



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald

10am: Morning Praise



Led by: Gill Caldwell

Hymns: “Come, people of the Risen King”, 802, “A new commandment I give unto you”, “In the darkness we were waiting” (King of Kings)

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

Acts 10: 44-end (page 1105 in the church bible)

John 15: 9-17 (page 1083 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed
your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For the work of The Meeting Place and our links Margaret Hibbert and Val Lambert.
 - Ask God's blessing on all the work of The Meeting Place offering activities to reduce isolation in our community.
 - Pray for qualified TEFL/ESOL teachers to come forward for the Language Hub, or that we can find someone who wants to undertake the training.
 - Give thanks for the work of our Anna Chaplain, Liz and her work with the older members of our community.
- * For Mothers' Union and our branch leaders Julia Watts and Chris Collins.
- * For our neighbours in Beattie Close.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Confident in our witness and service' led by Alan Jenkins.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Joan, Jennie, Terence, Veronica, Ann, Ian, Stephanie.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Debbie (Margaret) Medway.
- * Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Sylvia Charles, Elizabeth Finucane, 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

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALL WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED Sunday 5th May at 3pm in church. 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.

TAIZÉ PRAYER Sunday 5th May 6.00pm at St Lawrence, Effingham. You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of Bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community.

ANNA CHAPLAINCY - LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE: HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT WITH SIGHT AND HEARING. Do you have issues with your sight or hearing? Are you aware of support available to those who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or partially sighted? Would you like to learn about equipment available such as magnifiers, doorbells and talking clocks? Come and meet experts from Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey on Wednesday 8th May 10.30am to 12pm at Bookham Library. Over 65s and carers welcome. Suggested donation of £2. Tea and coffee will be provided. To find out more

and to book, contact Liz Tapp, The Anna Chaplain, email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or phone 07518 735729.

PLASTIC FREE BOOKHAM: Drop in to St Nicolas Pastoral Centre on Saturday 11th May, 10am-12.30pm, to find out about progress on our Plastic Free Bookham project, results of the Big Plastic Count, and information on what you can recycle locally. There'll be a fund-raising table (cash only) with second-hand books, upcycled crafts and bric-a-brac. Tea and coffee will be available. Free entry. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE BIG CHURCH TEA is on Sunday 12th May 3-5 pm in our church. The event is for all the St Nicolas church family, especially those who find attending services difficult, for newcomers, and for friends and relatives of church members. The event is free, although a suggested £5 donation would help with costs. Book a place here: <https://buytickets.at/stnicolasgreatbookham/1235356>

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK This year's appeal runs from 12th–18th May and is focussing on the organisation's work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa where more than 70 per cent of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished. If you would like to donate to Christian Aid this year, we have set up a specific St Nicolas donations page on the Christian Aid website: <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/st-nicolas-great-bookham>



MP WATCH DORKING AND HORLEY Want to hold our next MP to account? Come to the start-up meeting of the Dorking and Horley branch of MP Watch, a national group with real democracy at its heart. We meet on Thursday 16th May, 7.30 – 9pm, Lincoln Arms, Station Approach, Dorking RH4 1TF. Contact Pat Smith at patvoice@yahoo.co.uk or Phil Partridge at philpartridge07@gmail.com for details.

The Week Ahead

Tue 6th	10.00 am 11:30 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre Mothers' Union Prayers – Church
Thu 9th	10.00 am 10.40 am 2.15 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion – Church (Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 44-end) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Mothers' Union – Pastoral Centre Choir Practice – Church
Fri 10th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 11th	10.00 am	Plastic Free Bookham – Pastoral Centre
Sun 12th	8.00 am 10.00 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion (Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end; John 17: 6-19) Holy Communion (Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end; John 17: 6-19) Big Church Tea – Church

This week's duty Church Warden:

Heather Gerrard

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CHILDE ROLANDE CONCERT Friday 24th May at 7.00pm in church. We are delighted to welcome Childe Rolande back to St Nicolas. As well as allowing us to enjoy their music, they are also helping us to raise funds for our current project to improve our toilet facilities. Childe Rolande is an electric/acoustic folk band performing a wide range of songs, from soft and reflective, to upbeat and lively. Tickets are £10 available at <https://buytickets.at/stnicolasgreatbookham/1235294> Refreshments will be available at the interval, with a suggested donation.

THE SERVANT COURSE Book your place today – bookings close on 26th May. Do you know how God wants you to use your gifts in his service? Are you in the right role? Age is no barrier to how God can use you. We all have something to offer. “You are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works which God has prepared in advance of you to do.” Find out on The Servant Course – Friday 7th June from 7:30pm & Saturday 8th June till 3:30pm. Book via the church [website](#), or contact Chris Holloway at chris.holloway@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or on 07870556343.

WEDDING INVITATION The marriage of Daniel Phillips and Emma Johnson takes place at St Mary’s Ewell on 30th May at 11am, anyone from the congregation who wishes to attend the ceremony is welcome.

WANTED - KNITTING WOOL Does anyone have any unwanted double-knitting wool? This will be passed on to the wonderful group of knitters for The Mission to Seafarers - contact John Adie.

ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE May issue is available in the Tower or from our website [here](#).

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