



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 29th September 2024

Harvest Sunday

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins
Hymns: 282, 236, "Creation sings the Father's song", 532
Anthem: Stopford – For the Beauty of the Earth

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

Joel 2: 21-27 (page 914 in the church bible)
Matthew 6: 25-33 (page 971 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation
which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * Our Eco Team, Fairtrade and our link Margaret Hibbert.
 - Give thanks for the enthusiasm and hard work of the Eco Team as we celebrate winning our Gold Eco Church Award.
 - Give thanks for 30 years of the Fairtrade movement at the end of Fairtrade Fortnight 2024, praying that many will feel moved to “Be the Change” and choose Fairtrade.
 - Ask God’s blessing on our Harvest lunch today, giving thanks for all that we have and remembering those around the world who are hungry today.
- * For Barnabas Men’s Fellowship and David King who organises it.
- * For our neighbours in Elmfield and Leaside.
- * 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: Tina, William, Alison, Bruce, David, Susan.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Joan Johnson, Maureen Reaveley, Andrew MacLean, Danny Pugh, Gillian Bristow.
- * 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 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. Why do we worry? What kind of thing do you worry about and why?
2. Seek first the Kingdom of God. How does this help us with our anxieties?

HARVEST SERVICE We are collecting goods for Leatherhead Start during our Harvest Service on Sunday 29th September. As usual the hostel has provided a list of the items they would find most useful. The list can be found at this [link](#) and in the Tower. Many thanks for your generosity. Barbara Holloway and Mary Railton.

HARVEST LUNCH Sunday 29th September 12-2pm in Church. There will be a seasonal variety of three different homemade soups, followed by homemade crumble and custard. (Many thanks for all those offering to make crumbles we now have enough offers.) Water provided, or Fairtrade wine for a donation of £3 per glass. Please bring your own cutlery and glasses. Tickets £7 per person or £20 per family (2 adults plus any children). Please sign up online using the link on our church website. If you don't wish to pay online by card, please choose the Pay by Bank Transfer or Pay on the Door option. Could we please remind everyone to sign in to attend the lunch. Proceeds towards the improvement of the Church toilets.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS, EFFINGHAM Sunday 6th October at 4.00pm. An Evening Prayer and Vigil for Peace.

TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE, EFFINGHAM Sunday 6th October at 6.00pm. You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community. For further details contact: Helen Overell at helen@bayleaf.org.uk

JOIN BISHOP ANDREW AND BISHOP PAUL at 9.00am on 12th October for a 12km (7.5 miles) circular walk starting at St Nicolas Church, Guildford and ending at St Mary's Guildford, via Hog's Back, Watts Chapel, North Downs Way and River Wey footpath. For more information see: [Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund - Diocese of Guildford \(cofeguildford.org.uk\)](http://Bishop_of_Guildford's_Communities_Fund_-_Diocese_of_Guildford_(cofeguildford.org.uk))

SIGHT LOSS SUNDAY 13th October. Come and meet volunteers from 'Sensory Services for Surrey'. You will be able to check out a selection of gadgets and other resources designed for people with visual impairments and find out what else Sensory Services for Surrey have to offer for people with visual and / or hearing impairments. They will be at the back of church near the font before and after the service on 13th October.

VACANCY ON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) A place has become available on our PCC in the last few weeks - this is outside the normal course of the annual elections at our annual meeting (APCM). PCC meets every other month on a Monday evening to discuss matters of importance to the smooth running of our church and to hear from those who perform valuable ministry in various ways about the great work they do. If anyone would like to know more about what is involved please speak to Amanda Rowland (PCC Secretary) (pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk) or Alan Jenkins.

ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE The October issue is in the Tower and on our [website](#).

The Week Ahead

Mon 30th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 1st	10.00 am 11.30 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre Mothers' Union Prayers – Lady Chapel, Church
Thu 3rd	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Job 19: 21-27a; Luke 10: 1-12</i>) 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 (<i>2 Kings 4: 1-7; Luke 7: 36-50</i>) Morning Praise (<i>2 Kings 4: 1-7; Luke 7: 36-50</i>)

This week's duty Church Warden:

Joy Lord

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BLOOM BREAKFAST Saturday 12th October
9.00am to 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre.
An opportunity to meet together with other women for refreshment, fellowship and encouragement. Our theme is: 'Making a Difference'. Tickets £5. To book, e-mail ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk



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ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk
Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.
Babes in arms are welcome



GOLD AWARD We are pleased to announce that we have won our Gold Eco Church Award in recognition of our efforts to care for God's earth by Worship and Teaching, Management of Buildings and Land, Community and Global Engagement and encouraging an environmentally aware Lifestyle. Congratulations to the Eco Team and the whole church family!

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