



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 17th November 2024

Second Sunday before Advent

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: David Ireland
Hymns: 641, 702, 502, 788, 422
Anthem: Chilcott – Be Thou my Vision

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

Psalm 146 (page 632 in the church bible)
Matthew 18: 1-7 (page 985 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation;
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * The Meeting Place and our links Margaret Hibbert and Val Lambert.
 - Give thanks for all those from St Nicolas involved in the activities of The Meeting Place aiming to build up our community.
 - Pray that anyone feeling isolated or alone this autumn and over Christmas will know they can join a The Meeting Place activity or find one at a local church.
 - Pray specifically for an additional Language Hub teacher to join the team.
- * For the Traidcraft stall organised by Margaret Hibbert.
- * For our neighbours in Fernlea.
- * 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: Diane, Tim, Harold, Paula, Carol, Celeste, Pablo.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Nigel Fenner, Pamela Sexton, Sylvia Charles.
- * Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Deborah Gallacher.

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

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

NEPAL LEPROSY TRUST COFFEE MORNING Saturday 23rd November 10.00am – 12pm at Eastwick Road Church. Coffee morning and sale in aid of the Nepal Leprosy Trust. Christmas gifts, batik cards, coffee/tea and cake available.

NEW FIRE BOOKHAM If you appreciate joyful modern worship songs and an informal time of meditation and prayer do come and join us. We will be holding our November meeting at Jan's house 4 Fox Lane Bookham KT23 3AT on Sunday 24th November at 6.00pm for coffee and cake, beginning at 6.30pm for an hour of singing, worship and prayer. On Sunday 22nd December we plan to hold a special pre-Christmas New Fire Worship Evening meeting in the Pastoral Centre. Do join us at 6.00pm for festive refreshments followed by an hour of 'Making a joyful noise to the Lord', beginning at 6.30pm. We would love you to join us as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus as our Saviour on Christmas Day. If you want to know more do speak to Jan, Ali or Heather or email ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

SILENT PRAYER GROUP Monday 25th November 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, please contact Jean Forward for details (housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk). All welcome to enjoy peace and stillness.

TALKING JESUS Guildford Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship invite everyone to an evening with Rachel Jordan-Wolf, executive director of Hope Together, on Tuesday 26th November, at Christchurch Guildford. 7.30pm for Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

before Rachel speaks at 8.00pm. Rachel will share the Talking Jesus research that is shaping the evangelistic culture in the UK. Please RSVP to gdefsec@hotmail.com

ANNA CHAPLAINCY - LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE Wednesday 27th November 10.30am – 12pm at Bookham Library. The elderly and their carers are invited to come and meet Georgie and her beautiful fully trained pet therapy dog - Jackson. Jackson is trained to provide comfort and affection to people who need him. He is a perfect companion for those who are elderly and struggling with anxiety. Come and hear how those with dementia and Alzheimer’s respond to his visits. Over 65s and carers welcome. Suggested donation of £2. Tea & coffee provided. To book, contact Liz Tapp (The Anna Chaplain) email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or tel: 07518 735729.

BOOKHAM ‘SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS’ SHOPPING EVENT St Nicolas will be joining in the Bookham ‘Spirit of Christmas’ shopping event on Saturday 30th November 1pm – 4pm. 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

DONATIONS OF CAKES AND BAKES for the SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS event on Saturday 30th November would be much appreciated! Please include a list of ingredients and date made, or source if bought, and bring to the church kitchen on the day of the event (or drop off at the Parish Office on Thursday/Friday).

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).

The Week Ahead

Mon 18th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 19th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 21st	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Revelation 5: 1-10; Luke 19: 41-44</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 22nd	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sun 24th	8.00 am 10.00 am 12 noon	Holy Communion (<i>Psalms 146; Matthew 18: 1-7</i>) Holy Communion (<i>Psalms 146; Matthew 18: 1-7</i>) Baptism of Darcey Dawkins

This week's duty Church Warden:

Bob Searle

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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. The festive trellis will be in place by 1st December and 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!

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.

BOOKHAM UNITED CHARITIES have a vacancy in their Almshouses for a single lady with connections to Bookham, commencing November, consisting of a studio flat with bathroom and kitchen. If interested, please contact in the first instance Dawn on 01372 452578 or Vivien on 01372 801357.

ST NICOLAS INTERIM MUSIC LEAD Helen Turner has done a great job looking after the music side of our worship and leading the choir on an informal basis since Peter Lutton retired and we are very grateful to her. However, as we have not had any response to our second round of adverts for the Director of Music role, we need to put in place rather more formal interim arrangements to tide us over the next few months. Our parish recruitment procedures require us to advertise this role which would involve selecting our music, playing the keyboard as a member of the music group at Morning Praise services and conducting the weekly choir practices. We are looking to appoint as soon as possible on a freelance basis for up to 6 months on the understanding that the role would end should a new Director of Music take up post. In recognition of the time commitment involved and the professional skills required we would propose to pay a modest monthly fee. If you are interested in being considered for this role, please contact Nick Garrett by 27th November.

Useful Contacts

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