



# St Nicolas Church

*Building Faith in the Community*

## Newsletter for Sunday 19th November 2023

### Second Sunday before Advent

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins

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#### 10am: Holy Communion



Led by: Gill Caldwell  
Hymns: 595, 788, 635, 127, 641 (omit v3)  
Anthem: Rutter – God be in my head and in my understanding

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#### 6.30pm: Evensong

Led by: David Ireland  
Hymns: 770, 626, 21  
Psalm: 89: 20-36

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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.

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#### Today's Bible Readings

**Morning:** 1 Thess. 5: 1-11 (p.1188); Matthew 25: 14-30 (p.994)  
**Evening:** Psalm 89: 19-37 (p.598); 1 Kings 1: 15-40 (p.334);  
Revelation 1: 4-18 (p.1233)

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#### Today's Collect

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation;  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## This week we are praying for:

- \* For LeatherHEAD START and our links Mary Railton and Barbara Holloway. Pray for:
  - The health and wellbeing of the trustees who are keeping the hostel in existence and functioning to a high standard.
  - A client who has come to this country as a refugee from Ethiopia and needs to improve his English.
  - Wise recruitment of a full-time support worker and for casual workers.
- \* For Fairtrade and our link Margaret Hibbert.
- \* For our neighbours in Griffin Way.
- \* For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Effective Communications Strategy' led by Vicki Dixon.
- \* From our Electoral Roll: Clare, Pat, Stella, Audrey, Tina, Mike, Rita.
- \* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Anthony Rayner, Audrey Wing, Sheila Knight.
- \* Those who are ill: Eldred Clark; Tim Carlier; Cathryn Jobson; Nigel Fenner; Tim Reeder; Jenny Carlier; Sylvia Charles; Alison and Bruce Langford; Simon Phillips; Deborah Gallacher.

**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

#### Be Prepared

The Apostle Paul reminds us that when Jesus returns, his return will be sudden. And so the need to be prepared. How? This morning we'll consider some of the ways in which we might be prepared.

1. What do you believe about the return of Jesus?
2. Where are faith, hope and love present in your life?
3. How are you encouraging others and building them up?

**FAIRTRADE STALL** is available in church this Sunday – please come and have a look. The supermarket focus this month will be Sainsburys.

**NICKY GUMBEL** is one of the speakers at the Diocese of Guildford Church Growth Conference on Wednesday 22nd November at St Paul's Howell Hill, 10am to 4pm. Cost: £10 incl. lunch. To book, search 'Church Growth Conference 2023' on Eventbrite or email [gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**COPING WITH DEMENTIA** Anna Chaplaincy is hosting a session with Robin Thomson, writer of 'Living with Alzheimer's – a love Story' on Wednesday 22nd November from 10.30am – 12noon at Bookham Library. Coffee and Tea provided, and there will be an information sheet to take away. Spaces are limited – contact Anne Milton-Worsell, the Anna Chaplain, email [ac@themeetingplace.org.uk](mailto:ac@themeetingplace.org.uk) or telephone 07518 735729.

**AFTERNOON TEA** in aid of the medical fund for Waymaker school in Harare Zimbabwe. Friday 24th November 2.00pm at 22, Blackthorne Rd. KT23 4BN. Ali and Dave Sangwine would love to welcome you to their home to raise funds for the teachers and pupils of Waymaker school to access essential medical care. We are so lucky to have our NHS and the poor Zimbabweans cannot afford health insurance. There will be home-made cake!

**NEPAL LEPROSY TRUST** coffee morning and sale at Eastwick Road Church on Saturday 25th November 10.30am – 12.30pm. Christmas batik cards, coffee/tea and cake available.

**SILENT PRAYER GROUP** Monday 27th November from 12noon to 12.45pm in the Pastoral Centre, with a silent time of 25 minutes, plus some prayers and readings. Just come and enjoy peace and stillness. All welcome.

**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!

**NATIVITY DISPLAY CAN YOU HELP?** We are planning a display of nativity sets for the Spirit of Christmas event on Saturday 2nd December. Do you have a set that you could lend? The display will be manned. Contact [gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

## The Week Ahead

Mon 20th	10:00 am 4:00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 21st	10:00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 23rd	10:00 am 10:40 am 6:30 pm	Holy Communion – Church (Rev. 5: 1-10; Luke 19: 41-44) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice
Fri 24th	4:00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sun 26th	8:00 am 10:00 am 12 noon	Holy Communion (Ezekiel 34: 17-24; Matthew 25: 31-end) Holy Communion (Ezekiel 34: 17-24; Matthew 25: 31-end) Baptism of Dylan Case and Matilda Dienn-Sunassee

## This week's duty Church Warden:

Bob Searle

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**TOY SERVICE** Sunday 3rd December 10.00am. 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 toys for younger children should be: soft toys, musical toys, toys that light up or simple games; for older children/teenagers music CDs are very popular.

**SHORT CAROL SERVICE** On Wednesday 6th December at Eastwick Road Church starting with refreshment at 10.30am, service at 11.00am due to finish by 11.45am. All welcome including those on a dementia journey and their carers. No need to book!

**HARTFIELD HOUSE CAROLS** Our wonderful choir will be singing Christmas carols at Hartfield house, Leatherhead on Wednesday 6th December at 11am. If you would like to come and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies let Ali Sangwine know. 07825 416308.

**BLOOM WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** Saturday 9th December 9.00am to 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre. On the theme of giving we will be collecting Christmas goodies and treats for the local food bank. £5 tickets pay on the door. To book your place, please e-mail [ali.sangwine@hotmail.com](mailto:ali.sangwine@hotmail.com)

**POETRY AND DRAMA WORKSHOP** Saturday 9th December, 1.30pm – 4.30pm at Saint Columba's House Woking. A workshop to look at Advent themed poems and then think how to dramatise them. Cost £15 which includes tea and coffee. The link is:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-poetry-in-motion-tickets-737402780567?aff=oddtcreator>

**FRIENDSHIP LUNCH** 10th December. If you usually lunch on your own, you are most welcome to join us in the Pastoral Centre at 11.30am for 12.00. For this Christmas lunch the cost is £10. Lifts available on request. To book call the Parish Office 01372 450709.

**HAVE YOU VISITED OUR NEW PRAYER STATIONS?** Please take a look around the pillars at the back of the church to find out more about Fruit of the Spirit, what they mean to different people in our church and to think about the questions posed.

## Useful Contacts

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