



# St Nicolas Church

*Building Faith in the Community*

## Newsletter for Sunday 20th October 2024

### Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald

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#### 10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins  
Hymns: 276, 598, 787, 330, 678  
Anthem: Attwood – Teach me O Lord

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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

2 Corinthians 1: 12-22 (page 1159 in the church bible)  
Matthew 21: 28-32 (page 989 in the church bible)

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### Today's Collect

Almighty God,  
In whose service lies perfect freedom:  
Teach us to obey you  
With loving hearts and steadfast wills;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## **This week we are praying for:**

- \* Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and our links Val Lomax and Catherine Clark.
  - After CAP Sunday, recently, we ask God to open the hearts of congregations to the work God is doing through CAP. We pray that the stories and statistics CAP share would inspire generosity and compassion for those in debt and poverty across the UK.
  - This month also marks the annual Challenge Poverty Week in England, Wales and Scotland, involving CAP. Please pray for every organisation that is leading the way in calling for an end to UK poverty through Challenge Poverty Week and other means.
  - As division and conflict plague politics and culture, please pray for a strong and resilient UK Church, able to rally itself around the scripture and a vision of God's kingdom on earth – free from poverty.
  - Finally, we pray for our generous CAP supporters. Whether you give your time, money, or prayers, your faithful support is how God's light breaks through the darkness of UK poverty.
- \* For the members of the Bereavement Team and Jean forward who leads it.
- \* For our neighbours in Park View and Park Way.
- \* For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Maximising the value of recent changes to our building for the benefit of all', led by Chris Turner.
- \* From our Electoral Roll: Marc, Libby, Neil, Steve, Wendy, Brian, Sheila.
- \* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Danny Pugh, Gillian Bristow, William Mackridge, Nigel Fenner.
- \* Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Sylvia Charles, 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**

#### **Spiritual sincerity**

1. Are there times when you have been like the first son? Give thanks for the ways you have turned back to God.
2. Are there times when you are like the second son, saying yes to God but then going your own way?

Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you follow Jesus more closely and with greater integrity.

**FAIRTRADE STALL** is available in church this Sunday – please come and have a look.

**CAKE SALE AND BRING AND BUY** Mothers' Union are holding a Cake and Coffee morning on Saturday 26th October from 10.30am to midday in the Pastoral Centre and look forward to seeing you and your friends for coffee and a chat. There will also be some of Nigel Fenner's paintings on sale. There will also be a Bring and Buy. We would welcome donations of cakes for sale that morning. Please let Chris Collins or Julia Watts know if you are able to bring cakes along. We look forward to seeing you.

**NEW FIRE – BOOKHAM STYLE** Do you enjoy singing modern worship songs? Would you like to meet once a month on a Sunday evening for coffee/tea and cake and a time of worship? Some of you will be familiar with the New Fire Service in Leatherhead, which is a monthly opportunity to sing some favourite worship songs and have a short time of reflection or prayer. As this is enjoyed by many from St Nicolas we thought it might be nice to have our own more local "New Fire" in Bookham on the last Sunday of the month and this is open to everyone who would like to come. Our first meeting will be at: 4 Fox Lane, Bookham KT23 3AT on Sunday 27th October, 6.00 pm (refreshments) 6.30pm start. The evening will be informal, just a wonderful opportunity to worship God and get to know others better and will include a short time to plan the way ahead. (If in the happy event that lots of you would like to come we will move to the Church Room for subsequent meetings). If you would like to know more please speak to Jan, Heather, or Ali.

**SILENT PRAYER GROUP** Monday 28th October from 12 noon 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](mailto:housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)). All welcome to enjoy peace and stillness.

## The Week Ahead

Mon 21st	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 22nd	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 24th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>Ephesians 3: 14-end; Luke 12: 49-53</i> ) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 25th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 26th	9.00 am 10.30 am	Saturday Prayers – online MU Cake Sale and Bring & Buy – Pastoral Centre
Sun 27th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion ( <i>2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5, John 5: 36b-end</i> ) Holy Communion ( <i>2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5, John 5: 36b-end</i> )

## This week's duty Church Warden:

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**GRANGE CENTRE AUTUMN FAIR** Tuesday 29th October from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at The Grange, Rectory Lane, Bookham KT23 4DZ. At this event the Grange will sell merchandise made or designed by the people they support. By attending, you can directly support their cause while enjoying a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALL WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED** Sunday 3rd November 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.

**CHRISTMAS CARD UPCYCLING** All are welcome to join the Eco Team on Saturday 9th November in the Pastoral Centre 10.00am-1.00pm. Cost is £3.00 which includes a set of card blanks and envelopes, access to lots of Christmas and other cards and materials, and refreshments. Or just drop in, have a coffee and make one card for £1. For information, talk to any member of the Eco Team, email us ([ecoteam@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:ecoteam@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)), or come on the day.

**BOOKHAM 'SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS' SHOPPING EVENT** St Nicolas will be joining in the Bookham 'Spirit of Christmas' shopping event on Saturday 30th November. We will have the display of nativity scenes again plus children's activities, a choir, tea and coffee. Hundreds of people will visit the church during the event so it's a wonderful opportunity to show people what we do. Could you help with any of these: lend us your nativity set for the afternoon, provide prizes for the children's tombola stall or knit a tree decoration (angel, Santa, star, etc). See Gill Caldwell or Anne Shears for more details or email [gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

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