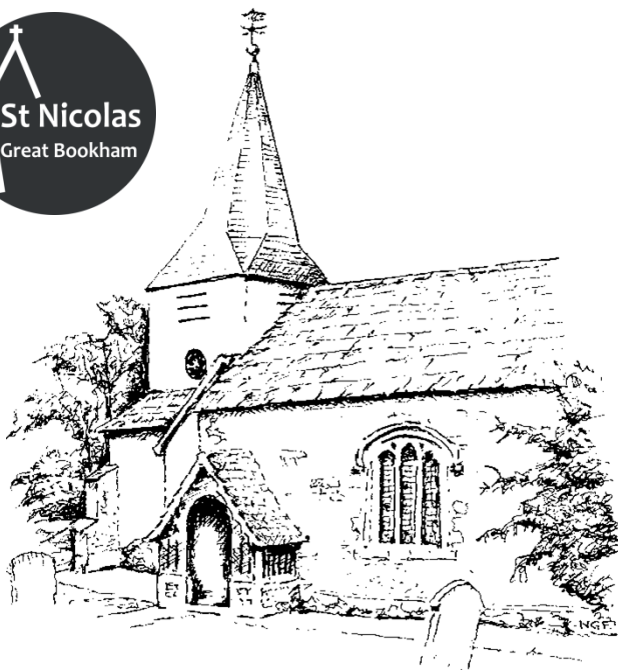


# St Nicolas News

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*Building Faith in the Community*

## Services at St Nicolas

### Sundays

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 10.00am **Holy Communion** - 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays  
**Morning Praise** - 1st Sunday,  
**GLOW** - Children's Provision
- 6.30pm **Evensong** - 3rd Sunday - with choir

### Weekday Services

- 8.30am **Bible Reading and Open Prayer**  
Monday and Wednesday
- 10.00am **Holy Communion (Said)** Thursday
- 9.00am **Prayers for our church** - 2nd and 4th Saturdays
- 10.00 am **Church Development Plan Prayers** –  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday



**Tots Alive!** (term time) - Monday  
10.00am in church with social time afterwards

For other services please see  
Notice Board by the Lychgate

## Letter from the Ministry Team

### The seed of the Gospel and the Marvel of Peru

The world of gardening provided Jesus with many spiritual analogies. Three years ago, I gave a sermon at another church on 'the parable of the seed' where the 'seed' is a symbol of the Gospel. I took along a wildflower seed box as a visual aid. It promised 'up to 10,000 flowers from 3,000 seeds', including poppies and Marvel of Peru. I explained how I scattered this wonderful mix to find that just **four** came up!

However, three years on, all kinds of wildflowers have appeared in the garden. Not everything promised on the box has grown (the Marvel of Peru has not shown up) but others certainly have. Another surprising thing is they have not bloomed anywhere near where we sowed them! They have grown in and among the existing hardy annuals and bushes. Not at all what we planned but very lovely anyway.

So, if I were giving my sermon about the parable of the seed again, I would say that when we organise activities to gently sow the seeds of the Gospel in people's hearts, we should not have too narrow a vision of how this will work out in practice.

The Bible tells us we will not always reap where we sow. (See John

4:37). A person may attend an event or a course at St Nicolas but not make a commitment of faith until much later and maybe even in another congregation.

So the message is, let's keep welcoming local people with our coffee mornings, concerts, talks and events so that they know St Nicolas is *their* parish church. Chats with people on the High Street tell us that some people have got the idea that our events are just for 'church members' when in fact everything we do is open to all.

One of my favourite quotes is from the author, May Angelou, who said, *"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

We do not know exactly when or how a person might find faith but we can show people they are welcome and cared for at St Nicolas.



## **Report on PCC Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**

The meeting started early with a walk around the churchyard led by Angela Stevens, who highlighted some of the important memorials, including those of Ronnie Greville, Mrs. Greville's husband, and William McEwan, her father. (Mrs. Greville is buried in the gardens of Polesden Lacey). There are also a few war graves.

Back in the Church Room, Alan opened the meeting with a prayer. A fairly positive financial report was received from the outgoing Treasurer, Nick Garrett. Neil McDonald has now taken over the Treasurer's job.

An amendment to the Faculty, submitted concerning the placement of some of the AV equipment, was approved by the meeting. If this is approved, the problem of moving and storing some of the portable equipment will be solved.

