



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 29th December 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins

10am: Holy Communion

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Hymns: 62, 59, 144, 80



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

Colossians 3: 12-17 (page 1184 in the church bible)
Luke 2: 41-end (page 1028 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For the New Year and all that it brings: especially remembering those who feel anxious and fearful as they face the future.
- * For all of our Ministry Team.
- * For our neighbours in Groveside Close, Goldstone Farm View, Kidborough Down.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Effective Communications Strategy', led by Vicki Dixon.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Jennie, Terence, Veronica, Ann, Ian, Stephanie, Beverley.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Jill Verco, Tina Lamborn, Reg Carlier, Tim Carlier.
- * 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

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER BASED ON THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man"

1. Put your name here in place of Jesus' name. Could you make this your New Year's resolution for 2025?
2. Which of these five practices would you find most challenging?
Letting the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Being thankful each day; Letting God's word dwell in you richly; Doing and saying what Jesus would do and say; Being reconciled - forgiving others and yourself.

ST NICOLAS CALENDAR 2025 We have a limited number of calendars featuring photos of St. Nicolas church for sale at £12 each. Profits will be donated to the toilet upgrade project and other projects chosen by the PCC. If interested, contact Vicki Dixon at vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or look out for her in church.

THE PARISH OFFICE is closed over the festive period and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January.

BLOOM BREAKFAST Saturday 11th January 9.00am to 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre. An opportunity to meet with other women for fellowship. Our theme is: 'New Year Gifts'. Tickets £5. To book, please e-mail ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

TEA AND SCONES WITH TRADITIONAL HYMNS Sunday 12th January 2.30pm until 4.00pm. To book a place please email ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk A voluntary contribution towards the cost of the event would be gratefully received.

The Week Ahead

Tue 31st	10:00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
January 2025		
Thu 2nd	10:00 am 10:40 am 6:30 pm	Holy Communion – Church (2 Tim. 4: 1-8; Matt. 5: 13-19) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice
Sat 4th	10.00 am	CDP Prayers – Church Room
Sun 5th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion (Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2: 1-12) Morning Praise (Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2: 1-12)

This week's duty Church Warden:

Bob Searle

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Bloom Breakfast

An opportunity to meet together for refreshment, fellowship and encouragement.

Our theme will be "New year gifts"

11th of January
9:00 am – 10:30 am
Pastoral Centre at
St Nicolas Church
Bookham
Tickets £5

To book your space please e-mail
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Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.
Babes in arms are welcome.

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