



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 2nd February 2025

Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald



10am: Morning Praise

Led by: Gill Caldwell

Hymns: '10,000 reasons', 802, 'Light of the World', 719

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

Hebrews 2: 14-18 (page 1196 in the church bible)

Luke 2: 22-40 (page 1028 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel;
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) and our links Val Lambert and Jenny Evans.
 1. Firstly we have good news. Pastor Lorenzo in Cuba has been released from prison after over 3 years. He was unjustly arrested for peacefully protesting. We petitioned for his release over a year ago but finally he has been released.
 2. Nigeria - Leah Sharibu, who is now 21 and was abducted and held hostage by terrorist groups in 2018 with over 100 others, is still being held as she has refused to renounce her Christian faith.
 3. Columbia - Pastor Jairo like many others pastors is surrounded by violence and fear due to complex internal conflict in Columbia. Pray that he will be able to take some rest and self-care in his ministry.
 4. This is World Interfaith Harmony week. In the same way we have prayed for Christian unity, please pray for harmony, justice and freedom for people of all religions and beliefs as well as those with no belief. "May no one seek his own good but the good of his neighbour" 1 Corinthians 10:24
 5. More information and prayer requests are on the CSW website <https://www.csw.org.uk>
- * For TotsAlive! led by Celeste Rios.
- * For our neighbours in Beales Road.
- * 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: Elaine, Graham, Jean, Elizabeth, Brian, Margaret.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Pamela Cheesewright, Enid Ewer, Sylvia Collier.
- * Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Pat Davidson.

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

TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM Sunday 2nd February at 6.00pm. For further details contact: Helen Overell at helen@bayleaf.org.uk

CAP, CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY QUIZ NIGHT Why not support CAP, one of our Outward Giving Links in a fun way by getting together a group of friends to make up a team of 8 for their annual Quiz evening. This will be held on Saturday 8th February at Bookham Baptist Church with doors opening at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and

finishing at 10.00pm. Light refreshments will be available of tea, coffee and cakes, and feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tables of 8 need to be booked as a whole, with the cost at £10 per person (£80 per table). Details and a booking form are available using the link <https://bookhambaptist.churchsuite.com/events/usrfbwiz> Any questions, please contact reception@bookhambaptist.org or phone 01372 811313.

SHARING OUR FAITH STORIES How do we talk about what we know of Jesus and why we follow him? What parts of our own experience of him might interest or encourage others? Join both sessions led by Chris Leonard on Monday 10th and 24th February from 2pm to 3.30pm at Eastwick Road Church. To book a place please e-mail office@eastwickroadchurch.co.uk or call 01372 453473.

LENT GROUP As in the past few years we are offering a Lent Group to enable those who are not already in house groups to dig a little deeper into the teaching material for Lent, and how this might be reflected in our own lives. This Lent we will be looking at what it means to love God and to love our neighbour as a way of reflecting on the next step of our own spiritual journey. The group will run each Tuesday afternoon throughout Lent between 1:30 and 3:30 pm. If you would like to participate, please register on our website under 'Next Steps', contact the parish office, or email nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk and we will get back to you with more details.



CONFIRMATION Are you confirmed? If not, and you would like to consider whether this is right for you, please do have a conversation with Alan Jenkins. We are planning to support a service of Confirmation at St George's, Ashted, on Sunday 11th May at 6.00pm and already have one candidate from our church who has expressed a desire to be confirmed. If there are others, nearer the time we will provide a couple of opportunities to meet and prepare.

The Week Ahead

Mon 3rd	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 4th	10.00 am 11.30 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre Mothers' Union Prayer Meeting – Church
Thu 6th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Hebrews 12: 18-19, 21-24; Mark 6: 7-13</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 7th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sun 9th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11</i>) Holy Communion (<i>1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11</i>)

This week's duty Church Warden:

Nick Garrett

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ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION Important: This year you will need to apply for the Electoral Roll, even if you are already on it. This is because every six years the Electoral Roll is scrapped, and we start again! All of us will need to make sure that we sign up for the new roll before 12th March, as the new Electoral Roll will be displayed in church from the 14th March to 28th March, in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ACPM) on 31st March. Application and consent forms are available in church, the church office or on the website. The forms need to be returned either to Catherine Clark, placed in the white box provided in church entitled 'ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS AND REVISIONS', or either taken or sent to the church office: office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

SYLVIA COLLIER We've been informed by her daughter that Sylvia Collier, who used to come to this church, died on Thursday 23rd January at the age of 95.

DO YOU ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE AND WORKING IN TEAMS? We are looking for friendly, organised people to join our teams of Sidesmen and Welcomers and to join our coffee rota. No previous experience needed. If so, or you'd like to know more, please speak to one of our team or contact Vicki Dixon email: vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE The February issue is available in the Tower or online from our website [here](#). Please pay your 2025 magazine subscription of £7.50 by online bank transfer (Sort code 40-52-40, Account 00019044) noting that the payment is for the magazine. Alternatively, please pay via the parish office or the wall safe in church.

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