Anne Shears was approved as our Safeguarding Lead and the resolution to adopt our Safeguarding procedures was confirmed. The meeting was also notified of arrangements being made by the Ministry Team to cover services during Alan's extended leave.

A report from the Eco team was presented and it was noted that some Swift Boxes have been placed on the roof. A fashion show presented by local charity shops was scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> July to highlight the reuse of clothing. It was also noted that spent biro's can be donated at the local library.

The meeting also received a report on the church property from the Fabric Committee. This included a request that the two toilets at the Church Room should be upgraded and redecorated.

Next year it is hoped to run a Discipleship course, a Growing Leaders course and possibly another Alpha course.

The meeting closed at 10pm with a prayer.

Sue White

# You are Invited to LYP's Gala Dinner!



We are delighted to invite you to Leatherhead Youth Project's Gala Dinner at the City of London Freeman's School on Saturday 16th September.

This fundraising event will include a sparkling drinks reception on arrival, followed by a 3-course dinner in the main hall and a chance to win some amazing raffle items. On the evening we'll also be sharing how our projects are helping to support and empower young people in our local community.

Tickets are available to purchase at £50 per person and will include a drink on arrival, 3-course dinner and wine with your meal. To purchase your ticket, simply [click here](#) if viewing online, or email the address given below. All proceeds raised from the gala will go towards our work supporting local young people.

If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to email [laura@leatherheadyouthproject.com](mailto:laura@leatherheadyouthproject.com)

We look forward to welcoming you for what is sure to be a fantastic evening

# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Where has the summer gone, and what a summer it has been! Despite very mixed weather, we have enjoyed several MU occasions. It is always a joy to meet up with members from other Branches, and the tea parties at Ashted, then Cobham, and also our own during August, have been very happy gatherings, reminding us that it is so good to share with others, to talk, to laugh and to eat together. As we know so well, we are members of an effective and thriving world-wide organisation, for which we thank God.

This prompts me to think not only of the Mothers' Union and all that it does, but also of so many other charities, for example those we support at St Nicolas such as Christian Solidarity Worldwide, the Bible Society, the Mission to Seafarers, Mission Aviation Fellowship and Christians Against Poverty, all of whom are working tirelessly to help their fellow human beings. When we read about the work of any one of these charities, we could be reading about them all, because the parameters overlap and each organisation in its way supports the others. As John Donne said 'No man is an island, entire of itself.'

All the work of the Mothers' Union is based and grounded on prayer. Perhaps one of the things we all long for is peace, among individuals and in the world as a whole, so here is our prayer for September:

- May I know peace: peace in this world, in my country, my community, peace in my family.
- May I know peace in myself, and be a giver of peace.
- As a peacemaker in my family, in my community, my country, a peacemaker in this world. Amen.

So, as we come into September and the cycle begins again, we give thanks for the past while at the same time look towards the future. For our Mothers' Union there is a lot happening in September: the Pilgrimage of Prayer at Guildford Cathedral on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, then our Corporate Communion here on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, which is also a celebration of the founding of our Branch at St Nicolas, 121 years ago. On 14<sup>th</sup> Margaret Hibbert is speaking to us about the work of the Community Fridge and related activities, reflecting yet again how so much caring goes on, and how we all need each other. All are welcome, do come and share with us.

## HOUSEGROUPS

Our Housegroups continue to flourish! There are now ten groups, meeting on various days and at different times, some in the day, and others in the evening. Some meet weekly, some twice monthly and some monthly. Most groups regularly study the Bible, and several also study various other topics, including such things as prayer, forgiveness and friendship. Most also have regular socials, with friendships within the groups being very strong and supportive.

There is a new leaflet at the back of the church with up to date details of all groups, most are willing and able to welcome new members.

If you have not tried a housegroup before, then the autumn is an excellent time to start. It is quite all right to change to another group if your first choice doesn't work out, or to try several before deciding. Why not give it a try? – you won't regret it!

More information on the leaflet, or email Jean Forward:  
[housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

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## Jerusalem

What did Blake mean by 'Jerusalem'? Blake uses his poem's title 'Jerusalem' as a symbol of rejuvenation, greenery, and heaven. He compares England before the Industrial Revolution to biblical Jerusalem, a metaphor for heaven.

