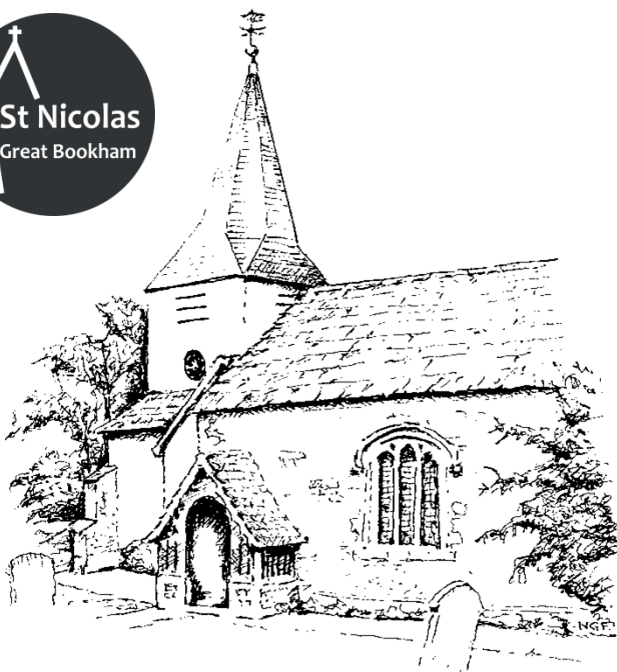


# St Nicolas News

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## Services at St Nicolas

### Sundays

- 8.00am      **Holy Communion**
- 10.00am    **Holy Communion** - 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th  
Sundays  
**Morning Praise** - 1st Sunday,  
**GLOW** - Children's Provision

### Weekday Services

- 8.30am      **Bible Reading and Open Prayer**  
Monday and Wednesday
- 10.00am    **Holy Communion (Said)**      Thursday
- 9.00am      **Prayers for our church** - 2nd and 4th Saturdays
- 10.00 am    **Church Development Plan Prayers –**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday



**Tots Alive!** (term time) - Monday  
10.00am in church with social time afterwards

For other services please see  
Notice Board by the Lychgate

## Letter from the Ministry Team

The memorial service to remember the life of Charlie Kirk, who was killed by a single bullet while speaking in front of 3000 students at Utah Valley University, included not a few surprises.

For me feasibly, the greatest surprise were the words of Charlie's wife, Erika: "I forgive him [22-year-old suspect Tyler Robinson] because it was what Christ did, and it is what Charlie would do."

Of course she's right. Christ did indeed do that ... on the cross. Moreover, this mindset was central to his teaching: "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:44).

Ericka's words were, then, highly commendable and, indeed, very Christlike.

And yet I couldn't help wondering, had I had been in her situation, would I have been quite so ready to say what she said? After all, the memorial service took place just days after her husband's most brutal death. I suspect that I would have been much nearer to those psalmists who on occasions didn't hold back: "In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant." (Psalm 143:12)

In the end, though, who am I to judge? If Erika Kirk felt this was something she truly wanted to say and could say with honesty, then I

rejoice, particularly when so many from around the world would have noted what she said and, I trust, been challenged by the power of her words.

As we head towards another Remembrance Sunday and Day, the issue of forgiving those who do us harm is never far from the surface. Yes, war is sometimes a necessary evil, particularly when not standing up to an aggressor risks greater harm. And yet when war is over, the essential business of forgiveness must begin if past rivalries are not to rear their ugly head again.

Speaking the day after Charlie Kirk's memorial service, David Walker, Bishop of Manchester, rightly commented, "We'll never defeat hate with more hate; we can only defeat hate with love. And what she [Erika Kirk] showed was love, because forgiveness has to spring from love."

So once again this Remembrance season we'll give thanks for all those who have given sacrificially in the cause of war. But may we at the same time take the opportunity to examine our hearts to ensure we are not holding on to past anger and resentments which keep us from true Christlikeness.

In Christian love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

## Report from the PCC Meeting 8th September 2025

Alan opened the meeting with a reading from Acts 15 where there is an issue of whether Gentile Christians should also follow Jewish customs and be circumcised. The passage is an example of how Peter and the church leaders deal with the problem and reach an acceptable compromise.

**Finance** - The draft 2026 budget will be presented to the November PCC and the final budget will be on the agenda for approval at the January meeting.

