



# St Nicolas Church

*Building Faith in the Community*

## Newsletter for Sunday 6th April 2025

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins

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#### 10am: Morning Praise

Led by: Gill Caldwell  
Hymns: 585, 146, 489, 143 (omit v3)



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### We're pleased you're here

Welcome to St Nicolas! There's no need to say or do anything during a service; feel free to sit and listen. We're delighted to have children here and we know children can be noisy – please don't worry! Church is a family, so be yourself. You are welcome to use our kneelers and bibles in church: please do return them to the shelves or position after use, thank you. When it comes to receiving communion, we recognise that some prefer not to receive from the chalice. Please note that at St Nicolas our practice is not to intinct (dip the wafer in the wine).



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### Today's Bible Readings

Romans 12: 1-8 (page 1139 in the church bible)  
John 13: 1-17 (page 1081 in the church bible)

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### Today's Collect

Father God, help us to draw closer to you:  
Fan into a flame the spark of faith you have seeded in our hearts,  
that we might each come to love you  
with the whole of our heart, the whole of our soul,  
the whole of our mind and the whole of our strength.  
We ask this in the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and for the glory of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



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## **This week we are praying for:**

- \* For the work of The Meeting Place and our links, Margaret Hibbert and Val Lambert.
  - Give thanks for the work of The Meeting Place in our community.
  - Give thanks for The Meeting Place AGM when two new people came forward as Trustees. Pray the Trustees will work well together as they all bring different strengths to the team.
  - Pray for the volunteers and those who come to activities that all who are involved will find their faith strengthened or will be inspired to find out more.
- \* For Thursday Coffee and the team of refreshment servers.
- \* For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Ministry Leader.
- \* For our neighbours in Allen Road and Springvale Close.
- \* For Our Church Development Plan: focussing 'Inspiring each member of the church family to take the next step in their journey of faith'.
- \* From our Electoral Roll: Sue, Jacqy, Elizabeth, Jean, Alexandra, Angela.
- \* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Jon Springall, Joyce Fanner, Matthew Saxton, Tim Reeder, Michael Denham.
- \* Those who are ill: Pat Davidson, Jim Simpson, Chris Collins, Joyce Munden.

**If you have a prayer request, please contact a member of the ministry team. You can also raise a prayer request by email at [pleasepray@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:pleasepray@stnicolasbookham.org.uk) or via our website 'prayer page' at <https://www.stnicolasbookham.org.uk/prayer>**

## **Notices**

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER BASED ON THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING**

With all of your strength

Today we consider what it means to love the Lord our God with all of our strength. This will involve using our bodies to serve one another and in praise and worship.

1. In what ways is the Lord calling you to serve others? How does Jesus' example of service when he washed his disciples' feet challenge you?
2. How conscious are you of offering your body in praise and worship? What practices do you find helpful/unhelpful?

**BLOOM BREAKFAST** Saturday 12th April 9.00am to 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre. An opportunity to meet with other women for refreshment, fellowship and encouragement. Our theme is: 'New Life'. Tickets £5. To book, please e-mail [ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL** Sunday 13th April 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. A chance to chat, tea and cakes, optional games. Cost £5. To book, please e-mail [ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**EASTER FAMILY FUN** Saturday 19th April from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in church. Activities for all the family including: baby area, tea & cakes, cookie decorating, crafts & games, Easter trail, face painting. All activities free. Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult responsible for their care.

**HOLIDAY AT HOME** This year the Anna Chaplaincy will be running a "Summer Fun" themed Holiday at Home day at Eastwick Road Church on 20th August. For further information and to book, contact: Liz Tapp (the Anna Chaplain) Tel: 07518 735729 email: [ac@themeetingplace.org.uk](mailto:ac@themeetingplace.org.uk) Please note the booking deadline is 30th April.

**ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE** The April issue is available in church or on our website [here](#).

**DO YOU ENJOY MEETING AND GREETING PEOPLE?** We are looking for someone to join our team of Sidesmen on 2nd Sundays, a Welcomer for alternate 1st Sundays and reserves to join our coffee rota. No previous experience needed. Please contact Vicki Dixon if interested: [vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**LENT APPEAL** The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund provides grants to local projects run by parishes or church-linked organisations to help people facing financial hardship and other vulnerabilities, including loneliness and disability. For more details, visit <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Bishop-Andrew-s-Lent-Appeal-2025>

**NEXT STEPS FEEDBACK** Once you have completed your Next Steps Reflection, it would be helpful to know what we at St Nicolas could do, or do better, to help you take the next step on your own spiritual journey. Please provide your comments using the online feedback form, email us at [nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk), or drop your comment into the 'Donations Box' in the Tower. If you choose to add your e-mail address and phone number, we will also invite you to take part in one of our open forums to discuss your thoughts.



## The Week Ahead

Tue 8th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 10th	10.00 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Genesis 17: 3-9; John 8: 51-end</i> )
	10.40 am	Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room
	6.30 pm	Choir Practice – Church
Sat 12th	9.00 am	Bloom Breakfast – Pastoral Centre
Sun 13th	8.00 am	Holy Communion ( <i>1 John 4: 7-12, 19-21; John 12: 12-16</i> )
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	2.30 pm	Sunday Afternoon Social – Pastoral Centre

### This week's duty Church Warden:

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### EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

These roles will require DBS checks and follow the Safer Recruitment Procedure.

**Open the book.** Acting out Bible stories in schools. Commitment up to 3 times every half term during the week on school hours.

**Tots Alive helpers.** Help with refreshments, set up, take down and engage with carers and children. Commitment Mondays 9:30 to 12:15 term time.

**Glow helpers and leaders.** Help with set up, take down and engage with children, Leaders prepare and lead a session. Commitment 1/2 Sundays a month from 9:45 to 11:30.

**Family fun and other events.** Refreshments, help with crafts/ games, set up/ take down.

**Messy church.** Refreshments, help with crafts/ games, set up/ take down/ welcome families. Commitment monthly on Saturday afternoons 4 to 6:30.

If you are interested, or for more details, please contact Celeste on 07707 439799 or [Celeste.rios@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:Celeste.rios@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

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