Written in 1808, the famous hymn 'Jerusalem' became a symbol of hope during the First World War and has been sung with gusto ever since.

'Jerusalem's rousing lyrics, opening with the famous line 'And did those feet in ancient time', were written by the poet [William Blake](#), he was inspired by the legend of Jesus visiting England, in particular Glastonbury, with His relative, Joseph of Arimathea. In 2009 this legend was explored in the [documentary 'And Did Those Feet'](#).

Over a century later in 1916, composer Hubert Parry set the poem to music to raise Britain's morale as life was bleak with [World War One](#) raging and casualties mounting.

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?

Bring me my bow of burning gold:  
Bring me my arrows of desire:  
Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire.

And did the Countenance Divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among these dark Satanic mills?

I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.

'And **did** those feet in ancient time walk upon England's mountains green?'

To many, this rousing opening line of England's unofficial national anthem, [Jerusalem](#), alludes to the idea that during a visit, Jesus briefly created Heaven in this country.

Indeed, William Blake's mystical poem, set to music by Hubert Parry, leaves an intriguing enigma that has been hotly discussed over the years.



The idea that the Son of God made a trip of thousands of miles across treacherous seas and landed in Cornwall after a shipwreck has long been a matter of folklore. Down the ages, there have been claims in the West Country that Jesus visited the area with His uncle, Joseph of Arimathea.

The suggestion has been laughed off as a wildly improbable myth.

But people from the Eastern Mediterranean had visited Cornwall to trade for tin for at least 1,000 years by the time Jesus was born.

Glyn S. Lewis, author of *Did Jesus Come To Britain?* has concluded after a lifetime of research that Christ came to our shores twice, visiting Cornwall and Somerset.

And Dr Gordon Strachan, former Church of Scotland minister and Oxford history graduate, went further, stating that Jesus came here as part of His boyhood education and studied sacred geometry and spiritual matters with the druids of ancient Britain at Glastonbury.

Lewis told *The Mail on Sunday*: 'The legend that Jesus came here is very strong. It is a historical fact that Christianity came to Cornwall very early on. 'St Augustine was sent here by Pope Gregory in the 6th Century to convert the English, but when he got to the western part of Britain, he found people already worshipping Christ.'

Lewis contends that the link between Jesus and the ancient Celtic-speaking Britons of Cornwall was Joseph of Arimathea – who the gospels say was a prominent and wealthy man and a secret disciple of Jesus.

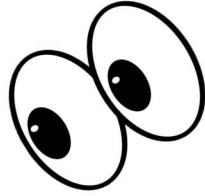
Lewis insists the legends are rooted in fact. 'There's a conflict between people who say "If it's not in the Bible, I can't really accept it" and those who say, "Well, where was He for 18 years when He was growing up?" '

But there is no doubt that Christianity was seeded in Cornwall. Churches sprang up in the South West far earlier than in any other part of Britain, and by the time St Augustine arrived in 597 AD, there was a thriving church community.

Whatever the truth, whenever anyone sings the first two stanzas of *Jerusalem*, they are patriotically voicing the belief that Jesus Christ travelled to England – where He built a Holy Land.

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### Repair

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In addition:



**Bookham Baptist Church** will provide advice on: Carbon footprint measuring, the Creation Care toolkit, Green energy tariffs and carbon off-setting.



## St Nicolas Eco Team

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# Live a More Sustainable Lifestyle



## From 'Alive to God' Daily Readings

Verse: Romans 14:7

'For none of us lives for ourselves alone...'

- Our lives are interconnected with the lives of others
- This should cause us to be aware of the needs of those around us.

You can be a blessing in the lives of people in your circle of influence.- Don't just live for yourself, but let God use you to help others.

**PRAYER:** Lord, may my life be something that You use to touch the lives of others. Use me and let my life be like Your hands and feet that bring blessing, comfort and hope to those who need it the most. Amen.

Have a blessed Tuesday.

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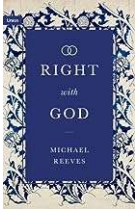
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## Right with God by Michael Reeves

Michael Reeves is one of the leading British theologians and has a wonderful ability to write complex truths simply. If you have enjoyed his writing, then I think you will love his short book *Right with God* with an eternity-long



message.

