



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins
Hymns: 593, 740, 403, 460, 748
Anthem: Aston – I give you a new commandment

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 10: 19-25 (page 1208 in the church bible)
Luke 10: 38-42 (page 1042 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For Leatherhead Start and our links Mary Railton and Barbara Holloway. Prayer requests for Leatherhead Start:
 - For the building of a successful and supportive staff team to take them into the next few years.
 - For the work of the Christian organisation 'Life Discovery' which has offered their clients an adventure day each month with opportunity to talk about the meaning of life.
 - For the work of the local Besom charity, which supplies their clients with furniture and goods when they leave.
 - For the health and wellbeing of their Trustees.
- * For the LYP youth work and BYouth café at St Nicolas, and for Lucy Hicks the LYP Bookham Lead.
- * For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Ministry Leader.
- * For our neighbours in Ashdale and Crabtree Close.
- * 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: Fiona, Margaret, David, Elizabeth, Kay, John, Valerie.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Emily Instone, Ann Cummings, Joan Chapman, Joyce Goater.
- * Those who are ill: Pat Davidson, Jim Simpson, Chris Collins.

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

Encourage one another

1. When have you been encouraged by others in the church?
2. What do you value about being part of a housegroup?
3. Or might you think about joining a housegroup?

SUNDAY 18TH MAY, FOCUS ON HOUSEGROUPS We now have eight groups meeting regularly, and the services on Sunday 18th May will focus particularly on Housegroups. There will be an opportunity to speak to members of the groups, so do come along and find out more. Details of all groups are also always available on

the leaflet available in the tower. If you have never joined a group, then come along and find out more, there is sure to be one to suit you, and you can try several (or all!) if you wish. Why not give it a try? You won't regret it!

FAIRTRADE STALL is available in church this Sunday – please come and have a look.

CELTISH IN CONCERT Saturday 31st May at 4pm in church. Churches Together in Bookham host a wonderful afternoon concert of Celtic inspired music and song. Tickets £7.50 (price includes interval tea and cake). To book click [here](#) or via the church website. Contact gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk for more details.

THE FRIARY BAND IS BACK AGAIN! On Saturday 7th June the magnificent Friary Brass Band will be back in church playing music for a Summer Serenade, raising funds for St Nicolas. Please help us to have a full church for the event - tickets on sale now! See flyers and the [website](#).

BOOKHAM VILLAGE DAY ON SATURDAY 21st JUNE We are looking for volunteers to help with 2 activities Bucking Bronco and The Last Man Standing, sponsored by Churches together in Bookham. We are also looking for help on our Tots Alive stall. If you can give an hour between 12 and 4 pm, please contact Barbara Holloway at banneholloway@gmail.com. Many thanks!

NEXT STEPS FEEDBACK We would love to receive your feedback from the Next Steps Reflection exercise - answering the question "What could the church do, or do better, to help you take the next step on your journey of faith?" This Sunday, feedback forms, pencils and a box to collect your responses will be available at the back of the church. Responses can also be posted online, emailed to nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or placed in the Donations Box in the tower when the church is open.

CONFIRMATION THANKS Ramona Nemeş and Sue Strutton would like to thank all who supported them at their confirmation last Sunday evening with their presence, prayers, thoughts and help to make it happen.

The Week Ahead

Mon 19th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 20th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 22nd	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (Acts 15: 7-21; John 15: 9-11) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 23rd	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sun 25th	8.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion (Acts 16: 9-15; John 14: 23-29) Holy Communion (Acts 16: 9-15; John 14: 23-29) New Fire Worship Service – Church

This week's duty Church Warden:

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025

This year's Christian Aid Week (11th – 17th May) is focusing on Christian Aid's work in Guatemala, Central America, where the climate crisis is causing the seasons to intensify and shift erratically. As a result, farming communities have to battle devastating floods and intense heatwaves. Water sources are drying up and vital crops are failing, plunging farming families into hunger and poverty.

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-2025/st-nicolas-church-great-bookham>



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