The Draft Finance Policy and Procedures and Reserve Requirement were presented and approved. The aim of these documents is to document the approach to ensure, and to demonstrate, that we have taken necessary steps to steward and protect funds.

The Treasurer outlined a proposal to reduce the amount held in reserves to £100,000 which would free up resources for the church.

**Utilities** – following extensive research, a deal has been done to buy green gas from Positive Energy and green electricity from Smarter Energy.

**Overall State of Finances** - income from planned giving is still significantly below budget.

**Review of Mission Organisations 2026** - Gill Caldwell reported back from the Outward Giving Review Team. PCC approved the proposal that for 2026-2029, we will continue to support The Bible Society, Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), and Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and we will begin support for the A Rocha eco charity, The Meeting Place (Anna Chaplaincy) and Hope for Harare (a special needs school in Zimbabwe). The PCC requested that the safest, most efficient way be found to send donations to Hope for Harare. It was also made clear the support for The Meeting Place does not include the Community Fridge (which self-funds).

**New Assistant Warden** – Romey Criswick has kindly agreed to take on this role and was duly appointed to PCC and to the role.

**Living in Love and Faith (LLF)** – In February 2026, the General Synod **may make some further** decisions on general practice regarding the approach of the Church of England to same sex relationships. Alan updated PCC on the current position and suggested PCC members may like to ensure they are up to speed concerning this issue as PCCs may need to make their own decisions at that time.

**Fabric** - David Barnes reported an overspend of just £50 on the cost of the toilet refurbishment (£28,750 ex VAT ). Other savings meant extra

work such as painting the lobby area could be undertaken. The next project is to build storage cupboards in the Church Room.

Our **Safeguarding Officer**, Roland Martin, is working to ensure all team leaders have up to date Safeguarding training. Safeguarding Sunday on 16<sup>th</sup> November will be marked in our services.

The **inductive loop** used by people with hearing impairment is unfortunately still not working. A quote to repair or replace it urgently is in hand.

**Health and Safety Update** – an inspection of the churchyard found a number of unstable headstones. Some have been laid down, for others, the descendants are being contacted and asked to take action.

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## **Prayers for All Saints' Day**

**These prayers invite believers to draw strength from the examples of the saints and to commit to a life of faithfulness, as they did.**

Lord God, we thank you for the countless saints who have gone before us. We are grateful for their courage, their humility, and their devotion to You. May their lives remind us to pursue holiness in all we do. Inspire us to be a light in the world and to honour Your name through our thoughts, words, and actions. Lord, guide us to live with purpose, that we may join in their everlasting joy. In Jesus' name. Amen

Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of faith and for the examples set by all saints. Guide us in our daily life and let Your love shape our every thought and action. Help us to walk in faith, just as the saints before us did. Amen

God of Heaven, as we remember the saints today, we seek your strength. Empower us to face challenges with courage, to overcome struggles with perseverance, and to hold on to our faith. Through their example, help us to remain in our devotion to You. Amen

Heavenly Father, we come to You as a family, grateful for the faithful saints who have come before us. May their lives inspire us to love one another more deeply and to live in unity with Your will. Bless our family with Your grace and keep us steadfast in faith. Amen

Deborah Gallacher



As we all know, our Mothers' Union has been going through a difficult time in recent months. However, on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October we held our delayed AGM, from February, and under the able chairmanship of Gill Caldwell we had a positive discussion about the future of our branch.

Our St Nicolas branch has been in existence since 1902, which is quite a good record. Sadly, though, our members are ageing and in the same way that people are not joining such groups, membership does not replace itself. It is also harder for members to get to our meetings, in fact some people are now house bound, so have become Indoor or Twilight members.

With this in mind holding monthly meetings with speakers has become unrealistic. We therefore decided that we should try meeting in various members' homes for coffee or tea, on the second Thursday of each month, in order to keep social interaction. We all agreed that one of the things which was mostly valued was the friendship and companionship we share at all our gatherings and we did not want to lose that.

In August we held a very successful tea party which was open to all, and we decided that we should repeat this, perhaps three or four times a year. These will be occasions when we shall be able to raise some money for the vitally important work of the Mothers' Union, both in this country and worldwide.

Our first gathering is to take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November, for venue and timings please ask one of the Committee. The first Open Tea Party will take place in January, to herald the new year; more details about that nearer the time.

Coming much nearer to today, we hope that any members who are able will come to the weekly Thursday morning communion services, with our corporate communion being on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please try to come and join us on that occasion.

