



# St Nicolas Church

*Building Faith in the Community*

## Newsletter for Sunday 23rd March 2025

### Third Sunday of Lent

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

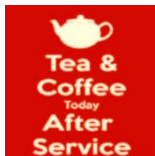
Led by: Gill Caldwell

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#### 10am: Holy Communion

Led by: David Ireland  
Hymns: 664, 717, 242, 241, 715  
Anthem: Attwood – Teach me O Lord

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### 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).

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### Today's Bible Readings

Galatians 5: 16-26 (page 1172 in the church bible)  
John 15: 1-17 (page 1083 in the church bible)

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### 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 Oasis Charitable Trust and our link Gill Caldwell.
- \* For our Church Wardens.
- \* For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Ministry Leader.
- \* For our neighbours in Leatherhead Road.
- \* 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: Sally, Paul, Amanda, Brenda, Peter, Ruth.
- \* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Jon Springall, Joyce Fanner.
- \* Those who are ill: Pat Davidson, Jim Simpson, Chris Collins, Joyce Munden.

**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](mailto:pleasepray@stnicolasbookham.org.uk) or via our website 'prayer page' at <https://www.stnicolasbookham.org.uk/prayer>**

## Notices

**SILENT PRAYER GROUP** Monday 24th March 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](mailto:housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)). All welcome to enjoy peace and stillness.

**HEARING CHAMPIONS** Saturday 29th March 10.00am to 12 noon. Bookham Baptist Church. Do you have an NHS hearing aid? Would you like some support with using it? Ali Sangwine can help you, supply batteries, retube and troubleshoot. Easy parking, toilets and coffee and homemade cake on site.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)** On Monday 31st March the St Nicolas APCM will be held in church. It will start at 8pm and all are welcome to attend although to participate fully you need to be on the electoral roll. The documents for the meeting are available from the APCM page of our church website and can be found [here](#).

**MIGHT YOU CONSIDER JOINING ST NICOLAS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)?** At the APCM on 31st March we will elect new members of our PCC. Would you consider serving as part of the overall decision-making body of the church? We'd be very pleased to hear from you. The PCC meets six times a year for two hours on a Monday evening as well as occasional additional meetings and considers many of the matters involved in ensuring the smooth running of St Nicolas Church. If you would like more information please speak to Alan Jenkins or our PCC Secretary, Amanda Rowland, on 07702 678480 or [pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE** On Monday 31st March and Tuesday 1st April the parish office will be closed because the parish administrator is away and no one is available to cover the office.

**BLOOM BREAKFAST** Saturday 12th April 9.00am to 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre. An opportunity to meet with other women for refreshment, fellowship and encouragement. Our theme is: 'New Life'. Tickets £5. To book, please e-mail [ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**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](mailto:ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**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.

**LENT APPEAL** The Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, has called for individuals and local churches to donate to his charity's Lent Appeal, to address the growing need across our communities. The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund (BGCF) provides grants to local projects run by parishes or church-linked organisations, which help people facing financial hardship and other vulnerabilities including loneliness and disability. For more details, including how to donate, please visit <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Bishop-Andrew-s-Lent-Appeal-2025>

**NEXT STEPS Resources:** The resources you need to follow our Next Steps program are under 'Next Steps' on our website. These include our guide to Spiritual Reflection, and study notes for house-groups and personal use. Paper copies are available in church near the font.



**Still to come:** An opportunity to give your feedback. As the Next Steps programme develops throughout 2025 and 2026, new resources will also be posted here.

## The Week Ahead

Mon 24th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 25th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 27th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Luke 11: 14-23</i> ) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 28th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sun 30th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion ( <i>1 John 4: 1-6; Matthew 4: 1-11</i> ) Holy Communion ( <i>1 John 4: 1-6; Matthew 4: 1-11</i> )

## This week's duty Church Warden:

Heather Gerrard

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**DO YOU ENJOY MEETING AND GREETING PEOPLE?** We are looking for someone to join our team of Sidesmen on 2nd Sundays, a Welcomer for alternate 1st Sundays and reserves to join our coffee rota. No previous experience needed. Please contact Vicki Dixon if interested: [vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

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

**Family fun and 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](mailto:Celeste.rios@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

## Useful Contacts

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