



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 7th August 2022

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

We're Building for the Future!

We are making some improvements to the inside of our church building. While the work is in progress we are still worshipping and meeting. Sunday services continue to be held in the church. Weekday activities are continuing in other places because the church is closed apart from Sundays. Please see the note below for details.

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Carolyn Headley

10am: Morning Praise

Led by: Barbara McDonald

Hymns: 595, 678, 800, 721



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.



Today's Bible Readings

Hebrews 11:1-3 and 8-16 (page 1209 in the church bible)

Luke 12:32-40 (page 1045 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and our links Julia Watts and Sue White:
 - Please pray for the work of MAF, a Christian aviation charity operating 123 light aircraft in more than 25 developing countries, as it brings help, hope and healing to the most remote communities.
 - Please pray for the humanitarian relief provided when disaster strikes, together with the emergency personnel needed.
 - Please pray for those who live in hard to reach communities as MAF brings them food, medicine and aid workers.
 - Please pray for the safe transport of teachers, school supplies, Bible translators, evangelists and church workers to inaccessible areas.
 - Give thanks for the MAF flights which allow NGO's to provide eye care, in particular to the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya where 200 cataract operations were performed over four days.
 - Pray that with sight restored, many will look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.
- * For our Servers and Chalice Assistants led by Carole Vaux, Jacqy Faull and Joy Lord.
- * For our neighbours in Commonsides and The Common.
- * For our Church Development Plan: focussing on Worship led by Chris Holloway.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Rosemary; Valerie; Caroline; Richard; Diana; Colin; Clare.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: John Berry, Jean Muggeridge, Jack Widdowson.
- * Those who are ill: Eldred Clark; Tim Carlier; Cathryn Jobson; Valerie Goode; Elizabeth Finucane.

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

The Adventure of Faith

Abraham is held out by the writer to the Hebrews as the supreme example of living by faith. What are some of the things that we can learn from Abraham as we seek to live the adventure of faith?

1. Imagine you are discussing 'faith' with a non-Christian friend. What aspects of faith would you wish to emphasise?
2. How does the story of Abraham encourage you to live the adventure of faith? What, specifically, might you need to work on if you are to be more Abraham-like?

BUILDING WORKS ARE NOW UNDERWAY Our Building for the Future (BftF) works have now started. Work is underway on moving the font to its new position closer to the door to the tower. This will free up space in the middle of the church and put the font where it should be – by the entrance as baptism is about joining the church. The organ has also been covered up to prevent damage from dust and grit. That means we will be without it for some time. However, we intend to continue worshipping in church on Sundays but, apart from those services and a wedding, the church will be closed until the end of November. The Thursday communion service will be in the Church Room as will refreshments after the Sunday service. To find out more and keep in touch with progress go the BftF page on the church website at www.stnicolasbookham.org.uk/buildingforthefuture

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH Sunday 21st August 11.30 for 12.00 in the Pastoral Centre. You are welcome to join us if you usually lunch on your own. Please let the Parish Office know (450709) if you would like to attend and if you require a lift, as numbers are limited. Please BYO plates, cup & cutlery (but not glasses). £5.00 is payable on the day.

The Week Ahead

Mon 8th	1:30 pm	Craft Group – Pastoral Centre
Tue 9th	10:00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 11th	10:00 am	Holy Communion – Church Room (<i>Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1</i>)
	10:40am	Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room
Sun 14th	8:00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2; Luke 12:49-56</i>)
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This week's duty Church Warden:

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HOLIDAY AT HOME During August the Anna Chaplaincy will be running a 'Holiday at Home' for those who can't get away on holiday in the Summer. It will be two whole day events Wednesday 10th August at the ERC and 17th August at Bookham Baptist Church, the theme is Going to the Seaside, and there will be entertainments of various kinds, coffee lunch and tea – with a real chance to meet and get to know others! There will be a charge of £10 which will cover all the food and entertainment. Forms to register are available in church. For further details email or phone Anne, the Anna Chaplain, on ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or telephone 07518 735729.

QUIZ AND CURRY Friday 7th October 6.30pm for 7pm start at the Dawnay School, £15 per person, tables of 8, including curry supper (vegetarian and non-curry options available). It's now time to get a team together! Booking opens in August. This is a fundraising event for St Nicolas church 'Building for the Future Fund'.

PLEASE COULD YOU OFFER YOUR HELP? A lady at The Grange is ready to return to our Sunday, 10.00am service but needs a lift. Would you be able to join a small team of drivers to offer this help? For further details please contact Val Lomax on 450747.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SERVICES Until the building work has been completed, coffees will be served in the church room after the 10am Sunday services.

SIDESMEN VACANCIES We are looking for two or three more Sidesmen to join our teams on 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays. Full guidance and support is available. If you are interested, please contact Vicki Dixon at Vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or call 01372 459366 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

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