



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 13th April 2025

Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins
Hymns: 161, 144, 604, 139, 147 (omit vs 4 and 6)
Anthem: Bullard – Hosanna to the Son of David

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

1 John 4: 7-12, 19-21 (page 1227 in the church bible)
John 12: 12-16 (page 1079 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Father God, help us to draw closer to you:
Fan into a flame the spark of faith you have seeded in our hearts,
that we might each come to love you
with the whole of our heart, the whole of our soul,
the whole of our mind and the whole of our strength.
We ask this in the power of your Holy Spirit,
and for the glory of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For the work of Bible Society and our links, Suzie and Alan Jenkins.
 - Praise God that children in The Gambia are engaging with the Bible through Open The Book, thanks to Bible Society supporters and Bible Society of The Gambia. Pray that Issachar, who leads Open The Book in The Gambia, will be blessed.
 - Pray for Florence and her peers at Methodist Prep School in The Gambia, that their faith will be strengthened as they engage with the Bible. Ask God to bless their teachers who help lead the programme, like Madam Tete.
- * For Thursday Coffee and the team of refreshment servers.
- * For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Ministry Leader.
- * For our neighbours in Flint Close and Southend.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on 'Bringing the Good News to bear in response to the needs and concerns of our community'.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Deborah, Tom, Nick, Heather, Rosemary, Caroline, Richard.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Matthew Saxton, Tim Reeder, Michael Denham, Finlay McDermid, Emily Instone, Joyce Munden.
- * Those who are ill: Pat Davidson, Jim Simpson, Chris Collins.

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

'ECO' EASTER (AND OTHER) CARDS will be available at the back of church after the service. Any money raised will go towards twinning the PC garden with Ripple Effect Garden Twinning (see <https://rippleeffect.org>). Thank you from the Eco Team.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL Sunday 13th April 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. A chance to chat, tea and cakes, optional games. Cost £5. To book, please e-mail ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

NO 10am MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION Please note, there will not be a 10.00am Thursday Communion on Maundy Thursday 17th April. However, there is a service of Holy Communion at Guildford Cathedral at 11.00am and a Churches Together service at Bookham Baptist Church at 7.45pm on Maundy Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL SERVICE Friday 18th April 12 noon in church. Beginning at midday, you are very welcome to stay for all of our three-hour service, or to arrive and leave on the hour and half-hour.

BARNABAS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Saturday 19th April 8.30am to 9.30am in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome to join us as we meet for coffee and discussion.

EASTER FAMILY FUN Saturday 19th April from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in church. Activities for all the family including: baby area, tea & cakes, cookie decorating, crafts & games, Easter trail, face painting. All activities free. Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult responsible for their care.

PRAYER FOR RECRUITMENT OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER

Alan has recently reinforced how important it is that the recruitment of a Families and Children's Ministry Leader is supported by prayer. As the advertisement is now out, a number of us felt we should meet to pray concertedly into this. Please do come and join us in church on Saturday 26th April at any point between 10-12.30. Don't feel you have to be there for the whole time. Everyone is welcome, whether to sit in silent prayer or to add your voice.

HOLIDAY AT HOME This year the Anna Chaplaincy will be running a "Summer Fun" themed Holiday at Home day at Eastwick Road Church on 20th August. For further information and to book, contact Liz Tapp, the Anna Chaplain, on 07518 735729 or email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk Please note, the booking deadline is 30th April.

LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE Wednesday 14th May from 10.30am to 12pm at Bookham Library. Would you like to declutter? Are you considering downsizing? Come and meet Louise Fleming, a Homemover Specialist. Suggested donation of £2. Tea & coffee will be provided. To book contact Liz Tapp, the Anna Chaplain, via email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or phone 07518 735729.

CELTISH IN CONCERT Saturday 31st May at 4pm in church. Churches Together in Bookham host a wonderful afternoon concert of Celtic inspired music and song. Tickets £7.50 (price includes interval tea and cake). To book click [here](#) or via the church website. Contact gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk for more details.

EASTER 'TEAM SPIRIT' The latest news from the Churches in Bookham can be read on the church website [here](#) and a few paper copies are available in the Tower.

The Week Ahead

Tue 15th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Wed 16th	12 noon	Funeral of Tim Reeder – Church
Thu 17th	6.30 pm	Choir Practice – Church
	7.45 pm	Maundy Communion – Bookham Baptist Church
Fri 18th	12 noon	Good Friday Devotional Service – Church
Sat 19th	8.30 am	Barnabas Men's Fellowship – Pastoral Centre
	2.00 pm	Family Fun – Church
Sun 20th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Acts 10:34-43; John 20: 1-18)
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This week's duty Church Warden:

Joy Lord

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LENT APPEAL The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund provides grants to local projects to help people facing financial hardship and other vulnerabilities. For details, visit <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Bishop-Andrew-s-Lent-Appeal-2025>

NEXT STEPS FEEDBACK Once you have completed your Next Steps Reflection, it would be helpful to know what we at St Nicolas could do, or do better, to help you take the next step on your own spiritual journey. Please provide your comments using the online feedback form, email us at nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk, or drop your comment into the 'Donations Box' in the Tower. If you choose to add your e-mail address and phone number, we will also invite you to take part in one of our open forums to discuss your thoughts.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY! These roles will require DBS checks and follow the Safer Recruitment Procedure.

Open the book. Acting out Bible stories in schools. Commitment up to 3 times every half term during the week on school hours.

Tots Alive helpers. Help with refreshments, set up, take down and engage with carers and children. Commitment Mondays 9:30 to 12:15 term time.

Glow helpers & leaders. Help with set up/take down and engage with children, Leaders prepare and lead a session. Commitment 1/2 Sundays a month 9:45 to 11:30.

Family fun & other events. Refreshments, help with crafts/games, set up/take down.

Messy church. Refreshments, help with crafts/ games, set up/ take down/ welcome families. Commitment monthly on Saturday afternoons 4 to 6:30.

If you are interested, or for more details, please contact Celeste on 07707 439799 or Celeste.rios@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

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