



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 22nd September 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell
Hymns: 641, 800, 806, 724, 652
Anthem: Handel – He shall feed his flock

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

Ephesians 2: 1- 10 (page 1173 in the church bible)
Luke 15: 11-32 (page 1049 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life;
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * Bible Society and our links Suzie and Alan Jenkins.
 1. We give thanks for the work of the Bible Society - for its presence and ministry in over 240 countries.
 2. We pray for the protection of Bible Society staff around the world, many of whom work in difficult and even oppressive situations.
 3. Let's pray specifically for 'Open the Book' - a fantastic ministry of making Bible stories come alive in schools and in which we, at St Nicolas, hope to participate. We pray for an openness to this ministry in our local schools, and for the embryonic team which is coming together under Celeste's leadership.
- * For Barnabas Men's Fellowship and David King who organises it.
- * For our neighbours in Meadowside.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Maximising the value of recent changes to our building for the benefit of all', led by Chris Turner.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Fiona, Margaret, David, Elizabeth, Kay, John, Valerie.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Joan Johnson, Maureen Reaveley, Andrew MacLean, Danny Pugh.
- * Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Sylvia Charles, 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

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER BASED ON THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

An invitation to return home

In the story of the younger son, we see the amazing grace and mercy that awaits every person who turns afresh to God. In the story of the older son, we see the dangers of a begrudging heart.

1. What is your experience of living alienated from God and his purposes. To what extent are you conscious of having received the father's grace, love, forgiveness and embrace?
2. How does the elder's son reaction speak to you? In what ways, in your thoughts and actions, are you in danger of behaving like the elder son?

SILENT PRAYER GROUP Monday 23rd September, from 12 noon to 12.45 pm, with a silent time of 25 mins, plus some prayers and readings. This group is now meeting in homes, contact Jean Forward for details (housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk). All welcome to enjoy peace and stillness.

FUNERAL SERVICE OF JOAN JOHNSON For those of our church family who knew Joan and who would like to go to her funeral service, it will be held at Randalls Park Crematorium on Monday 23rd September at 2.45pm.

HARVEST SERVICE We are collecting goods for Leatherhead Start during our Harvest Service on Sunday 29th September. As usual the hostel has provided a list of the items they would find most useful. The list can be found at this [link](#) and in the Tower. Many thanks for your generosity. Barbara Holloway and Mary Railton.

HARVEST LUNCH Sunday 29th September 12-2pm in Church. There will be a seasonal variety of three different homemade soups, followed by homemade crumble and custard. (Many thanks for all those offering to make crumbles we now have enough offers.) Water provided, or Fairtrade wine for a donation of £3 per glass. Please bring your own cutlery and glasses. Tickets £7 per person or £20 per family (2 adults plus any children). Please sign up online using the link on our church website. If you don't wish to pay online by card, please choose the Pay by Bank Transfer or Pay on the Door option. **Could we please remind everyone to sign in to attend the lunch.** Proceeds towards the improvement of the Church toilets.

TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM Sunday 6th October at 6.00pm. You are warmly invited to this reflective, quiet, contemplative service of bible readings, prayer and praise in the style of the Taizé Community. For further details contact: Helen Overell at helen@bayleaf.org.uk

The Week Ahead

Mon 23rd	10.00 am 2.45 pm 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room Funeral of Joan Johnson – Randalls Park Crematorium BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 24th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 26th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11; Luke 9: 7-9</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 27th	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sun 29th	8.00 am 10.00 am 12.00 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Joel 2: 21-27; Matthew 6: 25-33</i>) Holy Communion (<i>Joel 2: 21-27; Matthew 6: 25-33</i>) Harvest Lunch – Church

This week's duty Church Warden:

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BLOOM BREAKFAST Saturday 12th October 9.00am to 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre. An opportunity to meet together with other women for refreshment, fellowship and encouragement. Our theme is: 'Making a Difference'. Tickets £5. To book, please e-mail ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

JOIN BISHOP ANDREW AND BISHOP PAUL at 9.00am on 12th October for a 12km (7.5 miles) circular walk starting at St Nicolas Church, Guildford and ending at St Mary's Guildford, via Hog's Back, Watts Chapel, North Downs Way and River Wey footpath. For more information see: [Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund - Diocese of Guildford](http://Bishop_of_Guildford's_Communities_Fund_-_Diocese_of_Guildford) (cofeguildford.org.uk)

SIGHT LOSS SUNDAY 13th October. Come and meet volunteers from 'Sensory Services for Surrey'. You will be able to check out a selection of gadgets and other resources designed for people with visual impairments and find out what else Sensory Services for Surrey have to offer for people with visual and / or hearing impairments. They will be at the back of church near the font before and after the service on 13th October.



GOLD AWARD We are pleased to announce that we have won our Gold Eco Church Award in recognition of our efforts to care for God's earth by Worship and Teaching, Management of Buildings and Land, Community and Global Engagement and encouraging an environmentally aware Lifestyle. Congratulations to the Eco Team and the whole church family!

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