



# St Nicolas Church

*Building Faith in the Community*

## Newsletter for Sunday 30th March 2025

### Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins

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#### 10am: Holy Communion

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Hymns: 135, 132, 373, StF 654, 394  
Anthem: Todd – The Call of Wisdom

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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. 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).

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### Today's Bible Readings

1 John 4: 1-6 (page 1227 in the church bible)  
Matthew 4: 1-11 (page 967 in the church bible)

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### Today's Collect

Father God, help us to draw closer to you:  
Fan into a flame the spark of faith you have seeded in our hearts,  
that we might each come to love you  
with the whole of our heart, the whole of our soul,  
the whole of our mind and the whole of our strength.  
We ask this in the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and for the glory of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## This week we are praying for:

\* For the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) and our links, Val Lambert and Jenny Evans.

Pray for the Ahmadi Muslim Community in Pakistan, persecuted by mainstream Islamists who refuse to recognise their brand of the faith and have decreed it a criminal offence to call themselves Muslims. Pray for three children, aged 11, 14 and 17, and 20 adults who were arrested at their mosque in late February after an angry mob had gathered outside to threaten them. Only the youngest child has now been released. The bail application for the other 22 innocent victims has been rejected.

Pray for the safety of Christians in Mexico, particularly priests and other leaders. For their protection as they speak boldly against the corruption in rivalling criminal cartels and their human trafficking and drug smuggling. For the leaders of these cartels and the corrupt government and police who help them, to be exposed and brought to justice. For the family and friends of Father Marcelo Perez who was shot to death after celebrating Mass, for speaking out against these evils in Mexican Society.

Pray for our Christian Brothers and Sisters in Myanmar who are facing ever increasing levels of violence since 2023. Especially pray for the Christians in Kachin State whose beautiful St Patrick's Cathedral was burned to the ground on the eve of St Patrick's Day. This was a deliberate air strike and is one of very many being perpetrated against the Christian communities in Myanmar by the military junta. Pray for their safety and for spiritual encouragement in the midst of all their troubles.

\* For our Church Wardens.

\* For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Ministry Leader.

\* For our neighbours in The Paddocks.

\* For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on 'Increasing our capacity to take forward the mission of the church'.

\* From our Electoral Roll: Harriet, David, Jennifer, Peter, Amanda, Charly, Mark.

\* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Jon Springall, Joyce Fanner, Matthew Saxton.

\* Those who are ill: Pat Davidson, Jim Simpson, Chris Collins, Joyce Munden, Tim Reeder.

**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

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)** On Monday 31st March the APCM will be held in church. It will start at 8pm and all are welcome to attend although to participate fully you need to be on the electoral roll. The documents for the meeting are available from the APCM page of our church website and can be found [here](#).

**WOULD YOU CONSIDER SERVING ON THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)?** At the APCM on 31st March we will elect new members of our PCC. The PCC meets six times a year for two hours on a Monday evening as well as occasional additional meetings. If you are interested, please speak to Alan Jenkins or our PCC Secretary, Amanda Rowland, on 07702 678480 or [pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE** On Monday 31st March and Tuesday 1st April the parish office will be closed because the parish administrator is on leave but unfortunately no one is available to cover the office. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM** Sunday 6th April at 6.00pm. For further details contact: Helen Overell at [helen@bayleaf.org.uk](mailto:helen@bayleaf.org.uk)

**BLOOM BREAKFAST** Saturday 12th April 9.00am to 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre. Our theme is: 'New Life'. Tickets £5. To book, please e-mail [ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL** Sunday 13th April 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. A chance to chat, tea and cakes, optional games. Cost £5. To book, please e-mail [ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

**EASTER FAMILY FUN** Saturday 19th April from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in church. Activities for all the family including: baby area, tea & cakes, cookie decorating, crafts & games, Easter trail, face painting. All activities free. Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult responsible for their care.

**HOLIDAY AT HOME** This year the Anna Chaplaincy will be running a "Summer Fun" themed Holiday at Home day at Eastwick Road Church on 20th August. For further information and to book, contact: Liz Tapp (the Anna Chaplain) Tel: 07518 735729 email: [ac@themeetingplace.org.uk](mailto:ac@themeetingplace.org.uk) Please note, the booking deadline is 30th April.

**ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE** The April issue is available in church or on our website [here](#).

**DO YOU ENJOY MEETING AND GREETING PEOPLE?** We are looking for someone to join our team of Sidesmen on 2nd Sundays, a Welcomer for alternate 1st Sundays and reserves to join our coffee rota. No previous experience needed. Please contact Vicki Dixon if interested: [vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

### The Week Ahead

Mon 31st	10.00 am 4.00 pm 8.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Church
Tue 1st	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 3rd	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (Exodus 32: 7-14; John 5: 31-end) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 4th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 5th	10.00 am	Church Development Plan Prayers – Church Room
Sun 6th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion (Romans 12:1-8; John 13:1-17) Morning Praise (Romans 12:1-8; John 13:1-17)

## This week's duty Church Warden:

Bob Searle

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**LENT APPEAL** The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund provides grants to local projects run by parishes or church-linked organisations to help people facing financial hardship and other vulnerabilities, including loneliness and disability. For more details, visit <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Bishop-Andrew-s-Lent-Appeal-2025>

**NEXT STEPS FEEDBACK** Once you have completed your Next Steps Reflection, it would be helpful to know what we at St Nicolas could do, or do better, to help you take the next step on your own spiritual journey. Please provide your comments using the online feedback form, email us at [nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk), or drop your comment into the 'Donations Box' in the Tower. If you choose to add your e-mail address and phone number, we will also invite you to take part in one of our open forums to discuss your thoughts.



**EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!**

These roles will require DBS checks and follow the Safer Recruitment Procedure.

**Open the book.** Acting out Bible stories in schools. Commitment up to 3 times every half term during the week on school hours.

**Tots Alive helpers.** Help with refreshments, set up, take down and engage with carers and children. Commitment Mondays 9:30 to 12:15 term time.

**Glow helpers and leaders.** Help with set up, take down and engage with children, Leaders prepare and lead a session. Commitment 1/2 Sundays a month from 9:45 to 11:30.

**Family fun and other events.** Refreshments, help with crafts/ games, set up/ take down.

**Messy church.** Refreshments, help with crafts/ games, set up/ take down/ welcome families. Commitment monthly on Saturday afternoons 4 to 6:30.

If you are interested, or for more details, please contact Celeste on 07707 439799 or [Celeste.rios@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:Celeste.rios@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

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