By warmly and clearly introducing what the Bible teaches about justification by faith alone, Reeves reminds anyone who does not know Christ or is lacking confidence in their salvation that the Bible has good news of comfort and joy.

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## Scripture is Supreme by Tim Chester

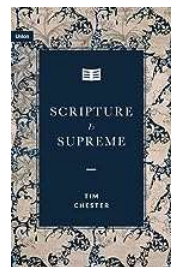
“Here is rock: all else is sand”, was JC Ryle’s description of the Bible in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Whether the challenge has been tradition or reason, or experience in more recent times, the scriptures are still supreme today, God-breathed, reliable and trumping all other authorities.

Yet the supremacy of scripture is not some dictate imposed by a faceless despot. Far from it! Scripture’s words are those of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who has laid down his life for his people.

Tim Chester has provided a clear concise treatment of an important subject – the supremacy of God’s word. He faithfully demonstrates that the Bible is indeed God’s voice - that which ‘goes out from his mouth’ (Isaiah 55:11). As such, it bridges the expanse between Creator and creature, heaven and earth, invisible and visible. Here is an encouraging reminder for us to listen to the Bible as if we heard God speaking to us from heaven, rejoicing like those who find ‘the great spoil’ (Psalm 119:162).

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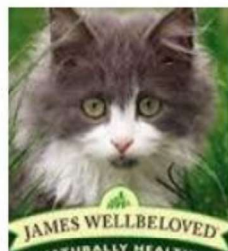


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## **Artificial not intelligent**

*To The Times*

Calling the present generation of advanced machine-learning systems “intelligent” is surely a misnomer. These systems cannot tell reality from fantasy or good from evil; they cannot process abstract concepts and they cannot process values and morals. They are therefore not truly intelligent in any normal sense of the word.

*The Rev Canon Charles Jenkin, Bury St Edmunds*

Contributed by Dawn  
Owers

Editor – gives us  
something to think about!

## **Evensong this Autumn**

Your support is invited for the remaining three Evensongs of the year.

Sunday 17th September and 19th November - village-style, with hymns and psalm chants.

**Sunday 15th October - Full Choral Evensong.** For this service the choir of St Mary's, Fetcham have been invited to join us.

Peter Lutton

## **A Prayer for Today**

Dear Lord, give us a pure heart – a heart that is soft and big enough to love and care for all people.

Give us the wisdom to see what is important in life. Take away the strain and stress, the anxiety which eats away at us and saps the energy which should be used to work for you and bring others into your kingdom through the promise of forgiveness and salvation.

Bless us with the desire to serve you however and whenever you choose. Give us the ability to help the poor and the sick in body, mind and spirit. Help us to put the needs of others before ourselves and to forgive when the ignorance in this world causes us pain and suffering.

Bless us dear Lord, with energy and spirit-filled enthusiasm to spread your true message of love and forgiveness to all people and to love you with all our hearts until the end of our days on this earth. **Amen**

## **A Back to School Prayer**

Dear God, at the start of a new school year, we pray for school principals, teachers and the wider team behind the scenes, as they work through the practical implications of running a school. We bring before you our children and young people, may they settle easily into new school routines.

We also pray for parents and caregivers as they work through any concerns they may have in these unfamiliar times. May each day be a day of hope, of expectation, of relishing each moment as a gift from you, knowing that our lives are in your hands.

In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen**

Deborah Gallacher

# ECO Wordsearch

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| conservation  | green         | pollution | solar       |            |
| Earth         | greenhousegas | reclaim   | sustainable |            |
| eco           | local         | recycle   | upcycle     |            |

# God's Peace for when you can't sleep

## 1: God's peace when you feel overwhelmed

Many of us like me have, at times, been unable to sleep. The house is quiet, the stars are shining against the blackened sky, and everyone is asleep. Everyone that is except me. Your mind is racing. Thoughts are swirling, anxieties pressing hard. Peace feels far away. Fear seems to be bigger in the dark. It's hard to see or think clearly with clarity. Too many things keep us awake. Like me you may have found yourself there. Maybe it's just a bad dream or something you ate. Yet often it goes much deeper than that. Worry or stress, money problems or our grief can steal away the precious hours of sleep; also illness or pain that we or our loved ones may be facing can trash true rest to be a constant battle. Sometimes the pain of broken relationships can bring heaviness to the soul as well as unforgiveness or resentment and this can make it difficult to find rest again.