Finally, the Half Yearly Mothers' Union meeting is taking place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at Woodham. If you would like to go please speak to one of the Committee so that we can plan lifts. We shall also collect items for the women's refuges which will be taken to that meeting.

Julia Watts

## **DONATIONS FOR NOVEMBER MEMBERS' MEETING 2025**

### **YORK ROAD PROJECT, WOKING**

**Food** - Pot noodles, Porridge Pots, Breakfast Bars, Multi pack crisps, small juice cartons

Canned goods: ready meals, hot dogs, pies, meatballs, soups and spaghetti  
Coffee & Hot Chocolate, Sugar, Biscuits, Chocolate Bars

**Clothing** - Men's Boxers- small, medium and large, Men's socks, Trainers in good condition – sizes 7,8,9,10, 11 and 12

Sleeping Bags – new and waterproof

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- Anything perishable/fresh or Homemade items such as pickles or jams.
- Mixed pulses, e.g. Lentils, chickpeas or lentils, Canned Fruit
- Pasta; Tea bags; Shaving Gel; Jams/marmalade

**ALDERSHOT WOMEN'S REFUGE** - Unopened toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, moisturisers, wipes, deodorant, also any toiletries for children e.g. bath foam, sponges etc.

We also welcome gift cards for any major store

**WOKING WOMEN'S REFUGES** - Cleaning products such as washing-up liquid, surface spray/wipes; Toiletries, tissues and bubble bath; Tinned and dried foods

**GUILDFORD ACTION** - Shower gels, deodorants, shampoo; Boxer shorts (med and large), Socks, Tracksuit tops and bottoms (med and large); Art Sets; Paper/Pens etc

**SEND PRISON** - We are no longer collecting greetings cards

**HOSPITAL BAGS** - Toiletries for men and women

**HANDKNITS** - Hats for Wandsworth prison and small blankets/knee rugs for stroke patients

**TOYS FOR STANWELL** - Lyne branch would welcome new, or nearly new, soft toys, board games, dolls, cars

**Barnabas**



**Fellowship**

### **Should Young People Adhere To a Revised Moral Code?**

I recently read disturbing news regarding the attitudes of some young people: -

“Twenty five percent of new teachers leave the profession within three years of qualifying, primarily as a result of antisocial behaviour within the primary and secondary sector and a lack of respect for parents and teachers”.

One answer I heard of to remedy the problem was to ensure that young people are taught the elements of a revised Moral Code!

Many parents perhaps defaulted on their child’s education, as both are working creating a degree of absenteeism but this may be unfair? It has been reported in the press that very young children are coming to school unable to dress themselves or go to the toilet as they are not potty trained, this is where perhaps training as a parent might be useful?

However, is a revised Moral Code really necessary? If so, who would present it? Parents, teachers, religious denominations, the Education Secretary?

A combination of parents, teachers, religious leaders is essential working to reconfirm and strengthen an existing moral framework. Respect for and caring for fellow pupils, family members, teachers, and exercising good manners. Values of honesty and integrity needs be promoted.

There should be a morning assembly, regardless of the school’s denomination, a prayer or moral reflection is essential for all young people, as was provided for by the 1944 Education act.

Perhaps the withdrawal of aspects of social media and mobile phone.





# Making Christmas cards



Our annual Christmas card upcycling day where we turn last year's cards into new ones for this year will be on **Saturday 8 November 2025** in **St Nicolas Pastoral Centre** from **10:00am-1pm**.

The cost is £4.00 payable on the day, which includes a set of 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](mailto: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.

There will also be a table of crafts and craft materials for sale.

**Do join us for a relaxing morning - all are welcome!**

## Celebrating Harvest

Our church was looking resplendent during the last week of September,



decked out with some beautiful floral displays put together by Angela Stevens and her wonderful team of flower arrangers. Some of the displays were enhanced by the addition of fruit and vegetables, but pride of place on Harvest Festival Sunday was a beautiful hand-made loaf in the shape of a wheat sheaf, lovingly created by Great Bookham's local family-run bakery: C.L. Pearce & Sons.

But did you know that the tradition of baking and supplying a harvest loaf to St Nicolas goes back through generations of the Pearce family since the bakery was

established in 1961? It seems to have been a long and happy association, marked in the Pearce family over the years by all the children and grandchildren having their picture taken with it each time. Our picture shows a somewhat older pair from the church family!

