



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 25th May 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins
Hymns: 507, 609, 732, 448, 753
Anthem: Tallis – If ye Love Me

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

Acts 16: 9-15 (page 1111 in the church bible)
John 14: 23-29 (page 1082 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed
your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * This week we are praying for the work of The Mission to Seafarers and our links John Adie and Eldred Clark, we pray:
 - for the Mission, its core Christian principles and its chaplains who promote the spiritual, moral and physical wellbeing of some two million seafarers and their families, many of whom bring to our shores everything from clothes to keep us warm, food to feed us and LPG to keep the lights on and wheels of industry turning;
 - for seafarers as seafaring remains one of the world's most dangerous occupations, with the terror of the elements, horror of fire and the problems faced by piracy, shipwreck and abandonment;
 - that seafarers have good means of contact with their families when at sea and on shore leave.
- * For the LYP youth work and BYouth café at St Nicolas, and for Lucy Hicks the LYP Bookham Lead.
- * For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Ministry Leader.
- * For our neighbours in Downs View Road.
- * 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: William, Alison, Bruce, David, Susan, Daphne, Peter.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Emily Instone, Ann Cummings, Joan Chapman, Joyce Goater.
- * Those who are ill: Pat Davidson, Jim Simpson, Chris Collins.

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

Jesus said, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.'

1. Do we spend more time listening to God than talking to him?
2. How eager then are we to do his work?
3. Do we welcome the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us?

NEW FIRE our friendly contemporary worship service will take place on Sunday 25th May in the church. Arrive 6pm for tea, cake and chat. At 6.30pm we begin a time of worship using modern songs, a Bible reflection and prayer. All welcome. Contact: gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

ASCENSION DAY 6.30am OUTDOOR SERVICE St Andrew's Church in Box Hill village are holding a worship service at the Box Hill Viewpoint from 6.30am on Ascension Day, Thursday 29th May. It will last about 20 minutes and be followed by breakfast at St Andrew's Church. Everyone is warmly welcome.

CELTISH IN CONCERT Saturday 31st May at 4pm in church. Churches Together in Bookham host a wonderful afternoon concert of Celtic inspired music and song. Tickets £7.50 (price includes interval tea and cake). To book click [here](#) or via the church website. Contact gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk for more details.

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

JOYCE GOATER sadly died on 4th May at the age of 103. Her funeral will be held at Randalls Park Crematorium on 4th June at 12.30. with refreshments afterwards at Woodlands Park Hotel. If you are attending and wish to go on to the Hotel please contact Sylvia Solarski (07954 584922) who can inform the person making arrangements.

THE FRIARY BAND IS BACK AGAIN! On Saturday 7th June the magnificent Friary Brass Band will be back in church playing music for a Summer Serenade, raising funds for St Nicolas. Please help us to have a full church for the event - tickets on sale now! See flyers and the [website](#).

BOOKHAM VILLAGE DAY ON SATURDAY 21st JUNE We are looking for volunteers to help with 2 activities Bucking Bronco and The Last Man Standing, sponsored by Churches together in Bookham. We are also looking for help on our Tots Alive stall. If you can give an hour between 12 and 4 pm, please contact Barbara Holloway at banneholloway@gmail.com. Many thanks!

The Week Ahead

Tue 27th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 44-end</i>)
	10.40 am	Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room
	6.30 pm	Choir Practice – Church
Sat 31st	4.00 pm	Celtish in Concert – Church
Sun 1st	8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>1 Tim. 6:2b-10, 17-19; Matt. 6:19-21, 24</i>)
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>1 Tim. 6:2b-10, 17-19; Matt. 6:19-21, 24</i>)
	12.00 noon	Baptism of Jack Kirby – Church

This week's duty Church Warden:

Bob Searle

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NEXT STEPS FEEDBACK We would love to receive your feedback from the Next Steps Reflection exercise - answering the question "What could the church do, or do better, to help you take the next step on your journey of faith?" This Sunday, feedback forms, pencils and a box to collect your responses will be available at the back of the church. Responses can also be posted online, emailed to nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or placed in the Donations Box in the tower when the church is open.

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

CONFIRMATION THANKS Ramona Nemeş and Sue Strutton would like to thank all who supported them at their confirmation on Sunday 11th May with their presence, prayers, thoughts and help to make it happen.

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