



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 26th October 2025

Last Sunday after Trinity

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins
Hymns: 227, 507, 494, 506
Anthem: A New Commandment

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

Romans 15: 5-19 (page 1141 in the church bible)
John 15: 1-8 (page 1083 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change
and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For our Eco Team, and for Fairtrade and our link Margaret Hibbert.
 - Give thanks for the Fairtrade movement and their work in raising awareness of the need for a fairer reward for producers.
 - Give thanks for the work of A Rocha working to equip Christians and churches to protect and restore the natural world.
 - Give thanks for the work of St Nicolas Eco Team in our church and community.
- * For our Bereavement Team co-ordinated by Jean Forward.
- * For our neighbours in Lower Road (East).
- * 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: Peter, Ruth, David, Amanda, Mark, Sue.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Sheila Staff.
- * Those who are ill: Pat Davidson, Jim Simpson, Peter Lutton.

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. What is the key thing you will take away from our time studying Romans?
2. Who are the people today that we need to share the gospel with?
3. Are there any who would not feel included equally in the life of the church?

NEW FIRE SERVICE our contemporary worship service, will take place today, Sunday 26th October, 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.

SILENT PRAYER GROUP Monday 27th October from 12noon to 12.45pm, with a silent time of 25 minutes, plus some prayers and readings. This group is now meeting in homes, contact Jean Forward for details (housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk). All welcome to enjoy peace and stillness.

SING, DANCE, ACT! HALF TERM MUSICAL THEATRE CAMP On Tuesday 28th October from 9am to 11am we invite children aged between 8 and 12 to join us at St Nicolas church for our Sing, Dance, Act! Half Term Musical Theatre Camp. For more details and to book, see the church website or click on these links: [details](#) and [bookings](#).

"BEING WITH" GUINEA PIGS WANTED Wednesday 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, particularly people who do not often come to church. 'Being With' is a small group course that builds on people's own experience and thoughts. 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

GARDENING HELP IN CHURCHYARD Saturday 1st November from 9.30am onwards. Can you spare some time to help plant shrubs and clear twigs in the churchyard? Refreshments will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Look forward to seeing you there. Angela Stevens.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALL WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED. Sunday 2nd November at 3.00pm. As usual the service will include prayers, hymns and an address; the names of those who have died will be noted down and read out, and you will be able to light a candle. If you would like to remember someone in this way, then please do come along to the service. All are welcome no matter how long ago a loved one died, or whether they lived locally.

TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM Sunday 2nd November at 6.00pm.

 **JOIN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!**  As the nights are drawing in, our thoughts are turning to our preparations for the Carol Service on Sunday 21st December. After the success of last year, we would like to again extend an invitation to congregation members to sing with us for this event. Whether you sang in a choir at school or simply love to sing, this is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in music making in the church and to have some fun. All are welcome, and no long-term commitment is expected. If you would like to join, please email Helen Turner - helen.turner@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or just turn up at 7:45pm on Thursday 6th November, when we will begin our rehearsals for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARD UPCYCLING DAY will be on Saturday 8th November in the Pastoral Centre from 10:00am-1pm. Cost is £4.00 payable on the day, which includes card blanks (recycled card) and envelopes, access to lots of Christmas and other cards and materials, and refreshments. To book a place, email us (ecoteam@stnicolasbookham.org.uk), talk to any member of the Eco Team or just turn up on the day. If you're short of time or aren't sure if card-making is for you, just drop in, have a coffee and make one card for £1. All welcome.

The Week Ahead

Tue 28th	9.00 am 10.00 am	Sing, Dance and Act! Musical Theatre Camp – Church Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Wed 29th	1.00pm to 3.45pm 7.00 pm	Church and Church Room CLOSED for electricity work Being With course – Church Room
Thu 30th	10.00 am 10.40 am 7.45 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Romans 8: 31-end; Luke 13: 31-end</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Sat 1st	9.30 am 10.00 am	Gardening Working Party – Churchyard Church Development Plan Prayers – Church Room
Sun 2nd	8.00 am 10.00 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion (2 <i>Thessalonians 1; Luke 19: 1-10</i>) Morning Praise with Communion (2 <i>Thess. 1; Luke 10:25-37</i>) Memorial Service for the Bereaved – Church

This week's duty Church Warden:

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LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE The Meeting Place Bookham (Anna Chaplaincy) is holding a meeting for over 65s and carers at 10.30am Wednesday 19th November in Bookham Library. Topics include: the Wellbeing and Community Responder Service, and Transport Bus Services. Suggested donation £2. Tea and coffee provided. To book contact Liz Tapp via email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or phone 07518 735729.

HEARING LOOP UNAVAILABLE We are sorry our induction loop system is not working. Those with hearing difficulties may not be able to hear parts of the service.

NOVEMBER MAGAZINE is available in church and on the church website [here](#).

LONDON MARATHON: ROYAL MARSDEN CANCER CHARITY Stuart Mackenzie writes: "I am running the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April 2026. Part of my challenge is to raise £2,500 for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. On Saturday 17th January 2026 I am holding a quiz night at the Leatherhead Tennis Club, Cannon Grove, Fetcham. Anybody who is interested in making up a table of 8 please contact Hugh Mackenzie on 01372 458315"

NEW OUTWARD GIVING CHARITIES Thank you to all involved in suggesting and selecting which charities we will support in the period 2026-29. We will not only donate to these organisations but will pray for them regularly, post news on the church noticeboard and invite speakers to tell us more about their work. The charities and our links are set out below. Each charity requires two links and if you would like to be a link person, please contact Gill Caldwell.

- **A Rocha:** caring for God's Earth – Margaret Hibbert
- **Bible Society** – Suzie and Alan Jenkins
- **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** – Amanda Rowland and Catherine Clarke
- **Christian Solidarity Worldwide:** support for persecuted Christians – Gill Caldwell
- **Hope 4 Harare:** school for special needs children – Ali Sangwine and Ruth Dyson
- **The Meeting Place:** Anna Chaplain supporting elderly people – Clare Curran

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