



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 13th October 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins



10am: Holy Communion

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Hymns: 763, 585, 453, 774, 748
Anthem: Tallis: If ye love me

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

Hebrews 4: 12-end (page 1203 in the church bible)
Mark 10: 17-31 (page 1014 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

God our light and salvation:
Illuminate our lives,
That we may see your goodness
In the land of the living,
And looking on your beauty
May be changed into the likeness of
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and our links Julia Watts and Sue White.

MAF is the world's largest humanitarian air operator. For over 75 years they have flown light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts. They enable development and mission organisations to deliver aid. Their pilots and personnel deliver relief workers, doctors, clergy, schoolbooks, food and medicines. Natural disasters can devastate the world's poorest communities in climate-vulnerable areas. Surveying the damage from the air is the first step in getting relief where it is needed and MAF can be operational within hours, getting precious people and supplies where they are most needed. In the aftermath of conflict MAF can help thousands of displaced people facing hunger and isolation. MAF flies in food, shelter and healthcare. MAF has a vision to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Today, MAF is still serving the Church and those who carry the Gospel. Every year there are celebrations as a new Bible translation is flown into a remote village by MAF.

Lord, we pray that MAF will get all the support, both practical and financial, they need to carry out their mission in getting help and the Gospel to all the remote communities. Take care of the pilots and the staff, who take risks daily to carry out your work. Amen

- * For all involved in sung worship and the recruitment of a new Director of Music.
- * For our neighbours in The Park.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Confident in our Witness and Service', led by Alan Jenkins.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Peter, Val, Joy, Peter, Hugh, Janet, Stuart.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Maureen Reaveley, Andrew MacLean, Danny Pugh, Gillian Bristow, William Mackridge.
- * Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Sylvia Charles, Deborah Gallacher, Nigel Fenner.

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

HARVEST DONATION THANKS LeatherHead Start have written to thank everyone at St Nicolas for the generous Harvest donations. LeatherHead Start were especially pleased as it was their first delivery this year and came when their shelves and cupboards were all very empty. All the gifts will help them though the year to provide three meals a day for their clients and reduces the cost of their weekly shopping bills. They are most grateful for our continued support with these gifts and our prayers.

HARVEST LUNCH A big thankyou from the Eco Team to everyone who contributed to the Harvest Lunch – setting up, making crumbles, washing up ... or just being there! We enjoyed good fellowship with the added bonus of raising approximately £500 towards the refurbishment of the Church Room toilets.

SIGHT LOSS SUNDAY Today, 13th October. Come and meet volunteers from ‘Sensory Services for Surrey’. You will be able to check out a selection of gadgets and other resources designed for people with visual impairments and find out what else Sensory Services for Surrey have to offer for people with visual and / or hearing impairments. They will be at the back of church near the font before and after the service on 13th October.

PRAYERS FOR SIGHT LOSS SUNDAY We thank you Lord that we are called and guided to make your church in all respects as inclusive and accessible as possible, in particular on this Sight Loss Sunday for those whose vision is impaired in whatever way. Thank you for the skills and compassion of medical professionals, social services, staff and trustees of charities and businesses responsible for specialist provision and for their work to improve the lives of people with sight loss; especially 'Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey' and 'Torch Trust', along with those that benefit from their services. Pray also for scientists and others working to eliminate preventable blindness, especially in developing countries; for those struggling with their sight loss, that they be strengthened by the power of God and that all churches in the UK can be places that welcome and meet the needs of all people, whatever their gifts and abilities.

The Week Ahead

Mon 14th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 15th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 17th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Ephesians 1: 1-10; Luke 11: 47-end</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 18th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 19th	8.30 am	Barnabas Men’s Fellowship – Pastoral Centre
Sun 20th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>2 Corinthians 1: 12-22; Matt. 21: 28-32</i>) Holy Communion (<i>2 Corinthians 1: 12-22; Matt. 21: 28-32</i>)

This week's duty Church Warden:

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LEATHERHEAD DEANERY SYNOD The next meeting is on Wednesday 16th October at 7.30pm (refreshments from 7.00pm) at St Martin's Church, Ockham Road South, East Horsley KT24 6RL. The first part of the meeting is open to all, and the main topic will be 'Questions to the Archdeacon'. If you have any questions for Archdeacon Martin Breadmore, please email in advance to claire.deanerysec@gmail.com

BARNABAS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Saturday 19th October 8.30am to 10.00am in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome to join us as we meet for coffee and discussion.

SILENT PRAYER GROUP Monday 28th October 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.

CATERING TUTOR JOB The Grange are looking for someone with catering experience to teach basic cooking skills. To find out more visit: www.grangecentre.org.uk/jobs

BOOKHAM 'SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS' SHOPPING EVENT St Nicolas will be joining in the Bookham 'Spirit of Christmas' shopping event on Saturday 30th November. We will have the display of nativity scenes again plus children's activities, a choir, tea and coffee. Hundreds of people will visit the church during the event so it's a wonderful opportunity to show people what we do. Could you help with any of these: lend us your nativity set for the afternoon, provide prizes for the children's tombola stall or knit a tree decoration (angel, Santa, star, etc). See Gill Caldwell or Anne Shears for more details or email gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

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