



# St Nicolas Church

*Building Faith in the Community*

## Newsletter for Sunday 14th April 2024

### Third Sunday of Easter

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald

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#### 10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell  
Hymns: 486, 709, 598, 145, 667  
Anthem: Stanford - O for a closer walk with God

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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

Acts 3: 12-19 (page 1095 in the church bible)  
Luke 24: 36b-48 (page 1062 in the church bible)

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### Today's Collect

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness  
and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.



## This week we are praying for:

- \* For the work of The Mission to Seafarers and our links John Adie and Eldred Clark, we pray:
  - for the Mission and its core Christian principles, may they not be diluted by the perils and crises of the modern world;
  - give thanks for their work in Sri Lanka providing hospitality to 60 ships in one month alone, and their centre which includes a “family room” where crew can meet with their family;
  - for the help they give to crews of abandoned ships which can be left without support for years;
  - for our guest Sea Sunday preacher Revd. Chris Collison, when he expands our understanding of the Mission in July.
- \* For the Thursday Coffee team.
- \* For our neighbours in Barn Meadow Lane.
- \* For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority ‘Maximising the value of recent changes to our building for the benefit of all’, led by Chris Turner.
- \* From our Electoral Roll: Bob, Pam, Pamela, Anne, Caroline, Margaret.
- \* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Billy Thompson.
- \* Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Sylvia Charles, Elizabeth Finucane, Jenny and Peter Evans, Deborah Gallcher.

**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

#### God of Surprises

The Apostles were startled at the appearance of the Risen Lord; and the people were surprised and amazed when Peter healed the man crippled from birth. God is a God of surprises, and he continues to surprise us today.

**Jesus Appears:** In what ways has Jesus made his presence known to you?

**God Reveals:** How has God opened your mind to understand the scriptures recently?

**God Empowers:** With which of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit has God empowered you?

**God Heals:** How have you experienced God’s healing in body, mind or spirit?

**LOST PROPERTY** All the accumulated lost property items will be on a table by the South door from Sunday 7th April until Sunday 14th April; please do reclaim any items which belong to you whilst they are there.

**BARNABAS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** Saturday 20th April 9.00am to 10.00am in the Pastoral Centre. Do come along and join our men's fellowship as we meet for coffee and discussion: all welcome.

**SILENT PRAYER GROUP** Monday 22nd April from 12noon to 12.45pm with a silent time of 25 minutes, plus some prayers and readings. This group will now be meeting in homes, contact Jean Forward ([housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)) for details. All welcome to enjoy peace and stillness. NB There will be no meeting of this group in May.

**MIGHT YOU CONSIDER JOINING ST NICOLAS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)?**  
On 29th April we will hold the St Nicolas Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). It will start at 8pm and all are welcome to attend although to participate fully you need to be on the electoral roll. The APCM page on our website is now up and running and can be found on the church [website](#). At the meeting we elect new members of our PCC. We need some new members and would be very pleased to hear from you if you might be able to serve in this way. The PCC meets six times a year for two hours on a Monday evening and considers many of the matters involved in ensuring the smooth running of St Nicolas Church. If you would like more information please do speak to Alan Jenkins or get in touch with our PCC Secretary, Amanda Rowland on [pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk) or 07702 678480. We look forward to hearing from you.

## The Week Ahead

Mon 15th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 16th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 18th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion – Church ( <i>Acts 8: 26-end; John 6: 44-51</i> ) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 19th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 20th	9.00 am	Barnabas Men's Fellowship – Pastoral Centre
Sun 21st	8.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>Acts 4: 5-12; John 10: 11-18</i> ) Holy Communion ( <i>Acts 4: 5-12; John 10: 11-18</i> ) Evensong ( <i>Psalms 81: 8-16; Exodus 16: 4-15; Rev. 2: 12-17</i> )

## This week's duty Church Warden:

Bob Searle

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**ANNA CHAPLAINCY - LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE: HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT WITH SIGHT AND HEARING.** Do you have issues with your sight or hearing? Are you aware of support available to those who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or partially sighted? Would you like to learn about equipment available such as magnifiers, doorbells and talking clocks? Come and meet experts from Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey on Wednesday 8th May 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.

**MP WATCH DORKING AND HORLEY** Want to hold our next MP to account and help them to work towards a better future on local and national issues? Come to the start-up meeting of the Dorking and Horley branch of MP Watch, a national group with real democracy at its heart, and make your voice heard. Genuinely non-party-political. We meet on Thursday 16th May, 7.30 – 9pm, Lincoln Arms, Station Approach, Dorking RH4 1TF. Contact Pat Smith at [patvoice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:patvoice@yahoo.co.uk) or Phil Partridge at [philpartridge07@gmail.com](mailto:philpartridge07@gmail.com) for more information.

**THE SERVANT COURSE** Book your place today – bookings close on 26th May. Do you know how God wants you to use your gifts in his service? Are you in the right role? Age is no barrier to how God can use you. We all have something to offer. “You are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works which God has prepared in advance of you to do.” Find out on The Servant Course – Friday 7th June from 7:30pm & Saturday 8th June till 3:30pm. Book via the church [website](#), or contact Chris Holloway at [chris.holloway@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:chris.holloway@stnicolasbookham.org.uk) or on 07870556343.

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