



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins



10am: Holy Communion

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Hymns: 498, 788, 453, 430, 748
Anthem: Jesus the Lord said, 'I am the Bread'

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

Acts 8: 26-end (page 1101 in the church bible)
John 15: 1-8 (page 1083 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

* For the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) and our links Val Lambert and Jenny Evans.

1. Please pray for Sudan where conflict broke out a year ago. The Rapid Support Forces extremists have been responsible for persistent human rights violations and have burnt down churches in their conflict with the Sudanese Armed Forces. Please pray for a lasting ceasefire, remembering those ordinary people bearing the brunt of this terrible conflict.
2. Pray for women and girls in Sudan who are victims of sexual and gender-based violence which has escalated during the conflict.
3. In the adjoining country of Egypt, the coptic church will be celebrating Easter this week. Pray for a safe, peaceful and joyful Easter. Pray too for an end to attacks on churches, church building sites and Christian homes. May God comfort and protect all those who have been the targets of attacks against Christianity. For more information go to csw.org.uk/egypt

* For the Friends of St Nicolas.

* For our neighbours in Edenside Road and Douglas House.

* For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Effective Communications Strategy' led by Vicki Dixon.

* From our Electoral Roll: Janice, Sheila, Terry, Angela, Laura, Tristan.

* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Billy Thompson, Debbie (Margaret) Medway.

* Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Sylvia Charles, Elizabeth Finucane, 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 BIBLE READING

Turning reluctant evangelists into slightly better evangelists!

Today we listen in on Philip's encounter with an Ethiopian official and, despite its peculiarities, see how it can encourage us to become more confident in sharing our faith.

1. How do you feel about sharing your faith with others? Have you ever done so? If yes, when have you had a good experience? If not, what has held you back?
2. How does the story of Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian encourage you? What might you do differently as a result, even in the coming week?

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) On Monday 29th April we will hold the St Nicolas 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 meeting documents can be

found on the APCM page of the church [website](#). At the meeting we elect new members of our PCC. We need some new members and would be very pleased to hear from you if you might be able to serve in this way. The PCC meets six times a year for two hours on a Monday evening 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 pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or 07702 678480.

HEARING CHAMPIONS Saturday 4th May 10.00am - 12.00. Bookham Baptist Church. Hearing aid maintenance, changing of tubes, batteries and simple trouble shooting.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALL WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED Sunday 5th May at 3pm in church. 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.

TAIZÉ PRAYER Sunday 5th May 6.00pm at St Lawrence, Effingham. You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community.

ANNA CHAPLAINCY - LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE: HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT WITH SIGHT AND HEARING. Do you have issues with your sight or hearing? Are you aware of support available to those who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or partially sighted? Would you like to learn about equipment available such as magnifiers, doorbells and talking clocks? Come and meet experts from Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey on Wednesday 8th May 10.30am to 12pm at Bookham Library. Over 65s and carers welcome. Suggested donation of £2. Tea and coffee will be provided. To find out more and to book, contact Liz Tapp, The Anna Chaplain, email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or phone 07518 735729.

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

The Week Ahead

Mon 29th	10.00 am 4.00 pm 8.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Church
Tue 30th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 2nd	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion – Church (<i>Acts 15: 7-21; John 15: 9-11</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 3rd	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 4th	10.00 am	Church Development Plan Prayers – Church Room
Sun 5th	8.00 am 10.00 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Acts 10: 44-end; John 15: 9-17</i>) Morning Praise (<i>Acts 10: 44-end; John 15: 9-17</i>) Memorial Service for the Bereaved – Church

This week's duty Church Warden:

Joy Lord

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PLASTIC FREE BOOKHAM: Drop in to St Nicolas Pastoral Centre on Saturday 11th May, 10am-12.30pm, to find out about progress on our Plastic Free Bookham project, results of the Big Plastic Count, and information on what you can recycle locally. There'll be a fund-raising table (cash only) with second-hand books, upcycled crafts and bric-a-brac. Tea and coffee will be available. Free entry. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE THE DATE. The Big Church Tea on Sunday 12th May 3pm - 5pm in our church. Everyone is welcome. Invite family and friends. Book online - details to follow - or speak to Barbara Holloway.

MP WATCH DORKING AND HORLEY Want to hold our next MP to account? Come to the start-up meeting of the Dorking and Horley branch of MP Watch, a national group with real democracy at its heart. We meet on Thursday 16th May, 7.30 – 9pm, Lincoln Arms, Station Approach, Dorking RH4 1TF. Contact Pat Smith at patvoice@yahoo.co.uk or Phil Partridge at philpartridge07@gmail.com for details.

THE SERVANT COURSE Book your place today – bookings close on 26th May. Do you know how God wants you to use your gifts in his service? Are you in the right role? Age is no barrier to how God can use you. We all have something to offer. “You are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works which God has prepared in advance of you to do.” Find out on The Servant Course – Friday 7th June from 7:30pm & Saturday 8th June till 3:30pm. Book via the church [website](#), or contact Chris Holloway at chris.holloway@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or on 07870556343.

WEDDING INVITATION The marriage of Daniel Phillips and Emma Johnson takes place at St Mary’s Ewell on 30th May at 11am, anyone from the congregation who wishes to attend the ceremony is welcome.

WANTED - KNITTING WOOL Does anyone have any unwanted double-knitting wool? This will be passed on to the wonderful group of knitters for The Mission to Seafarers - contact John Adie.

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