



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell
Hymns: 664, 702, 800, 437, 671
Anthem: Goodall – The Lord's My Shepherd

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

Acts 9: 36-43 (page 1103 in the church bible)
John 10: 22-30 (page 1077 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into
one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

* For Christian Aid and our link Anne Shears. A prayer for Christian Aid Week 2025:

Lord, you are faithful to your promises.
Through the Spirit, you bless us with
abounding hope.
When power seeks to silence justice,
give us the courage to raise our voice.
When an end to poverty seems far off,
renew our faith in your kingdom come on earth.
When our neighbour reaches out,
inspire us to respond with overflowing love.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

* For Mothers' Union and the St Nicolas Branch Leaders Julia Watts and Chris Collins.

* For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Ministry Leader.

* For our neighbours in Crabtree Lane.

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

* From our Electoral Roll: Marilyn, Jean, Angela, Catherine, Emma, Suzie, Catherine.

* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Emily Instone, Ann Cummings.

* Those who are ill: Pat Davidson, Jim Simpson, Chris Collins.

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

Who are you?

Today we reflect on Jesus' identity and the implications this has for both our evangelism and his great promise to those who are his sheep.

1. Are there people in your life for whom your deepest desire and prayer is that one day they will come to recognise Jesus for who he is?
2. How convinced are you that your continuance in eternal life depends not on your feeble hold on Christ, but on his firm grip on you?

LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE Wednesday 14th May from 10.30am to 12pm at Bookham Library. Would you like to declutter? Are you considering downsizing?

Come and meet Louise Fleming, a Homemover Specialist. Suggested donation of £2. Tea & coffee will be provided. To book contact Liz Tapp, the Anna Chaplain, via email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or phone 07518 735729.

BARNABAS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Saturday 17th May 8.30am to 9.30am in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome to join us as we meet for coffee and discussion.

SUNDAY 18TH MAY, FOCUS ON HOUSEGROUPS We now have eight groups meeting regularly, and the services on Sunday 18th May will focus particularly on Housegroups. There will be an opportunity to speak to members of the groups, so do come along and find out more. Details of all groups are also always available on the leaflet available in the tower. If you have never joined a group, then come along and find out more, there is sure to be one to suit you, and you can try several (or all!) if you wish. Why not give it a try? You won't regret it!

CELTISH IN CONCERT Saturday 31st May at 4pm in church. Churches Together in Bookham host a wonderful afternoon concert of Celtic inspired music and song. Tickets £7.50 (price includes interval tea and cake). To book click [here](#) or via the church website. Contact gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk for more details.

THE FRIARY BAND IS BACK AGAIN! On Saturday June 7th the magnificent Friary Brass Band will be back in church playing music for a Summer Serenade, raising funds for St Nicolas. Please help us to have a full church for the event - tickets on sale now! See flyers and the [website](#).

NEXT STEPS FEEDBACK We would love to receive your feedback from the Next Steps Reflection exercise - answering the question "What could the church do, or do better, to help you take the next step on your journey of faith?" This Sunday, feedback forms, pencils and a box to collect your responses will be available at the back of the church. Responses can also be posted online, emailed to nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or placed in the Donations Box in the tower when the church is open.

The Week Ahead

Mon 12th	10.00 am	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room
	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting – Church Room
Tue 13th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 15th	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Acts 13: 13-25; John 13: 16-20)
	10.40 am	Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room
	6.30 pm	Choir Practice – Church
Fri 16th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 17th	8.30 am	Barnabas Men's Fellowship – Pastoral Centre
Sun 18th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Hebrews 10: 19-25; Luke 10: 38-42)
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This week's duty Church Warden:

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025 – 11th to 17th MAY

This year's Christian Aid Week (11th – 17th May) is focusing on Christian Aid's work in Guatemala, Central America, where the climate crisis is causing the seasons to intensify and shift erratically. As a result, farming communities have to battle devastating floods and intense heatwaves. Water sources are drying up and vital crops are failing, plunging farming families into hunger and poverty.

If you would like to donate to Christian Aid this year, we have set up a specific St Nicolas donations page on the Christian Aid website.

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/st-nicolas-church-great-bookham>



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