And so it begins many evenings: the endless fight for sleep. As the hour pass anxiety creeps in with the knowledge morning is drawing closer – and you haven't yet slept. The day is dawning, but rest has only come in intermittent fits. Does this ring true for you?

Take heart for the burdens you are carrying in your heart, mind and body aren't yours to bear alone. There is One who understands and is waiting to help you. God reminds us in Scripture that through leaning on Him, we will find rest for our souls. Jesus Christ himself doesn't just tell us to give Him our burdens; He offers to take our burdens *for us*. He commands all of us who are weary and heavy laden, to come to Him and lay our burdens down – all of them. What He gives in return is like a cooling, soul-satisfying drink. He gives rest.

As you reflect on these words, on the promises and call of the Lord take in a deep breath. Exhale the stress you are holding, and breathe in the peace of the Lord, letting the promises of His Word flood your tired soul. And then, as you close your eyes and lay your head down, know that He is there with you; He is your rock, your strength, your ever-present help in times of trouble, even in the quiet hours of the morning. Cling to that rock! Here are some verses that might help you to bring life, healing and peace once again.

### Some Bible verses for when you can't sleep:

Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.

**Matthew 11:28**

From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. **Psalm 61:2**

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **Psalm 4:8**

**Prayer:** Lord, you are the giver of rest. Help me to trust that you have everything under control, and that my job is not to juggle everything, but to hand all of my burdens over to you, the all-powerful, able, strong God. **Amen**

**Praise:** I praise you Lord, for taking my burdens over and over, never ceasing to lighten my load. **Amen**

## **2: God's peace for when you are awake for no reason**

On some nights it's so easy to fall asleep. Your head hits the pillow, and before you know it, your alarm clock is ringing. But other nights you don't have that luxury. Sometimes we're awake for no reason but sleep is ever elusive. Often, when you're awake for no reason, it can be easy to become discouraged or anxious. Discouraged because you're awake again, or anxious because you know your mind and body need rest. Instead of focusing on that, think on this: you have some extra time with the Lord. Why not make the most of it? Bring to mind different ways the Lord has sustained you throughout the day or week. Have you felt His presence in times when you felt utterly weak? Has he blessed you with any surprises? Have you seen Him work in the lives of those closest to you?

Now is the perfect time to spend praising Him or coming to the Lord with matters of the heart. It is a wonderful time to intercede in prayer for family, friends and the sick who might be struggling in some way. Yes, the hours of the night are meant for sleeping, but as you try to sleep, time is not wasted if you're communing with the Lord. The business of the day can be quite demanding yet the late evening hours spent alone are some of the sweetest times with the Lord. Take advantage of this time. Take a few moments with your heavenly Father. He is always up for a late-night chat.

### **Some Bible verses when sleep is elusive**

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

#### **Psalm 63:6**

I call to the Lord, and He answers me from his holy mountain; I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. **Psalm 3:4-5**

Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. **Psalm 116:7**

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. **Isaiah 26: 3-4**

**Prayer:** Thank you at any time of day or night, O Lord you are a God who never slumbers or sleeps, and right now, I am unable to sleep. I want to take this time and reflect on your goodness to me; help me commune with you in the quiet hours of this night. **Amen**

**Praise:** Whenever I seek your face Lord, you answer me. I praise you for your constant attention on my life. In these late hours of the night, I am filled with gratitude for all that you have done in my life. Your goodness is especially apparent tonight – all praise be to you, my God! **Amen**

Deborah Gallacher



## ANXIETY, FEAR & PANIC - IT ALL MAKES PERFECT SENSE



***Led by Dr Martin Brunet,  
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***Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023***

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**And once we understand it better, then we can learn how to be  
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## ECO Tips for SEPTEMBER

