it's been lovely to enjoy our meals cooked on a BBQ. One of the things I have noticed is that a single coal glows bright as long as it is with other coals: as soon as you separate it, it loses its heat and the glow very quickly dies. It doesn't take long for it to heat back up when you put it back with the others. I find this a very helpful picture of the relationship between Christians and the church. Yes, it is perfectly possible to be a Christian as an individual - after all, it's a personal choice we all must make - but there is no benefit to be found in making following Jesus a solitary activity.

God himself is all about relationship - the three in one - and Jesus says that our defining characteristic as his followers will be our love for one another (John 13:35). We can't love one another if we don't hang out together. Love isn't best shown at a distance...

And that's why God gives us the church. It's not the building, not the services, but us! And it happens whether God's people meet together. There's a fairly comprehensive list in Acts 2:42-47 of how the early church set themselves up and we wouldn't do badly to go for the same kind of ideas. Especially when the results seem to have been that the Church grows when we stand together!

Revd Janet Binns

This month's services at St. Nicholas

5 th August	Tenth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am	Holy Communion
12 th August	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
9.00am	Pathway - Family Service
19 th August	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am	Holy Communion
26 th August	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am	Sung Communion

Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 30th September.



Children are welcome at all our services.

From the Parish Register

Please pray for our wedding couples who were married in July:

Gian Luigi Durante and
Rebecca O'Hare

Andrew Barlow and
Helen McNicol

Contact for Baptisms, Funerals & Weddings:

The Rev'd Janet Binns on 01628 523046



The Alpha course – Coming soon



The Alpha course is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over 10 thought provoking weekly sessions. It is low key friendly and fun. A new course starts in September; do think about taking a friend or neighbour.

Partnership for Missional Church

We are delighted to have completed the required number of interviews for the listening phase of this initiative. A big thank you to those who participated. We are now required to create a congregational timeline which maps the history of St Nicholas'. This event is open to everyone and will help with understanding of the journey of the church and inform the outcome of the listening exercise.

Congregational Timeline Event

All invited

Time: 3pm

Date: Sunday 9th September 2018

Place: St Nicholas' Church



A Deep History Timeline of St Nicholas' Church is reproduced in the Newsflash Section of the Website

Benefice News

Coffee morning

Every Monday 10-12 noon (except bank holidays) in St Mark's Church hall.

Puffins Toddler Group

The Toddler Group is taking a break for the summer. We will meet again on Wednesday 12th September.

Nursing Homes' Communion Tuesday 28th August 2.30pm Kingfisher and 3.15pm Chiltern Manor. If you can help strengthen the team please speak with Jimmy Heyes.

Bible Study returns September 2018 – The Bible is full of inspiration and is a great resource for informing Christian living. It is always helpful to study the Bible together. Please consider coming along and perhaps invite a friend to join us. We meet Thursday evenings at 35 Blind Lane

The Caring Church Course is designed to equip people to care for those in our church and community Wednesday 10th October – 5th December, 7.30 - 9.30pm St Andrews Church Hatters Lane HP13 7HJ.

Harvest Themed Messy Church

Saturday 29th September, 3pm-5pm at St Mark's

Afternoon Tea

Sunday 23rd September, 3pm, St Mark's

Deanery Synod

A recent observation
“The aspiration of the Deanery is far greater than that of our parishes”

Joining the Deanery Synod is a good opportunity to improve your understanding of how the church operates. There is usually a very interesting speaker leading to lively discussions. Please contact Rev Janet if you are interested in attending the next Deanery Synod as a visitor.

Church Yard Mornings

First Saturday of the month

There is no Church Yard morning this month.

We hope to see you again in September.

MEDITATION AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

1.30pm every Wednesday

This weekly event goes from strength to strength. If you have a friend who is seeking a special place and/or inner peace, please bring them along. Please arrive 15 minutes early so that we can ensure a full 30 minutes' silence.

Please contact Maura Carr (01628 530181) for details.

Hedsor Theatre Club

The next visits planned for the Theatre Club are:

The Habit of Art, the new Alan Bennett play, Oxford Playhouse, 27th September, starring Matthew Kelly and David Yelland.

Trial by Laughter, by Ian Hislop, Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, 1st November (matinee).

Please contact Maura Carr on 01628 530181 for further information.

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