And what do you ask was the fate of the lovely loaf? It was cut up and shared between 60 hungry parishioners who sat down after the Harvest Festival service to enjoy the said loaf. It was served with home-made soup provided by the St Nicolas Eco team, followed by home-made apple crumble cooked by various kind members of the congregation.

What a treat!

*Joy Lord on behalf of the Eco Team*



## *Christmas Friendship Lunch*

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Whether you're walking past, sitting and listening to the church bells, or perhaps attending a community event, St Nicolas is a constant and reassuring presence in our daily lives.

What many people do not realise though, is that maintaining this beautiful Grade I listed building is a considerable and ongoing financial challenge. There is no funding from central church sources for the upkeep of the building itself. The full burden falls on the local congregation. Naturally, their first priority is supporting the spiritual and community work of the church — which leaves very little room in the budget for major repairs and restoration projects.

That is why the Friends of St Nicolas was created, to give everyone in the village — especially those who might not attend church services — a way to contribute to the preservation of this historic building. It is for those who care for the presence of the church in Great Bookham, even if they do not worship there. The group offers a practical and meaningful way to help ensure the church remains standing, welcoming, and beautiful for future generations.

The need for support is real. When the tower needed urgent stabilisation in 2000, it was the Friends who helped fund the work. Since then, the group has supported numerous repairs and maintenance projects, large and small. Without their help, many of these tasks simply would not have been possible.

Right now, the Friends are supporting important work to preserve the structure of the Lychgate. Expert stonemasons will soon begin replacing several badly eroded stone blocks, which are vital to keeping the hinges secure. Looking ahead, we also hope to raise enough funds to clean some of the stained-glass windows — a job that has not been done in decades and would make a noticeable difference to the light, beauty and atmosphere inside the church.

If you've ever paused to admire the church as you walked through the village, or felt a quiet pride in having such a historic place at the centre of our community where you can sit in quiet contemplation, or walk through the churchyard, please consider joining the Friends of St Nicolas.

Membership involves a modest annual donation to The Friends of St Nicolas - just a little something to help preserve our beautiful building.

To find out more or become a Friend, please email:

**friends@stnicolasbookham.org.uk**. You will also find an information leaflet in the church lobby.

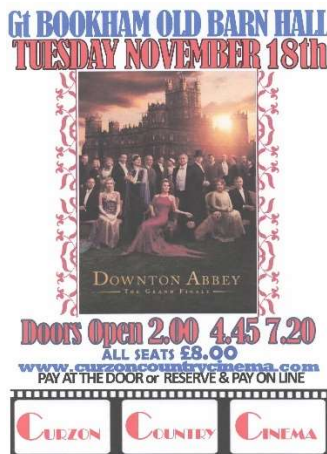
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## Read This Quietly 2 Times

1. Heavenly Father, make me better. Change my attitude, my approach, my mind, and my reactions
  2. Heavenly Father, if I'm chasing the wrong things, redirect me.
  3. Dear God, please bring me closer to what's meant for me.
  4. Heavenly Father, please make my days useful, my nights restful, my home peaceful and my efforts fruitful.
- Lord, I love You and I promise to share this prayer. Amen.

This prayer was given out at Golden Years on 8<sup>th</sup> October and I thought a good prompt for our lives (Editor).



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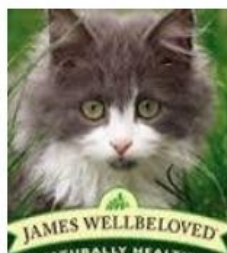


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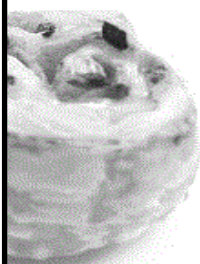
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**If you would like to remember in this way, then please do come along to the next service on Sunday 2nd November at 3 pm.**



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### A CONTINUING STORY



For the past few years Mission Aviation Fellowship has been one of the charities which we at St Nicolas have supported. Although MAF is no longer one of our selected Charities, its work goes on, and it is an amazing story. Below is an extract from the current Prayer Diary which reminds us about some of what MAF has done in the past 80 years.

