

Easter 2025



# Team Spirit

## News from the Churches in Bookham



Easter changes everything. It restores relationship. It renews hope. It promises a life beyond this life. But more than even this, it sets in motion the rescue and re-creation of the whole world.  
And so Easter is an invitation: an invitation not simply to re-orientate our lives towards God, but an invitation also to be fellow workers with him.  
Happy Easter!  
Alan Jenkins - Churches Together

**Bookham Baptist Church**  
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The young people will have the opportunity to take part in activities such as air rifle shooting and climbing and will be able to develop their relationships with one another while having a fun break.

Thank you for all the support of our work; we are so grateful for your prayers and donations! If you would like to know any further information about our projects, please email [lucy@leatherheadyouthproject.com](mailto:lucy@leatherheadyouthproject.com) or visit [leatherheadyouthproject.com](http://leatherheadyouthproject.com).



Lucy Hicks

# HOLIDAY AT HOME 2025

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Eastwick Road Church from 9.45am – 3pm



*A special event for older people.*



## The Summer Fun Day Will Include

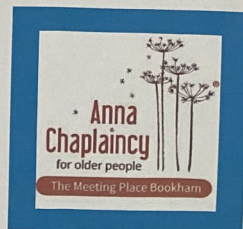
- ✦ Time to simply relax, chat and have some fun!
- ✦ Refreshments throughout the day, including lunch provided by Ben from The Anchor
- ✦ A free choice session including a quiet space, boules, reminiscing, puzzles & a craft activity
- ✦ A singing performance & the opportunity to sing along to popular summer songs
- ✦ A visual and auditory presentation on the theme of Fruitfulness
- ✦ A fun and active session led by Kim from Move it or Lose it

Booking is essential. Suggested donation of £20.00

For further information & a booking form, please contact:

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## Leatherhead Youth Project

Over the spring term, Leatherhead Youth Project (LYP) has carried on running a youth café in Bookham after school on Mondays and Fridays. This café provides a safe space for young people to socialise and have fun while also giving them access to youth workers who can listen to any issues they may have and support them. We provide snacks and drinks, prepared by our young leaders in the kitchen.



This term, we have made the most of celebrations like Valentine's Day and Pancake Day, providing themed activities and food. On Mondays, we have been looking at self-esteem and how we can nurture a healthy attitude towards ourselves. We have also been looking at the life and actions of Jesus, learning about his character. We are looking forward to the improving weather and spending more time outdoors.

LYP is continuing to have input in the Howard of Effingham school, running lunchtime clubs such as a Christian Union alongside Bookham Baptist Church. We have also been able to offer 1:1 meetings to support young people and we are so grateful for this opportunity to contribute to the wellbeing of local students.

In the Easter holidays, we will be taking 30 young people from Leatherhead and Bookham on a three-day residential called Freestyle.

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Before Christmas some 250 shoeboxes, collected from our parish and the neighbouring schools of St Teresa's and Cranmore, left our parish as part of "Love in a Box" Christmas Shoebox Appeal organised by Children in Distress. The shoeboxes are sent to orphanages in Romania, filled with little things to keep the recipients, whether young or old, warm, clean and entertained.

With the help of two generous donations, a Cake and Jam Sale held in mid February, raised £1,050 in aid of the Mtanditka Trade School (St Agnes Vocational Training College) in Tanzania. The college trains some 50 students in electrical engineering, tailoring and hotel management.

Marian Cutler

## The 3pm - a new service at Bookham Baptist

The 3pm service emerged out of the impact of Covid when our 9am service had to cease. We meet on the 1st Sunday of every month at 3pm for a 50 minute service followed by tea and cakes.

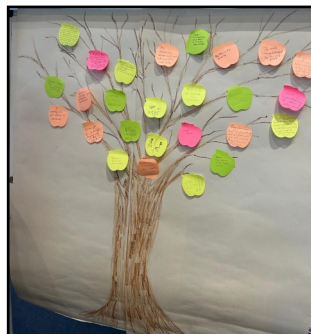
As the photo shows we meet café style around tables which encourages post service conversations. We use well known hymns and songs, there is a short talk and a time of worship centred on a simple activity. This is the first year that we will be meeting every month including August when we will probably have a Songs of Praise format.