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1. **Recycle** your soft plastics – local supermarkets have a soft plastic recycling bin.
2. **Compost** and/or create a worm farm for your fruit and veg scraps – even paper, tissues/paper towels can be added to your compost, and it makes the most amazing soil!
3. **Recycle** clothing – fashion is one of the biggest polluters out there, so buying preloved fashion not only saves you money but reduces the amount of landfill created by fast fashion.
4. **Be waterwise** – reducing your showers, collecting grey water for your plants and not buying bottled water can make a big difference.
5. **Eat locally** – choosing fruit and veg that is UK grown, and in season, reduces the carbon footprint produced by transporting produce from around the world.
6. **Drive less** – walking, cycling and using public transport reduces the emissions produced by petrol cars, every trip counts!
7. **Reduce** your waste – make choices to reduce your plastic use, think before purchasing, use the reduce, reuse, recycle principles.
8. **Avoid Palm Oil** – a major source of deforestation, reduce/cut out products containing palm oil.
9. **Repair don't replace** – instead of throwing out your broken/damaged items, check if they are fixable. Sewing a new button, mending a hole, or replacing a part means that an item won't end up in landfill but will be given a longer life.
10. **Choose reusable** – single use items are very bad for the environment, why not investigate reusable alternatives. Think metal straws, cloth nappies, reusable hygiene products or simply bringing a water bottle from home.



## Holy Days

### 20<sup>th</sup> September The Martyrs of Korea

Korea is known for its thriving Christian Church. But it was not always so – in fact no Korean had been baptised there as late as 1784. Christianity arrived in



Korea through Christian books sent from China, and the Koreans responded warmly as soon as they heard the Good News. A Chinese priest who visited in 1794 found 4,000 Christians. This despite hard times: the Chinese priest was killed in 1801, and the Koreans were left without a priest for 30 years. Then Pope Pius VII sent a bishop, Laurence Imbert, who arrived in disguise in 1837, who worked with two other priests of the same Paris Missionary Society. Christianity was strictly forbidden by this time, and so the missionaries worked in complete

secrecy, rising at 2.30 am and ministering at unusual times in conditions of extreme poverty.

And the Korean Church grew! Soon there were 9,000 Christians, who could not remain secret forever. Violent persecution broke out, and the three French priests allowed themselves to be taken, in order to avert massacre and apostasy. They were beheaded at Seoul on 21 September 1839. 78 Korean Christians died in the same persecution, among them Agatha Kim and John Ri. The first Korean priest to be martyred was Andrew Kim, in 1846. These shining Christians of the Korean Church were beatified in 1925 and canonised in 1984.

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**READINGS AT THE SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**September 2023**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Ephesians 1: 1-14; Luke 24: 44-49

**10<sup>th</sup> Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Ephesians 1: 15-23; John 14:5-14

**17<sup>th</sup> Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Ephesians 2: 1-10; Matthew 18: 21-35

**Evensong**

Psalm 119: 41-48; Ezekiel 20: 1-8,33-44; Acts 20: 17-end

**24<sup>th</sup> Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Ephesians 3: 14-21; Matthew 20: 1-16



**From the Parish Registers**



**Deaths**

|                            |                   |         |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 | Deborah Swain     | Aged 47 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 | Patrick Morrish   | Aged 91 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 | Douglas Templeman | Aged 90 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 | Beryl Wood        | Aged 91 |

**Weddings**

|                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2023   | Philip Norris and Amanda Burrett   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 | Barney Weston and Kayleigh Carella |

## St Nicolas Cycle of Prayer September 2023

Please remember the following missions, St Nicolas groups and residents of Great Bookham roads in your prayers

|                  |                                                                                |                                                           |                                  |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3rd              | Christians Against Poverty (CAP)<br><i>Val Lomax</i><br><i>Catherine Clark</i> | Children's Activities<br><i>Celeste Rios</i>              | Greville Court<br>Priors Mead    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Mission Aviation Fellowship<br><i>Julia Watts</i><br><i>Sue White</i>          | ECO Team<br><i>Margaret Hibbert</i><br><i>Val Lambert</i> | Durleston Park Drive             |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Oasis Charitable Trust<br><i>Gill Caldwell</i><br><i>Celeste Rios</i>          |                                                           | Amey Drive                       |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | The Mission to Seafarers<br><i>John Adie</i><br><i>Eldred Clark</i>            | Barnabas Men's Fellowship<br><i>David King</i>            | Burney Close<br>Barrington Drive |

**Occupation for September: Communications, Media, Journalism**

### Church Development Plan Prayer Focus

|                            |                                                     |              |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> September  | Confident in our witness and service                | Alan Jenkins |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> September | Changes to our building                             | Chris Turner |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> September | Growing a diverse families' and children's ministry | Celeste Rios |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> September | Effective Communications Strategy                   | Vicki Dixon  |

