



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 3rd November 2024

Fourth Sunday before Advent

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald



10am: Morning Praise with Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins

Hymns: "Blessed be Your Name", 800, 427, 663, 650

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 71: 12-18 (page 585 in the church bible)

Luke 2: 22-38 (page 1028 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) and our links Val Lambert and Jenny Evans.
 1. The 3rd November is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church which means that we will be praying with people in all parts of the world particularly for Christians in North Korea where the human rights situation is the worst in the world.
 2. Pray for the safety and encouragement of Christians in North Korea. Pray also that China would discontinue illegal repatriation of North Korean refugees which would result in their certain danger of imprisonment.
 3. For three South Korean missionaries serving life sentences in North Korea. Pastor Kim Jung-wook; Pastor Kim Kook-kie and Pastor Chai-Chun-git.
 4. Pray for the end of the violent, targeted persecution of those of any religion or belief but Christians especially are strongly targeted.
- * For the Hearing Champion Ministry led by Ali Sangwine.
- * For our neighbours in Greenacres.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Effective Communications Strategy', led by Vicki Dixon.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Valerie, Alison, Dawn, Pam, Nicholas, Daniel, Simon.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: 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

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER BASED ON THIS WEEK'S SERMON

1. Give thanks for an older person who has been important in your life.
2. How are you passing on the faith to the next generation?

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. For further details contact: Helen Overell at helen@bayleaf.org.uk

MOTHERS' UNION There are no MU prayers in church next Tuesday 5th November. Chris and Julia are going to the MU Pilgrimage of Prayer at 11.00am in the cathedral. Lifts are available - contact Chris or Julia.

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.

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.

SYLVIA CHARLES FUNERAL The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Sylvia Charles will be held in St Nicolas Church on 13th November at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

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.

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).

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

The Week Ahead

Mon 4th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 5th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 7th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Philippians 3: 3-8a; Luke 15: 1-10</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 8th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 9th	10.00 am	Christmas Card Upcycling – Pastoral Centre
Sun 10th	8.00 am 10.00 am 10.50 am	Holy Communion (<i>Psalms 62; Mark 1: 14-20</i>) Service of Remembrance (<i>Psalms 62; Mark 1: 14-20</i>) Act of Remembrance – War Memorial

This week's duty Church Warden:

Nick Garrett

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Anna Chaplaincy

Community chaplaincy offering befriending and spiritual support, social events and informative talks for older people

Coffee Shop

Coffee, cake and a warm welcome on Saturday mornings throughout the year at Bookham Baptist Church Hall

Community Fridge

Reduce food waste by visiting our help yourself tables at Bookham Baptist Church on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings – open to all

Language Hub

Friendly and supportive **English classes** in groups from beginners to advanced level in term time

Hearing Services

Online **Lip Reading classes** and regular **Hearing Champions** sessions for NHS hearing aid maintenance take place at the Coffee Shop

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