



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 28th September 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Harvest Sunday)

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins

10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald

Hymns: 532, 284, "Creation Sings the Father's Song" 323, 289

Anthem: Quartel – Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

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

Deuteronomy 8: 10-14, 17-18 (page 187 in the church bible)

John 2: 1-11 (page 1064 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from
all false teaching
and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For The Mission to Seafarers and our links John Adie and Eldred Clark, we pray:
 - for a new initiative, OceanCare, that the Mission to Seafarers is developing with Mitsui O.S.K Lines Ltd to provide seafarers with vital listening and support services – including responses to mental health, money, breakups, workplace conflicts and helping develop self-care plans, coping strategies and referrals to trusted specialist services;
 - that seafarers are well fed, given good shore leave, have sensible length contracts that are not extended without good reason and are never subjected to abandonment;
 - that the Mission is given good access to vessels in port and their crews since turnaround times can be very short.
- * For the Barnabas Men's Fellowship co-ordinated by David King.
- * For our neighbours in Milton Way and Smith Grove.
- * 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: Audrey, Peter, Alan, Charlotte, Chris, Susan.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: (no new names).
- * Those who are ill: Pat Davidson, 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 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. Why do you think Harvest thanksgiving is important?
2. To what degree do you think that our exploitation and pollution of the world is a result of turning our backs on God and His values?
3. How would you behave differently if you saw stewardship of our world as our response to God's call and his blessing?

NO COFFEE TODAY Regretfully, there will be no coffee served after today's service because the kitchen will be in use to prepare for the Harvest Lunch. Normal service will be resumed next week.

HEARING LOOP UNAVAILABLE We are sorry that our induction loop system is currently not working. Whilst we repair the system there may be some difficulty in hearing parts of the service for those with hearing difficulties. Please remember that elements of our 10am service (the readings, sermon and intercessions) are recorded and available with subtitles on YouTube. If you would like further assistance, please speak with a church warden or a member of the AV Team.

HARVEST GIVING Our Harvest Festival Service is at 10.00am today, Sunday 28th September. As usual we are collecting gifts for LeatherHead Start and in the tower there is a list of their needs for food, toiletries, cleaning materials and AA and AAA batteries. There will also be a special collection for Christian Aid for their work with those in need around the world and you can give cash before or after the service, or use the digital donation point in the tower.

HARVEST LUNCH in church at 12 noon today, Sunday 28th September. The menu is soup followed by apple crumble and custard. Water provided or wine at £3 per glass. Bring your own cutlery and glasses. Tickets £7 per person or £20 per family.

NEW FIRE SERVICE New Fire, our contemporary worship service, will take place today, Sunday 28th September, in the Church Room. Come at 6.00pm for tea, coffee and cake and a chat. The service starts at 6.30pm with singing, reflection and prayers. All welcome. More info from Jan Williamson or Val Lambert.

TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM Sunday 5th October at 6.00pm. For further details contact: Helen Overell at helen@bayleaf.org.uk

The Week Ahead

Mon 29th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 30th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Wed 1st	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Thu 2nd	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (Nehemiah 8: 1-12; Luke 10: 1-12) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 3rd	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 4th	10.00 am	Church Development Prayers – Church Room
Sun 5th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion (Romans 9:30-10:4, 10:9-15; John 15:18-27) Morning Praise (Romans 9:30-10:4, 10:9-15; John 15:18-27)

This week's duty Church Warden:

Joy Lord

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MUSIC AND SONGS FROM THE 40's, 50's AND 60's Concert at Eastwick Road Church by musician Chris Mars. Wednesday 8th October from 2pm – 3.30pm. Part of the Golden Years programme but all welcome.

"BEING WITH" GUINEA PIGS WANTED Wednesdays 22nd & 29th October at 7.00pm in the Church Room. St Nicolas Church is running a new course called 'Being With'. We are looking for volunteers to trial-run one session of the course in October, particularly people who do not often come to church. 'Being With' was developed by St Martin-in-the-Fields's Church. It's a small group course that builds on people's own experience and thoughts. It's not like a lesson. We begin by sharing the heart of our week then there are 'Wonderings' to help us think about the Bible or Church followed by a Talk and a Discussion. If you know someone who would like to take part, we'd love to hear from you. Contact: gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

NEXT STEPS FEEDBACK AND FORUM INPUT Firstly, thank you to all who provided feedback, and all who participated in our discussion Forums. The record of all of your contributions is now available on our website. Please email chris.holloway@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or speak with Chris Holloway for the password required to access these documents. Our Next Step is to analyse all of your input and discern a way forward including some simple short-term actions, one or two more significant initiatives to take over the coming 15 months or so, and things to consider beyond that. Once again, thank you so much.

ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE The October issue of 'St Nicolas News' is available in church or on the church website [here](#).

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