This spring our theme has been gardens – there is a lot about gardens in the Bible. This photo was taken of our "Tree of Life" – on which we placed our post it apple notes with prayers for forgiveness and help.

After Easter our theme will be Journeying – travelling, encountering and resting. You are warmly welcome to join us.

Elaine Crutchley



## The Meeting Place



It was good to welcome Elizabeth Daly Chair of Mole Valley Council and representatives from local churches at our anniversary in March.







**BOOKHAM BAPTIST**  
CHURCH & CHILDREN'S CENTRE

WHEN?  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
18TH APRIL  
10AM-12NOON

## EASTER FAMILY FUN

**ACTIVITIES FOR 0-11S - JOIN THE FUN!**

Come & hear the **EASTER STORY** told by **PUPPETS**, create a **GIANT COLLAGE** and make your own **EASTER GARDEN**. Enjoy yummy **HOT CROSS BUNS** and a **TREASURE TRAIL** ending in chocolate. Accept the **EGG-ZIP WIRE CHALLENGE**, get your **FACE PAINTED** or compete for chocolate in the **BUTTERFLY-DRIVE**. To book, scan the QR code and join the fun! We'd **LOVE** to see you there!



## Eastwick Road Church

**Golden Years** continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 2pm – 3.30pm and it has been great to welcome new people often brought along by existing members.

Every week there is tea and cake, with quizzes, table tennis at Bookham Baptist Church and Eastwick Road Church with themed afternoons, Valentine's Day, St David's Day and a poetry afternoon with members bringing their favourite poems.



Coming up...

Wednesday 30 April 2-3.30pm tea and songs celebrating 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day .



**Knitting Group** continue to meet on Tuesdays 10am – 12.00. It has been good to see new knitters join the group, either bringing their own knitting or for a specific project eg hats for Mission for Seamen or gifts for Anna Chaplaincy also teddies and flowers for various services or events coming up.

## Catholic Parish News

Fr Charles has been with us for over a year now and the restructuring of the diocese of Arundel and Brighton under the stewardship of Bishop Richard Moth has very slowly begun. The new Epsom deanery parish includes our parish of Effingham and Fetcham and that of Tadworth, Ewell, Epsom, Ashtead, Cobham, Leatherhead, Dorking and Banstead. The reasoning behind this is so that, with vocations to the priesthood falling, resources can be shared and the clergy supported. The moderator of our new deanery parish is Fr Chris Bergin from St Michael's, Ashtead. He will be helped by a Parish Leadership Team – a mix of clergy and lay people from the nine parishes. In the first of his termly newsletters Fr Chris features two of the clergy and also prescribes swapping of pulpits at weekend masses for both priests and deacons in which we can get to know each other.

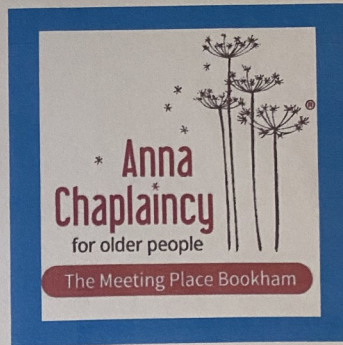


In the second newsletter just received, our Deacon Ian Wells features. He describes how his family first lived in Portsmouth and how he was a daily altar server for the dockers. He met Jean, his wife, while living in Brighton. He climbed the corporate ladder with an oil company requiring many moves until finally settling in Bookham. He was ordained in 2008 and in 2010 had the additional role for ten years as RC chaplain at Gatwick Airport, a time he describes as dynamic and rewarding. He is now a member of the Bishop's Council of Deacons and part of the mentoring team to assist the clergy. The article finishes with his words "I praise God for this special Ministry, my marriage and my family."

In January we were sorry to lose Martin Hollins, a valued member of Holy Spirit church and Churches Together in Bookham. His Requiem Mass at Worth Abbey was a fitting tribute and a wonderful celebration of his life.