**'As we come to the end of MAF's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we're incredibly thankful for all that God has done. We could never have dreamed that God would grow MAF as He has. We now have more than 115 aircraft flying to some 1,000 remote destinations – enabling the life transforming work of about 1,500 aid, development and mission organisations.**

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**MAF has been there for isolated people since 1945 and will continue to help them for decades to come. We do so because no man, woman or child should suffer due to a lack of access. We will never know all the ways that prayer has saved and changed lives. But although we don't always see the answers to our prayers, we continue to lift our voices to the Lord.'**

MAF was started by two men, Stuart King and Jack Hawkins, who wanted to use their flying skills, honed in the second world war, to positive ends instead of destruction, and that is how the Charity was born. No flight leaves the ground without the pilot committing it to the Lord in prayer, and by prayer great things have been and continue to be achieved. What a great tree has grown from the determination and commitment of two prayerful men.

Sue White and Julia Watts

## All Saints' Day – The meaning and History behind November 1<sup>st</sup>

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, is a Christian holiday that is observed on November 1<sup>st</sup> in Western Christianity. It is a Christian memorial day celebrating the honour of all church saints, whether known or unknown. It is a day set aside to honour all the saints who have lived righteous and holy lives in accordance with Christian teachings. All Saints' Day is part of a broader tradition that includes All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) on October 31<sup>st</sup> and All Souls' Day on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The holiday is a yearly reminder of our connectedness as Christians to the church. Who is a saint? You are. That is if you are a follower of Jesus. God calls a "saint" those who trust in Christ alone for salvation.

"And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the **saints** according to the will of God" (Romans 8:27).

Here is a call for the endurance of the **saints**, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. (Revelation 14:12)

The origin of All Saints' Day can be traced back to the early Christian Church when it was established as a day to remember and celebrate the martyrs and other saints who had died for their faith. Over time, the scope of the holiday expanded to include Christians who had lived pious and virtuous lives. It is a day to recognise the saints' collective witness and express gratitude for their example.

In the early Christian Church, there was a strong emphasis on the veneration of martyrs who had suffered and died for their faith. These martyrs were seen as exemplary models of Christian virtue, and their graves or burial places became sites of pilgrimage and veneration. The anniversary of a martyr's death often became a day for commemorating their lives and the sacrifices they made for their faith.

Over time, the holiday's focus expanded beyond just martyrs to include all Christian saints – those who were recognised for their exceptional holiness and devotion to God. The shift recognised that not all saints were martyrs, so a broader commemoration was needed.

In the Western Christian Church, Pope Gregory III (731-741) is often credited with establishing November 1<sup>st</sup> as the date for All Saints' Day. This date was chosen to coincide with the dedication of a chapel in St Peter's Basilica in Rome to "All the Saints". It was an attempt to unify the various the various local celebrations of saints' feast days and set a universal date for honouring the saints.

The Christian festival of All Saints' Day comes from a conviction that there is a globe vary for All Saints' Day, the common theme is celebration with family and remembrance of those who have passed.

### **Who are the Saints?**

Sainthood isn't limited to those recognised by a group of religious leaders. It is granted by God Himself to any common, salt-of-the-earth person who simply trusts Christ (1Corinthians 1:2). Words matter and sowing confusion about good, biblical words like "saint" is not from God.

"To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours" (1Cor. 1:2).

The gospel message is that God the Son came to earth, lived a life of perfectly obedient life, died on the cross to pay for our sins (Romans 5:1), and rose again, proving His atoning work was complete (Romans 4:22-25). Scripture says that the person of faith actually becomes the righteousness of God (2Cor. 5:21).

Through a living faith (the means of salvation), we become united to Christ (the source of salvation), and we are saved from God's judgement as well as the futile way of life that naturally follow (1Peter 3:18). In other words, we are granted sainthood! Think about this: if God calls the worldly, sinning believers in Corinth "saints" – and He does in 1Corinthians 1:2 – couldn't He also call you a saint? Anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation is a saint in God's sight.

## History of All Saints' Day

In the early years when the Roman Empire persecuted Christians, so many martyrs died for their faith that the church set aside days to honour them e.g. in 607 Emperor Phocas presented the beautiful Roman Pantheon temple to the pope. The pope removed the statue of Jupiter and the pagan gods and consecrated the Pantheon to “all saints” who had died from Roman persecution in the first 300 years after Christ. Many bones were brought from other graves and placed in the rededicated Pantheon church. Since there were too many martyrs for each day to be given a day, they were lumped together into one day. In the next century, All Saints Day was changed by Pope Gregory III to today's date- November 1<sup>st</sup>. People prepared for their celebration with a night of vigil on Hallows' Eve – Halloween (possibly because of the strong holdover influence of the Celtic Samhain festival which many Christians had continued to observe).

