



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 26th January 2025

Third Sunday of Epiphany

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell
Hymns: 445, 510, 666, 628, 742
Anthem: Handel – Lord I Trust Thee

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).



Today's Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a (page 1153 in the church bible)
Luke 4: 14-21 (page 1031 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with Your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For the work of Oasis Charitable Trust and our link Gill Caldwell.
- * For TotsAlive! led by Celeste Rios.
- * For our neighbours in Beales Road.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on 'Inspiring each member of the church family to take the next step in their journey of faith'.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Anne, Jacques, Shirley, Chloe, John, Gwen.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Tina Lamborn, Reg Carlier, Tim Carlier, Pamela Cheesewright, Enid Ewer.
- * Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Pat Davidson.

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 or via our website 'prayer page' at <https://www.stnicolasbookham.org.uk/prayer>

Notices

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER BASED ON THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

For the Common Good

God gives us gifts for the common good. And so why is it that some of us hold back from offering our gifts as fully as we should?

1. What gifts has God given you for the common good? If you are unsure, who could help you work out what your gifts are?
2. To what extent are you using your gifts as fully as you should? What changes might the Lord be calling you to make?

NEW FIRE BOOKHAM Sunday 26th January at 6 for 6.30, 4 Fox Lane, Little Bookham KT23 3AT, for a time of modern worship and reflection. Everyone very welcome.

GARDEN BIRD WATCH As a Gold Award Eco Church we would encourage you to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch 24-26th January to help understand local biodiversity. It's free to take part and you'll need just one hour of your time to watch either through a window or outside. For further details visit the RSPB website <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

SILENT PRAYER GROUP Monday 27th January from 12 noon to 12.45pm, with a silent time of 25 minutes, plus some prayers and readings. This group is now meeting in homes, contact Jean Forward for details (housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk). All welcome to enjoy peace and stillness.

REG CARLIER The funeral of Reg Carlier will be held in St Nicolas church on Wednesday 29th January at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM Sunday 2nd February at 6.00pm. For further details contact: Helen Overell at helen@bayleaf.org.uk

CONFIRMATION Are you confirmed? If not, and you would like to consider whether this is right for you, please do have a conversation with Alan Jenkins. We are planning to support a service of Confirmation at St George's, Ashted, on Sunday 11th May at 6.00pm and already have one candidate from our church who has expressed a desire to be confirmed. If there are others, nearer the time we will provide a couple of opportunities to meet and prepare.

ST NICOLAS CALENDAR 2025 A heartfelt thank you to everyone who bought a calendar. £200 has been raised toward the toilet upgrade project or other projects chosen by the PCC. With very best wishes for 2025. Vicki Dixon

DO YOU ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE AND WORKING IN TEAMS? We are looking for friendly, organised people to join our teams of Sidesmen and Welcomers and to join our coffee rota. No previous experience needed. If so, or you'd like to know more, please speak to one of our team or contact Vicki Dixon email: vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE The February issue is available in the Tower or online from our website [here](#). Please pay your 2025 magazine subscription of £7.50 by online bank transfer (Sort code 40-52-40, Account 00019044) noting that the payment is for the magazine. Alternatively, please pay via the parish office or the wall safe in church.

ECO TEAM – MILK BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION Please note that we have decided to discontinue collecting milk bottle tops. They can now be recycled in domestic recycling bins and we have found that the value of the collections is no longer financially worthwhile (although since 2010 we have raised more than £357 for Cancer Research and A Rocha). If you have any, please let us have them sometime during January. Thank you.

The Week Ahead

Mon 27th	10.00 am 4.00 pm 7.30 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre PCC Meeting – Church Room
Tue 28th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Wed 29th	2.00 pm	Funeral of Reg Carlier – Church
Thu 30th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Hebrews 10: 19-25; Mark 4: 21-25</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 31st	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 1st	10.00 am	Church Development Plan Prayers – Church Room
Sun 2nd	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40</i>) Morning Praise (<i>Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40</i>)

This week's duty Church Warden:

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quiz night

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LOWER ROAD, BOOKHAM, KT23 4DH

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CAP, CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY QUIZ NIGHT Why not support CAP, one of our Outward Giving Links in a fun way by getting together a group of friends to make up a team of 8 for their annual Quiz evening. This will be held on Saturday 8th February at Bookham Baptist Church with doors opening at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and finishing at 10.00pm. Light refreshments will be available of tea, coffee and cakes, and feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tables of 8 need to be booked as a whole, with the cost at £10 per person (£80 per table). Details and a booking form are available using the link <https://bookhambaptist.churchsuite.com/events/usrfbwjz> or by using the QR code to be found above. Any questions, please contact reception@bookhambaptist.org or phone 01372 811313.

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