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# LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE



**Would you like to declutter?**

**Are you considering downsizing?**

**Come and meet Louise Fleming, a Homemover Specialist.**

<https://thehomemover.co.uk/>

- ★ **When?** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (10.30am to 12pm)
- ★ **Where?** Bookham Library
- ★ **Who?** Over 65s and carers welcome
- ★ **Booking?** Contact Liz Tapp - The Anna Chaplain  
Email [ac@themeetingplace.org.uk](mailto:ac@themeetingplace.org.uk) or  
Tel: 07518735729
- ★ **Cost?** Suggested donation of £2  
Tea & coffee will be provided



[anna.chaplaincy.org.uk](http://anna.chaplaincy.org.uk)

The Meeting Place Bookham is affiliated to Anna Chaplaincy for Older People

Anna Chaplaincy is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Registered Charity (233280)  
[brf.org.uk](http://brf.org.uk)

## Celtish in Concert - A wonderful evening of Celtic inspired Music Concert with tea and cake

**Saturday, 31 May 2025 at 4pm at St Nicolas Church, Bookham**

'Celtish' is made up of Nigel Cameron and Julie Cameron-Hall both talented singers and musicians with long experience of recording and performing Celtic-influenced music at home and abroad. Working together as a married couple since 2014, they tour the country bringing their upbeat and reflective music with original songs and familiar lyrics set to timeless melodies. Nigel and Julie introduce songs with personal testimonies and you'll learn more about the Celtic Saints such as Patrick, Brendan, Columba, Aidan and Hilda.

Expect an evening of beautiful piano and violin-led music with Celtic drum and whistle accompaniments. Reflective and joyful!



**Tickets: £7.50 includes interval tea and cake.**  
**Contact [gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)**

## Preparing for Easter

### Maundy Thursday - 17 April

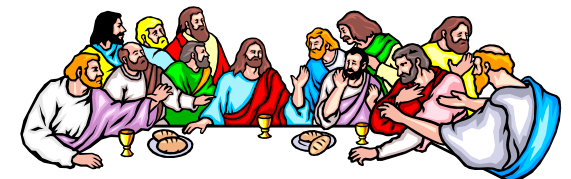
**Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham/Holy Spirit, Fetcham**

**8.00pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Spirit

**Churches Together**

**7.45pm – 9.30pm** Joint service at Bookham Baptist Church

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer ..."  
(Luke 22: 14 & 15)



## Good Friday - 18 April



St Nicolas Church

**12.00-3.00pm** In the Shadow of the Cross: a study of the characters who met at the crucifixion. Reflections will be in half-hour sections. You are very welcome to arrive and leave on the hour and half hour.

**Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham/Holy Spirit, Fetcham**

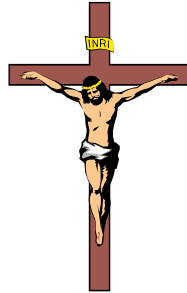
**3.00pm** Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at Holy Spirit

**Eastwick Road Church (URC)**

We will be joining with St Nicolas for their 3 hour service.

**Bookham Baptist Church**

**10-12noon** Good Friday Fun for 0-11s and parents



When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, ... Jesus said: "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."  
(Luke 23: 33 & 34)

## Easter Saturday - 19 April

**Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham/Holy Spirit, Fetcham**

**8.30pm** Easter Vigil at Holy Spirit

## Easter Sunday - 20 April

....."Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised..."  
Luke 24:5



**Bookham Baptist Church**

**10.30-12noon** All age family service

**Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham/Holy Spirit, Fetcham**

**9.00am** Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows

**11.00am** Mass at Holy Spirit.

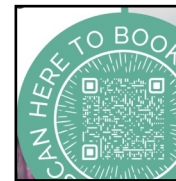
**St Nicolas Church**

**8.00am** Quiet 45 minute service of Holy Communion.

**10.00am** Easter celebration for all ages including Holy Communion

**Eastwick Road Church (ERC)**

**10.30am** Easter celebration service followed by coffee and hot cross buns



You are warmly invited to join us at Bookham Baptist Church for a breakfast of bacon butties, pastries and fruit before the service at 9.30am. Just scan the QR code to book your place.

# Christ is Risen!