



# St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

## Newsletter for Sunday 15th September 2024

### Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

Led by: David Ireland

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#### 10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald  
Hymns: 713, 788, 42, 450, 621  
Anthem: Bach – Sleepers Wake

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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

*James 3: 1-12; (page 1214 in the church bible)*  
*Matthew 25: 1-13 (page 994 in the church bible)*

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### Today's Collect

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to yur wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## This week we are praying for:

\* The Meeting Place and our links Margaret Hibbert and Val Lambert.

Please pray for:

- The Anna Chaplaincy's Technology Talk on 18 September - that it will be well attended and useful to those who come
  - The Board of Trustees and their meetings and Away Day this autumn – that new Trustees will be excited about reducing isolation in our community will feel inspired to come forward
  - All those who attend our activities – that they will feel the Christian love that is behind all we try to do
- \* For our ECO team and for Margaret Hibbert and Val Lambert who lead this.
- \* For our neighbours in Hambledon Place.
- \* For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Confident in our Witness', led by Alan Jenkins.
- \* From our Electoral Roll: Marilyn, Jean, Angela, Catherine, Emma, Suzie Cathryn
- \* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Yvonne Davey, Joan Johnson.
- \* Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Sylvia Charles.

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

1. Would you have been one of the wise or foolish virgins in the parable?
2. Are you prepared to face God if the Second Coming were tomorrow? If not what do you need to do today to be more prepared?

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2024:** runs from 9 – 22 September this year. It's 30 years since Fairtrade products first hit the shelves and this year the focus is on how **YOU can Be The Change**, by choosing Fairtrade every time. Our St Nicolas Fairtrade stall is available today and includes some Fair Trade groceries, in particular this month focussing on what is available at the Co-op, and upcycled greetings cards.

**SALE OF PAINTINGS** Saturday 14th September from 9.00am to 12 noon in church. A sale, for a donation, of Nigel Fenner's paintings. All welcome. For more information, please contact Chris Bridges 07979 786890, [chris\\_bridges99@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_bridges99@hotmail.com)

**SILENT PRAYER GROUP** Monday 23rd September, - from 12 noon to 12.45 pm, with a silent time of 25 mins, plus some prayers and readings. This group is now meeting in homes, contact Jean Forward for details [[housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)]. ALL WELCOME to enjoy peace and stillness.

**HEARING CHAMPIONS** message from Ali Sangwine: “I apologise for the cancelled sessions in July and August. I’m very pleased to say that I am now well enough to return, and I will be in the Bookham Baptist church on 14th September, between 10.00am and 12 noon. However, 12th October is cancelled.”

**BOOKHAM ON BROADWAY** At 7.30pm on Saturday 14th September the Friary Brass Band are returning with a new and varied programme. They are playing to entertain, but also to help us raise funds for our Appeal to improve the toilet facilities at the church. It's going to be a great night, so we hope you will join us, and share the opportunity with your friends and neighbours. Tickets at £15 (£5 for students) are available [here](#) , via our church website, or by calling Nick Garrett on 01372 458918.

**ANNA CHAPLAINCY - LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE** You are invited to a ‘Tec Talk’ to find out about equipment available to those who are vulnerable, elderly living alone or who have disabilities. Come and meet an expert from Mole Valley Life on Wednesday 18th September 10.30am to 12pm at Bookham Library. Over 65s and carers welcome. Suggested donation of £2. Tea and coffee will be provided. To find out more and to book, contact Liz Tapp, the Anna Chaplain, email [ac@themeetingplace.org.uk](mailto:ac@themeetingplace.org.uk) or phone 07518 735729.

**FUNERAL SERVICE OF JOAN JOHNSON** - For those of our church family who knew Joan and who would like to go to her funeral service, it will be held at Randalls Park Crematorium on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.45pm.

## The Week Ahead

Mon 16th	10.00 am 4.00 pm 8.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth (Pastoral Centre) PCC meets (Church Room)
Tue 17th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 19th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Luke 7:36 - end</i> ) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 20th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 21st	8.30 am	Barnabas Breakfast (Pastoral Centre)
Sun 22nd	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Ephesians 1: 1-10; Luke 15: 11-32</i> ) Holy Communion ( <i>James 3: 1-12; Matthew 25: 1-13</i> )

**Join Bishop Andrew and Bishop Paul on 12<sup>th</sup> October**, for a 12km (7.5 miles) CIRCULAR WALK STARTING AT St Nicolas Church, Guildford and ending at St Mary’s Guildford, via Hog’s Back, Watts Chapel, North Downs Way and River Wey footpath. For more information see: [Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund - Diocese of Guildford](http://Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund - Diocese of Guildford) ([cofeguildford.org.uk](http://cofeguildford.org.uk))

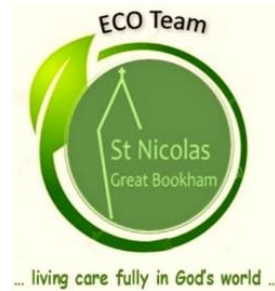
**This week’s duty Church Warden:**

Heather Gerrard

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## Lunch



**Sunday 29th September 12-2pm**

Our Harvest Lunch this year will, appropriately, take place in church! There will be a seasonal variety of three different homemade soups made by the

Eco Team, followed by homemade crumble and custard. Many thanks for all those offering to make crumbles, we now have enough offers.

Water provided, or Fairtrade wine for a donation of £3 per glass. Please bring your own cutlery and glasses.

Tickets £7 per person or £20 per family (2 adults plus any children). Please sign up online using the [link](#) on our church website. If you don't wish to pay online by card, please choose the Pay by Bank Transfer or Pay on the Door option. **Could we please remind everyone to sign in to attend the lunch.**

Proceeds towards the improvement of the Church toilets (and/or other projects the PCC propose).

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