



# St Nicolas Church

*Building Faith in the Community*

## Newsletter for Sunday 2nd March 2025

### Sunday next before Lent

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Chris Holloway

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#### 10am: Morning Praise

Led by: Alan Jenkins  
Hymns: "Come People of the Risen King", 193,  
"How Great is Our God", 652

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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

2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2 (page 1160 in the church bible)  
Luke 9: 28-36 (page 1039 in the church bible)

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### Today's Collect

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love you goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## This week we are praying for:

- \* For the Bible Society and our links Suzie and Alan Jenkins.
  - Pray that more young Christians will feel called into the ministry in China. Pray for all those who are currently taking part in Bible Society training programmes and ask God to bless their future ministries.
  - Thank God that countless people are turning to Jesus in China, year in, year out. Ask God to protect their faith and speak to each one of them through the Bible.
  - Thank God that we have so many Bible editions to suit every need. Pray that the new NRSVue Bible will help many people.
- \* For the Fabric Team led by David Wall.
- \* For our neighbours in Gardeners Walk and Overton Way.
- \* 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: Peter, Alan, Chris, Susan, Joy, Carole, Romey.
- \* Family and friends of those who have recently died: (no new names).
- \* Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Pat Davidson, Deborah Gallacher, 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](mailto: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 BIBLE READING

1. Recall a time when you were crystal clear about who Jesus truly is. What was it like?
2. God said of Jesus "This is my Son, whom I have chosen. Listen to him!" How do you, or could you, go about listening to Jesus?

**TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM** Today - Sunday 2nd March at 6.00pm.

For further details contact: Helen Overell at [helen@bayleaf.org.uk](mailto:helen@bayleaf.org.uk)

**LENT GROUP** We are offering a Lent Group to enable those who are not already in house groups to dig a little deeper into the teaching material for Lent, and how this might be reflected in our own lives. This Lent we will be looking at what it means to love God and to love our neighbour as a way of reflecting on the next step of our own spiritual journey. The group will run each Tuesday afternoon throughout Lent between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. If you would like to participate, please register on our website under 'Next Steps', contact the parish office, or email [nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk) and we will get back to you with more details.

**LENT EVENING STUDY** Several evening house-groups have offered to take guests for the Lent Study Series. If you cannot join the Tuesday afternoon Lent Group, but could attend an evening group, then please register using the same details as above.

**MOTHERS' UNION** There will be no Corporate Communion on 6th March.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** Friday 7th March at 10.30am here at St Nicolas, or 7.30pm at Effingham Methodist Church. All are welcome to this woman-led Global ecumenical service which has been created for use across the world by Christian women from the Cook Islands and has been organised here by the Mothers' Union. Refreshments will be available after the service.

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING** Saturday 8th March 10-12noon in church – please join the Eco Team for our annual Coffee Morning raising funds for Transform Trade and Ripple Effect Garden Twinning. There will be coffee and cake, baking and preserves, Eco Easter cards, bric a brac and more! All are welcome, and please bring your friends!

**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION** This year you will need to re-apply for the Electoral Roll, even if you are already on it. This is because every six years the Electoral Roll is scrapped, and we start again! Please sign up for the new roll before 12th March, as the new Electoral Roll will be displayed in church from the 14th to 28th March, in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 31st March. Application forms are available in church, the church office or on the website. You only need to fill in a consent form if you are applying for the first time. The forms need to be returned either to Catherine Clark, placed in the white box entitled 'ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS AND REVISIONS' provided in church (the box is available only during services), or either taken or sent to the church office: [office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**LENT LUNCH** All welcome - March 13th 12.30 in the Church Room. All are very welcome to enjoy this simple lunch of home made soup, cheese and ham. £5 will be payable on the day but please contact the parish office if you would like to attend. 01372 450709 or [office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**THE MEETING PLACE AGM** is on Saturday 15th March at 12.30pm in Bookham Baptist Church Hall. All are welcome for a review of 2024 and to hear about future plans.

**ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE** The March issue is available in the Tower or online from our website [here](#).

## The Week Ahead

Mon 3rd	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 4th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Wed 5th	8.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service ( <i>Joel 2: 1-17; Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-21</i> )
Thu 6th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>Deuteronomy 30:15-end; Luke 9: 22-25</i> ) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 7th	10.30 am 4.00 pm	World Day of Prayer – Church BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 8th	9.00 am 10.00 am	Saturday Prayers – Online Fair Trade Coffee Morning – Church
Sun 9th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion ( <i>1 John 5: 1-5; Matthew 22: 34-40</i> ) Holy Communion ( <i>1 John 5: 1-5; Matthew 22: 34-40</i> )

## This week's duty Church Warden:

Nick Garrett

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### **MIGHT YOU CONSIDER JOINING ST NICOLAS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)?**

On 31st March we will hold the St Nicolas Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). It will start at 8pm and all are welcome to attend although to participate fully you need to be on the electoral roll. The APCM page on our website is now up and running and can be found on the church website [here](#). At the meeting we 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 do speak to Alan Jenkins or get in touch with our PCC Secretary, Amanda Rowland on 07702 678480 or [pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk) We look forward to hearing from you.

**PARISH OFFICE COVER** We are looking for volunteers to help keep the parish office open when the parish administrator is on leave. If you are interested, or for more details, contact the office on 01372 450709 or [office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:office@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 9:45 to 11:30.

**Family fun & other events.** Refreshments, help with crafts/ games, set up/ take down. 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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### **Parish Office:**

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### **Ordained Local Minister:**

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### **Families and Children's Minister:**

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### **Parish Safeguarding Officer:**

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