



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 27th October 2024

Last Sunday after Trinity

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins
Hymns: 826, 387, 390, 658, 715
Anthem: Wesley – Lead me Lord

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

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 (page 1196 in the church bible)
John 5: 36b-end (page 1069 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change
and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * The Mission to Seafarers and our links John Adie and Eldred Clark remembering that seafarers are the silent unarmed guardians of the global economy. Their courage and resilience make possible the trade that fuels this global economy and the Mission to Seafarers reveals Christ's love for all who work at sea. We pray:
 - for the Mission and its core Christian principles. May they support seafarers exposed to the perils of the modern world: physical attack, fatigue, or mental health. On average, each seafarer supports at least 15 family members in their country of origin. These people are ever present in seafarers' hearts through the work that they do. It is for their sake that a seafarer lays down their own hopes of family life.
 - for the challenge of being crew in a large cruise ship where there can be up to 77 different nationalities.
 - for Rev Canon Andrew Wright who retires as Secretary General and thank him for all he has done during his 11 years in post and for The Ven Dr Peter Rouch who takes over.
- * For the members of the Bereavement Team and Jean Forward who leads it.
- * For our neighbours in Murrells Walk and Parklands.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Growing a Diverse Families' and Children's Ministry', led by Celeste Rios.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Beryl, Edmund, Joan, Charles, Joyce, Margaret.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: William Mackridge, Nigel Fenner, Pamela Sexton, Sylvia Charles, Mary Lee, Raymond Forward.
- * 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

NEW FIRE – BOOKHAM STYLE Do you enjoy singing modern worship songs? Would you like to meet once a month on a Sunday evening for coffee/tea and cake and a time of worship? Some of you will be familiar with the New Fire Service in Leatherhead, which is a monthly opportunity to sing some favourite worship songs and have a short time of reflection or prayer. As this is enjoyed by many from St Nicolas we thought it might be nice to have our own more local "New Fire" in Bookham on the last Sunday of the month and this is open to everyone who would like to come. Our first meeting will be at: 4 Fox Lane, Bookham KT23 3AT on Sunday 27th October, 6.00 pm (refreshments) 6.30pm start. The evening will be informal, just a wonderful opportunity to worship God and get to know others better and will include a short time to plan the way ahead. If you would like to know more please speak to Jan, Heather, or Ali.

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.

GRANGE CENTRE AUTUMN FAIR Tuesday 29th October from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at The Grange, Rectory Lane, Bookham KT23 4DZ. At this event the Grange will sell merchandise made or designed by the people they support. By attending, you can directly support their cause while enjoying a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family.

HEARING CHAMPIONS There will be a hearing aid support clinic in the Baptist Church, 10.00 until 12.00 on Saturday 2nd November. The advertised clinic on 7th December is cancelled and is replaced by a clinic on 21st December.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALL WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED Sunday 3rd November 3.00pm. As usual the service will include prayers, hymns and an address; the names of those who have died will be noted down and read out, and you will be able to light a candle. If you would like to remember someone in this way, then please do come along to the service. All are welcome no matter how long ago a loved one died, or whether they lived locally.

TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM Sunday 3rd November at 6.00pm. You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community. For further details contact: Helen Overell at helen@bayleaf.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CARD UPCYCLING All are welcome to join the Eco Team on Saturday 9th November in the Pastoral Centre 10.00am-1.00pm. Cost is £3.00 which includes a set of card blanks and envelopes, access to lots of Christmas and other cards and materials, and refreshments. Or just drop in, have a coffee and make one card for £1. For information, talk to any member of the Eco Team, email us (ecoteam@stnicolasbookham.org.uk), or come on the day.

The Week Ahead

Mon 28th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 29th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 31st	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Ephesians 6: 10-20; Luke 13: 31-end</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 1st	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 2nd	10.00 am	Church Development Plan Prayers – Church Room
Sun 3rd	8.00 am 10.00 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Psalms 71: 12-18; Luke 2: 22-38</i>) Morning Praise (<i>Psalms 71: 12-18; Luke 2: 22-38</i>) Memorial Service – Church



This week's duty Church Warden:

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NIGEL FENNER FUNERAL The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Nigel Fenner will be held in St Nicolas church on 12th November at 4.00pm. All are welcome.

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

 **JOIN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!**  As the nights are drawing in, our thoughts are turning to our preparations for the Carol Service on Sunday 15th December. We would like to extend an invitation to congregation members to sing with us for this event. Whether you sang in a choir at school or simply love to sing, this is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in music making in the church and to have some fun. All are welcome, and no long-term commitment is expected. If you would like to join, please email Helen Turner - helen@christturner.org.uk, or just turn up at 7:45pm on Thursday 7th November, when we will begin our rehearsals for Christmas.

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.

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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