

St Nicholas Roman Catholic Church

Over the last year under the direction of our new Priest in Charge Father Joby Lukose the Catholic community of St Nicholas Winchcombe has grown and developed in many different ways.

Mass is celebrated each Sunday morning at 11am and again on Thursday mornings at 10am. Mass is also said on Holy days of Obligation and various other feast days, these are notified on our notice board outside St Nicholas and on our website www.threesaintsgloucs.org, a combined website for the three parishes Fr Joby serves.

We also look after St James's Chapel Postlip, which is a 12th Century Grade 1 listed chapel that is one of the oldest Catholic chapels in use today and part of our parish. Masses are held monthly between May and October and on St James's Feast Day. We are currently fundraising to support the maintenance and restoration of the Chapel as it's so important not to allow this historic church to fall into disrepair.



St James Chapel, Postlip

As a Parish we have come together over the last year:

- Listening to each other and discussing our Church as part of Pope Francis Synod
- Enjoyed a retreat down at Cheddar led by our previous priest in charge Fr Tony and Fr Joby, joining with parishioners from Our Lady Queen of Apostles Cheddar
- Celebrated the late Queen Elizabeth's platinum Jubilee and offered prayers as a community at Mass following her death.

Supporting our local community:

We are actively represented at Churches Together Winchcombe (CTW), welcoming the opportunity to work together, and have helped organise two lunches, raising money for the family meal voucher project a CTW initiative. We volunteer at Meeting Point another initiative and this year the Easter egg hunt finished at St Nicholas

In addition we have:

- Supported the local foodbank on the second Sunday of each month
- Held a concert enjoying the Meon Singers last October who brought a medley of songs from Henry VIII to the Beatles which was well supported by the community.
- Held two coffee morning's in the Guide Hall before Easter and Christmas, again enjoyed by the whole community especially the craft session for children.
- Been a venue for the music and arts festival last September
- Had a stall at the Winchcombe Country Show with face painting, children's games as well as other items on the stall.
- Participated at the Winchcombe Christmas Festival running a tombola stall and mulled wine, as tradition on Feast of St Nicholas we gave out sweets to all



Supporting communities overseas:

The Ukrainian flag flies with the Papal flag showing our solidarity, a family of four lives with one of our parishioners. Through the family we have sent supplies back to Ukraine.

We have supported the parish of St Peter Claver in Bo Sierra Leone helping them build their church. We now move on to support a parish in Soweto the diocese of Dodoma in Tanzania to build a church, currently the walls of their church are made with mud and when the rains come each year they are washed away.

A full year, enjoyed and supported by our parishioners and friends in Winchcombe