



# St Nicolas Church

*Building Faith in the Community*

## Newsletter for Sunday 16th February 2025

### Third Sunday before Lent

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

Led by: David Ireland

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#### 10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald  
Hymns: 584, 204, 236, 602, 678  
Anthem: Bach – Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring

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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

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 (page 1156 in the church bible)  
Luke 6: 17-26 (page 1033 in the church bible)

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### Today's Collect

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## This week we are praying for:

\* For Fairtrade and our Eco Team:

- Give thanks for the work of the FairTrade movement over many years, highlighting the need for producers and their communities to receive a just reward for their work.
- Pray for the work of the Eco Team at St Nicolas, giving thanks for their enthusiasm and commitment.
- Pray for the success and safety of our forthcoming Coffee Morning on 8th March, raising money for Transform Trade and Ripple Garden Twinning.

\* For Tuesday Coffee led by Julia Watts.

\* For our neighbours in Brodrick Grove and Lower Shott.

\* For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on 'Increasing our capacity to take forward the mission of the church'.

\* From our Electoral Roll: Emily, Phyl, Peter, Patricia, Peter, Anna.

\* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Enid Ewer, Sylvia Collier.

\* Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Pat Davidson, Deborah Gallacher, Jim Simpson.

**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

**FAIRTRADE STALL** is available in church this Sunday – please come and have a look.

**ST NICOLAS CRAFT CLUB** An hour and a half of craft fun for 5-10 year olds. Toy making, painting, cookie decorating, and more. Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th February 2.30pm to 4.00pm in the Church Room. Suggested donation £3 per child per session. Please book your space by scanning this QR code. Tickets are limited. If you have any questions contact [celeste.rios@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:celeste.rios@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)



**HEARING CHAMPIONS** Do you have a hearing aid? Would you like some help and support to use it better? Would you like it to be retubed? Do you need some batteries? If so, come along to the Baptist Church on Saturday 22nd February. You will receive a warm welcome. Coffee and cake available next door in the Meeting Place.

**NEW FIRE MEETING** Sunday 23rd February at 6 for 6.30 at 4 Fox Lane.

**SILENT PRAYER GROUP** Monday 24th February 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](mailto:housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)). All welcome to enjoy peace and stillness.

**LENT GROUP** We are offering a Lent Group to enable those who are not already in house groups to dig a little deeper into the teaching material for Lent, and how this

might be reflected in our own lives. This Lent we will be looking at what it means to love God and to love our neighbour as a way of reflecting on the next step of our own spiritual journey. The group will run each Tuesday afternoon throughout Lent between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. If you would like to participate, please register on our website under 'Next Steps', contact the parish office, or email [nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk) and we will get back to you with more details.

**LENT EVENING STUDY** Several evening house-groups have offered to take guests for the Lent Study Series. If you cannot join the Tuesday afternoon Lent Group, but could attend an evening group, then please register using the same details as above.

**MOTHERS' UNION** There will also be no Corporate Communion on 6th March.

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING** Saturday 8th March 10-12noon in church – please join the Eco Team for our annual Coffee Morning raising funds for Transform Trade and Ripple Effect Garden Twinning. There will be coffee and cake, baking and preserves, Eco Easter cards, bric a brac and more! All are welcome, and please bring your friends!

**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION** Important: This year you will need to apply for the Electoral Roll, even if you are already on it. This is because every six years the Electoral Roll is scrapped, and we start again! All of us will need to make sure that we sign up for the new roll before 12th March, as the new Electoral Roll will be displayed in church from the 14th March to 28th March, in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ACPM) on 31st March. Application forms are available in church, the church office or on the website. You only need to fill in a consent form if you are applying for the first time. The forms need to be returned either to Catherine Clark, placed in the white box provided in church entitled 'ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS AND REVISIONS', or either taken or sent to the church office: [office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**THE MEETING PLACE AGM** is on Saturday 15th March at 12.30pm in Bookham Baptist Church Hall. All are welcome for a review of 2024 and to hear about future plans.

### The Week Ahead

Mon 17th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 18th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre Craft Club – Church Room
Thu 20th	10.00 am 10.40 am 2.30 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>Genesis 9: 1-13; Mark 8: 27-33</i> ) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Craft Club – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 21st	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sun 23rd	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Revelation 4: 1-end; Luke 8: 22-25</i> ) Holy Communion ( <i>Revelation 4: 1-end; Luke 8: 22-25</i> )

## This week's duty Church Warden:

Joy Lord

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**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](mailto:vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**VOLUNTEERS TO COVER PARISH OFFICE** Whenever our Parish Administrator is on leave or off sick, he arranges for one of our team of volunteers to cover the parish office. Some of our team members have had to step down and so we are looking for a few more volunteers to cover the occasional morning. The cover involves being in the parish office from 9.00am to 12.00pm, answering phone calls, taking messages and assisting any visitors who pop in. If you are interested in joining this team, please let the office know on 01372 450709 or [office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**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.

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)

## Useful Contacts

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