



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 12th November 2023

Remembrance Sunday

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell

10am: Remembrance Service



Led by: Alan Jenkins
Hymns: 746, 594, 725, 715
Anthems: Tallis - If ye love me, keep my commandments
Harris - Holy is the true light

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.



Today's Bible Readings

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end (page 1188 in the church bible)
John 15: 9-17 (page 1083 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

God our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
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 Tanzania's population of 60 million who are largely dependent upon whatever they can grow or farm with their hands. Life for them becomes even harder as land that was once mostly savannah and bush is now semi desert.
 - In 2022 56% of the MAF flights in Tanzania were for evangelism or for members of the Church. Please pray for a blessing on everyone who has heard about Jesus, that each one accepts Him as Lord.
 - Please pray for the many people who are preparing to serve God by working for MAF, as pilots, aircraft maintenance engineers, programme planners and so on, and their families, as they embark on such different lives far away from home.
 - Give thanks for the physical healing and spiritual hope provided by MAF's life giving programmes.
- * For ACT the 10am Children's Group led by Celeste Rios.
- * For our neighbours in the High Street.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Growing a diverse Families and Children's Ministry' led by Celeste Rios.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Susan, Joy, Carole, Romey, Peter, Ann.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Sheila Wishart, Anthony Rayner, Audrey Wing.
- * Those who are ill: Eldred Clark; Tim Carlier; Cathryn Jobson; Nigel Fenner; Tim Reeder; Jenny Carlier; Sylvia Charles; Alison and Bruce Langford; Simon Phillips.

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

Remembrance: God's word to a suffering world.

God demonstrates his love for us in that he chose to suffer with us and die for us. Jesus' death was an act of forgiveness; his resurrection an act of hope. We have a sure and certain hope of life in all its fullness, life beyond death. A hope that should guide our present life too.

1. Is there someone, or some deep hurt that Jesus is asking you to forgive from the depth of your heart?
2. In what ways is your Christian hope reflected in your relationships, actions and attitudes today?

A COFFEE MORNING is being held in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship and Mission to Seafarers, two of the charities supported by St Nicolas Church, on Saturday 18th November from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Pastoral Centre. Come and find out more about these hardworking charities and help us raise funds for them whilst enjoying a social time together with coffee and cake.

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

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 10.30 – 12 noon 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 or telephone 07518 735729.

AFTERNOON TEA in aid of the medical fund for Waymaker school in Harare Zimbabwe. 24th November at 14.00. 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.

The Week Ahead

Mon 13th	10:00 am 4:00 pm 8:00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre PCC Meeting – Church Room
Tue 14th	10:00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 16th	10:00 am 10:40 am 6:30 pm	Holy Communion – Church (<i>Philemon 7-20; Luke 17: 20-25</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice
Fri 17th	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre Next Level Youth Worship Night – Church
Sat 18th	9:00 am 10:00 am	Barnabas Men's Fellowship – Church Room Mission Aviation Fellowship and Mission to Seafarers Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Sun 19th	8:00 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>1 Thess. 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30</i>) Holy Communion (<i>1 Thess. 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30</i>) Evensong (<i>Ps. 89: 19-37; 1 Kings 1: 15-40; Revelation 1: 4-18</i>)

This week's duty Church Warden:

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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

SHORT CAROL SERVICE On Wednesday 6th December there will be a short Carol Service at the Eastwick Road Church (URC) starting with refreshment at 10.30, service at 11 am due to finish by 11.45. All are welcome including those who are on a dementia journey and their carers. No need to book!

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH 10th December. If you usually lunch on your own, you are most welcome to join us in the Pastoral Centre at 11.30 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.

BOOKHAM UNITED CHARITIES have a studio flat to let in their Almshouses in Flint Close. POA. Applicants should have some connection to the area. In the first instance please contact Vivien Hollingsworth, 07758 815902 or Dawn Owers, 07788 495162.

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