In the 10<sup>th</sup> century, Abbot Odela of the Cluny monastery added the next day – November 2nd – as All Souls' Day to honour the martyrs and all Christians who had died. People prayed for the dead, but many unchristian superstitions continued. People in Christian lands offered food to the dead – as it had been in pagan times. The superstitious also believed that on these two days, souls in purgatory would take the form of witches, toads, or demons and haunt persons who had wronged them during their lifetime. As happens so often in Church history, sacred Christian festivals can absorb so many pagan customs that they lose their significance as Christian holidays. Why not use All Saints' day to think and give thanks for as many Christians from the past as you can remember, whether they are famous or not, especially if their lives and teachings contributed something to yours?

## How to celebrate All Saints' Day

The 1662 Book of Common Prayer says the holiday stands for “the unity of Christians of all ages, countries, and races in Christ, and the perfection of that unity in heaven”. It dates the holiday back to about A.D. 610 when the pantheon in Rome turned into a Christian Church, was dedicated to all saints. The bible doesn't tell us to pray to the saints (Matt. 6:6) or *through* the saints (1Tim 2:5). Instead, we think of our connectedness to past saints and find

inspiration in their stories of God's faithfulness. Hebrews 11 gives many examples of the great cloud of witnesses whose lives tell of God's unfailing love and grace. These saints speak from the past and are whispering at this moment...

There is a hymn that is traditionally sung around this holiday called "For all the Saints". It encourages believers to look back through the years of Christian history and think of the millions now enjoying rest and salvation in the presence of God. It is also meant to encourage believers to press on, looking forward to the glorious day.

Deborah Gallacher

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From my Daily Readings on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7

'The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.'

- God doesn't see things the way people do.
- He looks at our hearts and not at our looks and our status.
- Other people may miss or overlook us, but God knows our true value.
- The Lord sees and He knows how precious and valuable you are.

**PRAYER:** Lord, thank You that nothing escapes Your view. You are not distracted by how things look, because Your perspective is different and You see my heart. Help me to see myself and others the way You do. Amen.

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**November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**

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## Church Development Plan Prayer Focus

|                           |                                                                                            |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November  | Bringing the Good News to bear in response to the needs and concerns of our community      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November  | Increasing our capacity to take forward the mission of the church                          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November | Inspiring each member of the church family to take the next step in their journey of faith |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | Bringing the Good News to bear in response to the needs and concerns of our community      |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November | Increasing our capacity to take forward the mission of the church                          |



### From the Parish Registers



|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Weddings</b>              |                                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 | Rory Verrill and Lillian Wicks |

Great Bookham's very own PCSO,  
Marion Hawkins, will be holding a Surgery at The  
Meeting Place Warm Space in Bookham Baptist  
Church on:

11<sup>th</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> December

6<sup>th</sup> January

She is happy to talk about any issues you may have, and just generally.  
She looks forward to meeting you.



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## READINGS AT THE SUNDAY SERVICES

### November 2025



**2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **All Saints**

2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 10:25-37

**9<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Third Before Advent**

Hebrews 13:1-3; John 15:9-17

**16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Second Before Advent**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

**23<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Christ the King**

Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 23:33-43

**30<sup>th</sup>**

#### **First of Advent**

Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

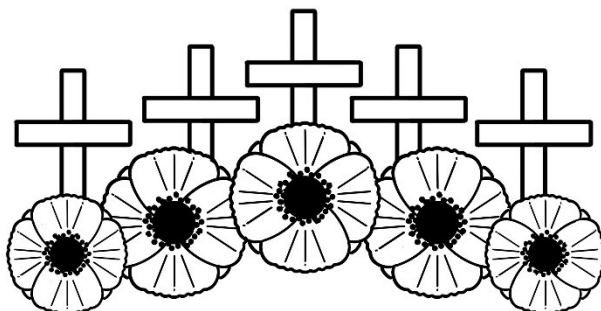


**St Nicolas Cycle of Prayer  
November 2025**

Please remember the following missions, St Nicolas groups and residents of Great Bookham roads in your prayers

