



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 19th October 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald
Hymns: 595, 510, 497, "Saint Luke, belov'd physician", 748
Anthem: Pitoni – Cantate Domino

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 14: 1-12 (page 1140 in the church bible)
John 17: 20-26 (page 1085 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:

- * For Bible Society and our links Suzie and Alan Jenkins.
 - Give thanks for 220 years of flourishing ministry through Bible Society. Praise God that so many people around the world now have access to the Bible.
 - Give thanks for the growing Open The Book ministry in Guatemala and pray for the storytellers there taking the Bible into schools and detention centres and to children with special needs.
- * For our Bereavement Team co-ordinated by Jean Forward.
- * For our neighbours in Pine Walk.
- * For our Church Development Plan: focussing on 'Inspiring each member of the church family to take the next step in their journey of faith'.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Sally, Paul, Brenda, David, John, Joyce.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: (no new names).
- * 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

Community: How can we live together in love?

As we continue our series from Paul's letter to the Romans, we see how he urges Christians to practise generous tolerance, avoiding contempt or judgment in disputable matters, while holding firmly to core gospel truths.

1. How can we tell the difference between disputable and non-disputable matters in today's church?
2. In what ways might we be tempted to show contempt or judgment toward fellow believers?

LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE - PLANNING YOUR FUTURE PART 2 The Meeting Place Bookham, Anna Chaplaincy, is holding a meeting for over 65s and carers at 10.30am Wednesday 22nd October in Bookham Library. Topics include: care costs and help with these; sources of extra income; making sure your voice is heard – wills and power of attorneys. Suggested donation of £2. Tea and coffee will be provided. To book contact Liz Tapp, the Anna Chaplain, via email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or phone 07518 735729.

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

“BEING WITH” GUINEA PIGS WANTED Wednesdays 22nd & 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 in October, particularly people who do not often come to church. ‘Being With’ was developed by St Martin-in-the-Fields’s Church. It’s a small group course that builds on people’s own experience and thoughts. It’s not like a lesson. 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

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.

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.

ARE YOU LIVING WITH SIGHT LOSS? If you are living with sight loss, or support someone who is, Torch Trust may be of help and interest. Torch has a unique focus on the spiritual needs of blind and partially sighted people, serving to provide encouragement, fellowship and support, together with a range of accessible resources including Bibles and Christian books. Check out their website for more information. <https://www.torchtrust.org/>

The Week Ahead

Mon 20th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 21st	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Wed 22nd	4.00 pm 7.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre Being With course – Church Room
Thu 23rd	10.00 am 10.40 am 7.45 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Romans 6: 19-end; Luke 12: 49-53</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 24th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sun 26th	8.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Romans 15: 5-19; John 15: 1-8</i>) Holy Communion (<i>Romans 15: 5-19; John 15: 1-8</i>) New Fire Worship Service – Church Room

This week's duty Church Warden:

Heather Gerrard

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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.

HEARING LOOP UNAVAILABLE We are sorry that our induction loop system is currently not working. Whilst we repair the system there may be some difficulty in hearing parts of the service for those with hearing difficulties.

AGE CONCERN MOLE VALLEY are looking for volunteers to join their Befriending Service across Mole Valley. They have a waiting list of older, lonely and isolated people who need a Volunteer Befriender. Do you have 1-2 hours free a week? Can you help? For more details, please contact their Volunteer Coordinator, Diana Webb on: 07821 649683 / 01306 899104 or email: diana@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk

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