



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins



10am: Morning Praise and Baptism of Sophia Suarez

Led by: Gill Caldwell

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

Job 38: 1-11 (page 538 in the church bible)
John 1: 1-14 (page 1063 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to
the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * Fairtrade and our ECO Team.
- * For our Flower Arrangers and Cleaners.
- * For our neighbours in Southey Court.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Effective Communications Strategy', led by Vicki Dixon.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Anne, Keith, Ali, Patricia, Deborah, Richard.
- * Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier.

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

1. How is your love for God expressed in your love of neighbour?
2. When are you most tempted to compromise integrity and truth?
3. What steps can you take to become more like Jesus?

TOY SERVICE Sunday 1st December 10am. You are invited to bring a present to the service. These will be given to children who are cared for at The Children's Trust, Tadworth. These children have complex needs, some with sensory impairment, so soft toys, musical toys, toys that light up or simple games would be very welcome.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH 1st December at 11.30am for 12.00pm. You are most welcome to join us if you might otherwise lunch on your own. £5.00 payable on the day but please contact the Parish Office to secure a place or if you have any queries about the lunch (450709 or office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk).

TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM Sunday 1st December at 6.00pm. For further details contact: Helen Overell at helen@bayleaf.org.uk

RAINBOW TRUST CAROL CONCERT Tuesday 3rd December at 7.00pm in church. The concert will last approximately one hour, after which you are invited to a complimentary glass of mulled wine and warm mince pies. This special evening will help raise vital funds to support seriously ill children and their families. For more information and booking details please see <https://www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/> If you would like to book tickets over the phone, please call 01372 363438.

ANNA CHAPLAINCY - CAROL SERVICE Wednesday 4th December 10.15am ERC. All welcome. The service will be suitable for those on a dementia journey and carers.

STRING QUARTET CHRISTMAS CONCERT Friday 6th December at 7.30 pm in church. The Maiastra string quartet are performing. Free entry with retiring collection. For more information and booking details please see <https://www.maiastra.org/>

HEARING CHAMPIONS will NOT be available on 7th December. The date is now 21st December. Ali Sangwine.

BOOKHAM CHORAL SOCIETY CAROL CONCERT Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm in church. There will be well known and less well known carols by the choir and seasonal favourites for all to join in. Tickets are £15 for adults and £5 for students & under 18s. Tickets include a glass of wine or soft drink and a mince pie. For more information and booking details please see <https://www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk/events>

BLOOM BREAKFAST Saturday 11th January 9.00am to 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre. An opportunity to meet together with other women for refreshment, fellowship and encouragement. Our theme is: 'New Year Gifts'. Tickets £5. To book, e-mail ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

TEA AND SCONES WITH TRADITIONAL HYMNS Sunday 12th January 2.30pm until 4.00pm. To book a place please email Ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk A voluntary contribution towards the cost of the event would be grateful received.

ECO CHRISTMAS CARD TRELIS As last year, the Eco Team is keen to encourage everyone to join in with our communal Christmas card initiative to reduce waste and create an attractive display in our lovely new space. If you would normally send multiple cards to your friends at St Nicolas, please do use the trellis and send just one card instead. You may add your single card at any time before Christmas Day. A supply of pins will be provided; you don't even need an envelope!

ST NICOLAS CALENDAR 2025 We have a limited number of calendars featuring photos of St. Nicolas church for sale at £12 each. Profits will be donated to the toilet upgrade project and other projects chosen by the PCC. If interested, contact Vicki Dixon at vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or look out for her in church.

ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE The Dec/Jan issue is in the Tower and on our [website](#).

The Week Ahead

Mon 2nd	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 3rd	10.00 am 11.30 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre Mothers' Union Prayers – Church
Thu 5th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion and MU Corporate Communion (<i>Isaiah 26: 1-6; Matthew 7: 21, 24-27</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 6th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 7th	10.00 am	Church Development Plan prayers – Church Room
Sun 8th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Malachi 3: 1-4; Matthew 1: 18-25</i>) Holy Communion (<i>Malachi 3: 1-4; Matthew 1: 18-25</i>)

This week's duty Church Warden:

Joy Lord

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St Nicolas
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This Christmas at St Nicolas Great Bookham

Sunday 15th December @ 6:30pm
A candlelit service of Lessons and
Carols with Choir and Organ

Christmas Eve @ 3:00pm
Our popular Crib Service suitable
for those 7 years and under

**Christmas Eve @ 4:30pm and
Christmas Eve @ 6:00pm**
Our Family Carol Service suitable
for older children and adults

Christmas Eve @ 11:30pm
A candlelit service of Holy Communion
with Carols to welcome in Christmas Day

Christmas Day @ 10am
An all age service to celebrate the joy of
Christmas with Holy Communion

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