



# St Nicolas Church

*Building Faith in the Community*

## Newsletter for Sunday 23rd February 2025

### Second Sunday before Lent

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins

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#### 10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Chris Holloway  
Hymns: 276, 721, 740, 399, 671  
Anthem: Schubert – Holy, Holy, Holy

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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

Revelation 4: 1-end (page 1236 in the church bible)  
Luke 8: 22-25 (page 1037 in the church bible)

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### Today's Collect

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## This week we are praying for:

- \* For Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and our links Sue White and Julia Watts.  
**Jack Hemmings AFC.** MAF are very sorry to announce the death of their co-founder on 24th January 2025, at the age of 103. He was awarded the Air Force Cross in 1946 but inspired by his faith in the Lord, he helped to set up MAF after WW2. We give thanks for his amazing inspiration which today benefits all the remote parts of the world. So, we pray for all who are inspired to follow in his footsteps. We pray for their current campaign to deliver Audio Bibles and Bible packs to isolated communities in Papua New Guinea, so that people can read them in their own language. MAF is also flying cancer patients to their treatment appointments in otherwise unreachable hospitals or medical centres. We pray that they continue to have the resources to continue their amazing work.
- \* For the Fabric Team led by David Wall.
- \* For our neighbours in Bookham Grove and Grove Corner.
- \* For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on 'Inspiring each member of the church family to take the next step in their journey of faith'.
- \* From our Electoral Roll: Christopher, Pamela, Gill, Peter, Jenny, Catherine, Eldred.
- \* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Enid Ewer, Sylvia Collier.
- \* Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Pat Davidson, Deborah Gallacher, Jim Simpson.

**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

#### The throne which cannot be shaken

Revelation 4 gives us a glimpse of what is eternally real. In so doing it gives assurance to all God's people that whilst every other throne can be shaken, God's throne cannot.

1. How do you support Christians facing persecution? For instance, are you signed up to any organisations which provide support to Christians facing persecution such as Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Release International, HART or Open Doors?
2. How does the picture of God painted in Revelation 4 challenge your comfortable categorisation of God and instead open you up to what he wants to tell you about himself? How can this picture be of help to you as you go through those times when you feel overwhelmed by what is happening to you?

**NEW FIRE MEETING** Sunday 23rd February at 6 for 6.30 at 4 Fox Lane.

**SILENT PRAYER GROUP** Monday 24th February 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.

**TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM** 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.

**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)

**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.

## 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>James 2: 1-9; Mark 9: 41-end</i> ) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 28th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 1st	10.00 am	Church Development Plan Prayers – Church Room
Sun 2nd	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion ( <i>2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2; Luke 9:28-36</i> ) Morning Praise ( <i>Revelation 4: 1-end; Luke 8: 22-25</i> )

## This week's duty Church Warden:

Heather Gerrard

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

**DO YOU ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE AND WORKING IN TEAMS?** We are looking for friendly, organised people to join our teams of Sidesmen and Welcomers and to join our coffee rota. No previous experience needed. If so, or you'd like to know more, please speak to one of our team or contact Vicki Dixon email: [vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**PARISH OFFICE COVER** We are looking for a few more people to help keep the parish office open when the parish administrator is on leave. The cover involves being in the office from 9.00am to 12.00pm for the occasional morning, answering phone calls, taking messages and assisting any visitors. If you are interested in helping, please let the office know 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 from 9:45 to 11:30.
- **Family fun and 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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