|                  |                                                                                   |                                                            |                                 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Christian Solidarity<br>Worldwide (CSW)<br><i>Val Lamber,t Jenny Evans</i>        | The Hearing<br>Champion<br>Ministry<br><i>Ali Sangwine</i> | Lower Road West<br>Church House |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Christians Against Poverty<br>(CAP)<br><i>Amanda Rowland, Catherine<br/>Clark</i> |                                                            | High Street                     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Mission Aviation Fellowship<br><i>Julia Watts, Sue White</i>                      | Traidcraft<br><i>Margaret Hibbert</i>                      | Griffin Way                     |
| 23 <sup>d</sup>  | LeatherHEAD Start<br><i>Mary Railton and<br/>Barbara Holloway</i>                 |                                                            | Hawkwood Dell<br>Hawkwood Rise  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | The Mission to Seafarers<br><i>John Adie, Eldred Clark</i>                        | Flower Arrangers<br>Cleaners<br><i>Angela Stevens</i>      | Swanns Meadow<br>The Lorne      |

**Occupation for November:** Public Sector, Governance, Law



**REMEMBRANCE**

## Calendar November 2025

**Please note that although the calendar has events scheduled, these may happen in different forms. Please check beforehand (see 'Contact' person on the back page or the St Nicolas website).**

|                  |       |                              |                                                                                                                        |
|------------------|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>October</b>   |       |                              |                                                                                                                        |
|                  |       |                              |                                                                                                                        |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Weds  | 0830<br>1530<br>1930         | Morning Prayers (online)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)<br>'Being With' Course (Church Room)                              |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | 1000<br>1040                 | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)                                                               |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Fri   | 1530                         | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                               |
|                  |       |                              |                                                                                                                        |
| <b>November</b>  |       |                              |                                                                                                                        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Sat   | 1000                         | Church Development Prayers (Church Room)                                                                               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Sun   | 1000<br>1500                 | Morning Praise with Communion<br>Memorial Service for those bereaved                                                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Mon   | 0830<br>1000<br>1530         | Morning Prayers (online)<br>Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Tues  | 1000                         | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Weds  | 0830<br>1530                 | Morning Prayers (online)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Thurs | 1000<br>1040                 | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)                                                               |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Fri   | 1530                         | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                               |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Sat   | 1000<br>1000                 | Saturday Prayers (online)<br>Eco Team Card Upcycling (Pastoral Centre)                                                 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Sun   | 1000                         | Remembrance Service                                                                                                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Mon   | 0830<br>1000<br>1530<br>2000 | Morning Prayers (online)<br>Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)<br>PCC Meets (Church Room) |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Tues  | 1000<br>1100                 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)<br>Remembrance Service in churchyard                                                  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Weds  | 0830<br>1530                 | Morning Prayers (online)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Thurs | 1000<br>1040                 | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)                                                               |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Fri   | 1530                         | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                                               |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Sat   | 0830                         | Barnabas Mens Fellowship (Pastoral Centre)                                                                             |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Mon   | 0830                         | Morning Prayers (Online)                                                                                               |

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|                                                                        |       | 1000<br>1530         | Tots Alive! (Church and Church Room)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                             |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                                                       | Tues  | 1000                 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                                             |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                                                       | Weds  | 0830<br>1530         | Morning Prayers (online)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                         |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                                                       | Thurs | 1000<br>1040         | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)                                     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                                                       | Fri   | 1530                 | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                     |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                                       | Sat   | 0900                 | Saturday Prayers (online)                                                                    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                                       | Sun   | 1800                 | New Fire Worship                                                                             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                                                       | Mon   | 0830<br>1000<br>1530 | Morning Prayers (online)<br>Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                                                       | Tues  | 1000                 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                                             |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                                                       | Weds  | 0830<br>1530         | Morning Prayers (online)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                         |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                                                       | Thurs | 1000<br>1040         | Holy Communion (Church)<br>Thursday Coffee (Church Room)                                     |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>                                                       | Fri   | 1530                 | BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                                                     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>                                                       | Sun   | 1200                 | Baptism of Jack Mapeni                                                                       |
| <b>December</b>                                                        |       |                      |                                                                                              |
| 1                                                                      | Mon   | 0830<br>1000<br>1530 | Morning Prayers (online)<br>Tots Alive! (Church and Church Room)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre) |
| 2                                                                      | Tues  | 1000                 | Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)                                                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                                        | Weds  | 0830<br>1530         | Morning Prayers (online)<br>BYouth (Pastoral Centre)                                         |
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