



# St Nicolas Church

*Building Faith in the Community*

## Newsletter for Sunday 12th October 2025

### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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#### 8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell

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#### 10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins  
Hymns: 763, 604, 502, 831, 715  
Anthem: Tallis – The Canon

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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

Romans 12: 1-2, 9-21 (page 1139 in the church bible)  
Luke 14: 7-14 (page 1047 in the church bible)

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### Today's Collect

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life;  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## This week we are praying for:

- \* For The Meeting Place and our links Margaret Hibbert and Clare Curran.
  - Give thanks for Ali and Tina who run regular Hearing Champions sessions at The Meeting Place Coffee Shop offering support and maintenance to those with NHS hearing aids and for the Lip Reading classes offered online and subsidised by The Meeting Place.
  - Give thanks for the dedication of all our volunteers and Trustees who organise and run the activities and the management of the charity.
  - Give thanks for Liz our Anna Chaplain in her work offering spiritual support to older members of the community and the families and carers.
- \* For those involved in leading our sung worship, including our choir and organists.
- \* For our neighbours in East Street, Fairfield Close, Fairfield Cottages.
- \* For our Church Development Plan: focussing on 'Increasing our capacity to take forward the mission of the church'.
- \* From our Electoral Roll: Stella, Tina, Rita, Vicki, Chris, Sally.
- \* 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](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

God asks us to be 'transformed through the renewing of our minds'. How does this impact our behaviour in our society today?

**SIGHT LOSS SUNDAY** On this Sight Loss Sunday (12th October), please pray for people who are struggling to come to terms with sight loss and for people who find living with sight loss challenging, that they may be strengthened by the power of God. Pray that all churches in the UK can be places that welcome and meet the needs of all people, whatever their gifts and abilities.

**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/>

**GRATEFUL THANKS FROM LEATHERHEAD START** They thanked us for our generous harvest gifts - all the things they needed, especially those that are expensive for them to buy. They appreciate our support and our prayers.

**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.

**HARVEST LUNCH** The Harvest Lunch at the end of September was a time of good fellowship and raised a total of about £360 for the church. From this we plan to use about half to “Toilet Twin” the remaining toilet in the Church Room not already twinned and the two in the Pastoral Centre. This will enable remote communities to have access to better sanitation and clean water. Thank you from the Eco Team to all who attended, made crumbles and helped serve and wash up afterwards.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE CONSULTATION** Surrey County Council is inviting residents and local businesses to share their views on proposals for a new community centre on Lower Road at a drop-in Consultation Event 4.00-7.30pm Tuesday 14th October in the Church Room. Do consider attending and making your views known. If you are unable to attend or would like further information, please phone 0800 689 5209 or email [info@bookhamcommunitycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@bookhamcommunitycentre.co.uk)

**DEANERY SYNOD** The next Leatherhead Deanery Synod is at St Andrew’s, Oxshott on Wednesday 15th October, 7.00pm for refreshments, before the formal meeting begins at 7.30pm. The theme is: “Adolescence – what can we learn about Youth Culture?” Mikey Dicken, Senior Youth Worker at the Leatherhead Youth Project, is the main speaker. Mikey will explore the challenges and opportunities facing young people today, and how churches can engage more effectively with youth culture. The first part of the meeting is open to everyone, not just Synod members.

**BARNABAS MEN’S FELLOWSHIP** Saturday 18th October 8.30am to 9.30am in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome to join us as we meet for coffee and discussion.

**BLOOM BREAKFAST** Saturday 18th October 9.00am to 10.30am in the Church Room. Looking forward to seeing you at our next Bloom Breakfast for female companionship, lively conversation and a yummy breakfast with limitless tea and coffee. Our theme is ‘Serving God’. Tickets £5. To book, please e-mail [ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk) Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. Babies in arms are welcome.

## The Week Ahead

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| Mon 13th | 10.00 am<br>4.00 pm             | Tots Alive – Church and Church Room<br>BYouth – Pastoral Centre                                                                |
| Tue 14th | 10.00 am<br>4.00 pm             | Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre<br>Community Centre Consultation Event – Church Room                                  |
| Wed 15th | 4.00 pm                         | BYouth – Pastoral Centre                                                                                                       |
| Thu 16th | 10.00 am<br>10.40 am<br>6.30 pm | Holy Communion ( <i>Romans 3: 21-30; Luke 11: 47-end</i> )<br>Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room<br>Choir Practice – Church |
| Fri 17th | 4.00 pm                         | BYouth – Pastoral Centre                                                                                                       |
| Sat 18th | 8.30 am<br>9.00 am              | Barnabas Men’s Fellowship – Pastoral Centre<br>Bloom Breakfast – Church Room                                                   |
| Sun 19th | 8.00 am<br>10.00 am             | Holy Communion ( <i>Romans 14: 1-12; John 17: 20-26</i> )<br>Holy Communion ( <i>Romans 14: 1-12; John 17: 20-26</i> )         |

## **This week's duty Church Warden:**

Bob Searle

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**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](mailto:ac@themeetingplace.org.uk) or phone 07518 735729.

**“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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **Useful Contacts**

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