**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH—SALTDEAN**

Dear Friends

As many of you will already have heard, David and I leave this week for Wiltshire, where I am going to be chaplain with responsibility for pastoral care at Malmesbury Abbey. ([www.malmesburyabbey.com](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.malmesburyabbey.com%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C2b1f9984829c4e3bbf0f08d96d6fb931%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637661148884303215%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=957HCDV3XI0MI0azwrQpyQudx0mYFA60IE%2FM6gqiAL8%3D&reserved=0)).

Apart from ministry in the Abbey there are three little mediaeval churches out in the country where I will also work. I’m looking forward to leading worship, preaching and doing pastoral work without the worry of finances and buildings!

Before we go, I want to thank you all for the love and friendship David and I have found at St Nicholas. When we came here nearly seven months ago I was mourning the loss of my parish through pastoral reorganization; a very difficult and painful time. We were both feeling lost.

However, your friendship and warm welcome has done so much to heal those wounds. I especially thank Fr Jim for his kindness and understanding, and for allowing me to preside and preach. That was very affirming. Revd. Kate has also been a good friend. I wish I could thank everyone by name but there isn’t space!

With heartfelt thanks and love to you all.

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Reverend Deborah and David

**Licensing of Lis Telcs as Reader of St. Nicholas Church on Saturday 11th September at 11.00am.**

Lis Telcs licensing service at the Cathedral will be available to view online at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/worship/live-streamed-services.

An Order of Service is also there to follow.

We will be showing the service in Church from 10.45am.

Arundel Park Lodge St. Nicholas is back visiting this Care Home and we would like to start the games afternoons again. Please talk to Clare or Corrine if you would like to re-live your days of playing Ludo, Snakes & Ladders, Draughts or Chess!

**SERVICES NEXT WEEK**:-

SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER (15th Sunday after Trinity)

8am Said Eucharist in Church

10.30am Eucharist in Church

Morning Prayer Monday—Thursday 9am on Facebook Live

Evening Prayer Monday—Thursday 5pm on Facebook Live

(facebook.com/StNicholasChur3/)

TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

10am Eucharist in Church

THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

12.30pm Eucharist (BCP) in Church

Please consider making a donation to St. Nicholas. You can do this by clicking on the following link:-

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/862821d0-c09b-48e4-95e3-871cb542bc1d>

Or you can contact Diana about other ways to give. Tel. 07809-385622 or email di@nabarton.co.uk.

**Date for your Diary—Saturday 25th September**

Curry Night—now back on having been postponed during lockdown— 7pm for 7.30pm—tickets are available from Ellen or Cathy priced at £12.50. You can dress for the occasion if you wish!

The Parish Office is now open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10am and 12 noon. Tel. no. 01273-390544

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**Keeping in touch.** In these difficult times please be assured we are praying for you and if you need any support; spiritual, emotional or practical please let us know.

God bless Fr Jim (Vicar) and Reverend Kate (Associate Vicar)