## Calendar September 2023

**Please note that although the calendar has events scheduled, these may happen in different forms. Please check beforehand (see 'Contact' person on the back page or the St Nicolas website).**

| <b>August</b>    |       |                              |                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------|-------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | 1000<br>1245                 | Morning Coffee (Pastoral Centre)<br>Mothers' Union Prayers (Church)                                                                                            |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Weds  | 0830                         | Morning Prayer (online)                                                                                                                                        |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Thurs | 1000<br>1040<br>1500         | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)<br>Wedding Rehearsal                                                                                  |
| <b>September</b> |       |                              |                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Fri   | 1230<br>1600                 | Wedding of Andrew Townsend and Rebecca Jones<br>Wedding Rehearsal                                                                                              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Sat   | 1000<br>1300                 | CDP Prayers (Church Room)<br>Wedding of Will Harris and Abi Childs                                                                                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Sun   | 1000                         | Morning Praise (Church) with the Baptism of Cameron Greenwood                                                                                                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Mon   | 0830<br>1400                 | <b>Church Closed – AV Work</b><br>Morning Prayer (Online)<br>Craft Group (Pastoral Centre)                                                                     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Tues  | 1000                         | <b>Church Closed – AV Work</b><br>Morning Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Weds  | 0830<br>1000                 | <b>Church Closed – AV Work</b><br>Morning Prayer (Online)<br>Youth Work (Pastoral Centre)                                                                      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Thurs | 1000<br>1040                 | <b>Church Closed – AV Work</b><br>Mothers' Union Corporate Communion (Church Room)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)                                            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Fri   | 1400<br>1530                 | <b>Church Closed – AV Work</b><br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                                     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Sat   | 0900                         | Saturday Prayers (online)                                                                                                                                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Mon   | 0830<br>1000<br>1400<br>1530 | <b>Church Closed – AV Work</b><br>Morning Prayers (online)<br>Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)<br>Craft Group (Pastoral Centre)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre) |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | 1000                         | <b>Church Closed – AV Work</b><br>Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                             |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Weds  | 0830                         | <b>Church Closed – AV Work</b><br>Morning Prayers (online)                                                                                                     |

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| 14 <sup>th</sup>                           | Thurs | 1000<br>1040<br>1400                 | <b>Church Closed – AV Work</b><br>Holy Communion (Church Room)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)<br>Mothers' Union (Pastoral Centre)              |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                           | Fri   | 1530                                 | <b>Church Closed – AV Work</b><br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                           | Sat   | 0745<br>1000                         | Barnabas Fellowship (Church Room)<br>Greenfair (Church and Church Room)                                                                          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                           | Sun   | 1830                                 | Evensong (Church)                                                                                                                                |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                           | Mon   | 0830<br>1000<br>1400<br>1530<br>2000 | Morning Prayer<br>Tots Alive! (Church and Church Room)<br>Craft Group (Pastoral Centre)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)<br>PCC Meeting (Church Room) |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                           | Tues  | 1000                                 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                                                 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                           | Weds  | 0830                                 | Morning Prayers (Online)                                                                                                                         |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                           | Thurs | 1000<br>1040                         | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)                                                                                         |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                           | Fri   | 1530                                 | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                                                         |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                           | Sat   | 0900<br>1000                         | Saturday Prayers (Online)<br>Bloom (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                           | Sun   | 1200                                 | Baptism of Ella and baby Gaunt (Church)                                                                                                          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                           | Mon   | 0830<br>1200<br>1330<br>1530         | Morning Prayer (Online)<br>Silent Prayers Group (Pastoral Centre)<br>Craft Group (Pastoral Centre)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                           | Tues  | 1000                                 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                                                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                           | Weds  | 0830                                 | Morning Prayers (online)                                                                                                                         |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                           | Thurs | 1000<br>1040                         | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)                                                                                         |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                           | Fri   | 1530                                 | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                                                         |
| <b>October</b>                             |       |                                      |                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                            | Sun   | 1000                                 | Morning Praise (Church)                                                                                                                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                            | Mon   | 0830<br>1000<br>1330<br>1530         | Morning Prayer (Online)<br>Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)<br>Craft Group (Pastoral Centre)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                      |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> September</b>            |       |                                      |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Copy for October magazine to Chris Bridges |       |                                      |                                                                                                                                                  |

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