



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 24th November 2024

Christ the King

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: David Ireland

10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins
Hymns: 589, 700, 227, 487, 612
Anthem: Pitoni – Cantate Domino



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

Revelation 1: 4b-8 (page 1233 in the church bible)
John 18: 33-37 (page 1087 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King,
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * Bible Society and our links Suzie and Alan Jenkins.
 - Ask God to bless the 520 people who are scheduled to undergo training in 2025 to lead Bible study groups in Egypt. Pray that God will use these young leaders mightily.
 - With more than 82 million internet users in Egypt, Bible Society colleagues there are developing a powerful digital ministry. Pray for guidance so the Bible Society team in Egypt will be able to reach many more people with the Scriptures through their online apps and social media.
- * For the Traidcraft stall organised by Margaret Hibbert.
- * For our neighbours in Eastwick Park Avenue.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Growing a Diverse Families' and Children's Ministry', led by Celeste Rios.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Catherine, Geoff, Gordon, Zena, Amanda, Mary.
- * Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier.

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

NEW FIRE BOOKHAM If you appreciate joyful modern worship songs and an informal time of meditation and prayer, do come and join us at Jan's house 4 Fox Lane Bookham KT23 3AT on Sunday 24th November at 6.00pm for coffee and cake, then at 6.30pm for an hour of singing, worship and prayer. On Sunday 22nd December we plan to hold a special pre-Christmas New Fire Worship Evening meeting in the Pastoral Centre. Do join us at 6.00pm for festive refreshments followed by an hour of 'Making a joyful noise to the Lord', beginning at 6.30pm. If you want to know more, speak to Jan, Ali or Heather or email ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

SILENT PRAYER GROUP Monday 25th November 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, please contact Jean Forward for details (housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk). All welcome to enjoy peace and stillness.

TALKING JESUS Guildford Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship invite everyone to hear Rachel Jordan-Wolf, from Hope Together, on Tuesday 26th November at Christchurch Guildford. 7.30pm for mulled wine and mince pies before Rachel speaks at 8.00pm on the Talking Jesus research. Please RSVP to gdefsec@hotmail.com

ANNA CHAPLAINCY - LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE Wednesday 27th November 10.30am – 12pm at Bookham Library. The elderly and their carers are invited to come and meet Georgie and her beautiful fully trained pet therapy dog - Jackson. Come and hear how those with dementia and Alzheimer's respond to his visits. Over 65s and carers welcome. Suggested donation of £2. Tea & coffee provided. To book, contact Liz Tapp (The Anna Chaplain) email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or tel: 07518 735729.

BOOKHAM ‘SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS’ FESTIVE AFTERNOON St Nicolas will be joining in the Bookham High Street ‘Spirit of Christmas’ festive event on Saturday 30th November 1.00pm – 4.00pm. We will have a display of nativity scenes plus children’s activities, a choir, tea and coffee. Churches Together will be singing carols in the High Street at 2.30pm. Hundreds of people will visit the church during the event so it’s a wonderful opportunity to show people what we do. Could you help with any of these: Lend us your nativity set for the afternoon, Provide prizes for the children’s tombola stall or Knit a tree decoration (angel, Santa, star, etc). See Gill Caldwell or Anne Shears for more details or email gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

DONATIONS OF CAKES AND BAKES for the ‘Spirit of Christmas’ festive event on Saturday 30th November would be much appreciated! Please include a list of ingredients and date made, or source if bought, and bring to the church kitchen on the day of the event (or drop off at the Parish Office on Thursday/Friday).

TOY SERVICE Sunday 1st December 10am. You are invited to bring a present to the service. These will be given to children who are cared for at The Children’s Trust, Tadworth. These children have complex needs, some with sensory impairment, so soft toys, musical toys, toys that light up or simple games would be very welcome.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH 1st December at 11.30am for 12.00pm. You are most welcome to join us if you might otherwise lunch on your own. £5.00 payable on the day but please contact the Parish Office to secure a place or if you have any queries about the lunch (450709 or office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk).

TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM Sunday 1st December at 6.00pm. For further details contact: Helen Overell at helen@bayleaf.org.uk

ANNA CHAPLAINCY - CAROL SERVICE Wednesday 4th December 10.15am ERC. All welcome. The service will be suitable for those on a dementia journey and carers.

ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE The Dec/Jan issue is in the Tower and on our [website](#).

The Week Ahead

Mon 25th	10.00 am 2.00 pm 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room Funeral of Pamela Sexton – Church BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 26th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 28th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Rev.18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9; Luke 21:20-28</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 29th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 30th	1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Bookham ‘Spirit of Christmas’ Festive Afternoon – High Street, Bookham and St Nicolas Church
Sun 1st	8.00 am 10.00 am 11.30 am	Holy Communion (<i>Job 38: 1-11; John 1: 1-14</i>) Morning Praise and Baptism of Sophia Suarez (<i>Job 38: 1-11; John 1: 1-14</i>) Friendship Lunch – Pastoral Centre

This week's duty Church Warden:

Heather Gerrard

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ECO CHRISTMAS CARD TRELIS As last year, the Eco Team is keen to encourage everyone to join in with our communal Christmas card initiative to reduce waste and create an attractive display in our lovely new space. If you would normally send multiple cards to your friends at St Nicolas, please do use the trellis and send just one card instead. The festive trellis will be in place by 1st December and you may add your single card at any time before Christmas Day. A supply of pins will be provided; you don't even need an envelope!

ST NICOLAS CALENDAR 2025 We have a limited number of calendars featuring photos of St. Nicolas church for sale at £12 each. Profits will be donated to the toilet upgrade project and other projects chosen by the PCC. If interested, contact Vicki Dixon at vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or look out for her in church.

ST NICOLAS INTERIM MUSIC LEAD Helen Turner has done a great job looking after the music side of our worship and leading the choir on an informal basis since Peter Lutton retired and we are very grateful to her. However, as we have not had any response to our second round of adverts for the Director of Music role, we need to put in place rather more formal interim arrangements to tide us over the next few months. Our parish recruitment procedures require us to advertise this role which would involve selecting our music, playing the keyboard as a member of the music group at Morning Praise services and conducting the weekly choir practices. We are looking to appoint as soon as possible on a freelance basis for up to 6 months on the understanding that the role would end should a new Director of Music take up post. In recognition of the time commitment involved and the professional skills required we would propose to pay a modest monthly fee. If you are interested in being considered for this role, please contact Nick Garrett by 27th November.

Useful Contacts

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