



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 16th March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald



10am: Holy Communion

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Hymns: 772, 806, 446, 838, 713
Anthem: Chilcott – Be thou my vision

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).

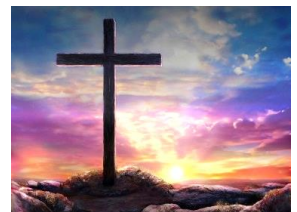


Today's Bible Readings

Revelation 3: 14-22 (page 1236 in the church bible)
John 10: 1-5, 14-16 (page 1076 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Father God, help us to draw closer to you:
Fan into a flame the spark of faith you have seeded in our hearts,
that we might each come to love you
with the whole of our heart, the whole of our soul,
the whole of our mind and the whole of our strength.
We ask this in the power of your Holy Spirit,
and for the glory of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For the work of The Mission to Seafarers and our links John Adie and Eldred Clark, we pray:
 - for the Mission and ensuring its core Christian principles are practiced across the globe and that it is given good access to vessels in port and their crews,
 - for the spiritual, physical and general wellbeing of seafarers and their families,
 - for the seafarers articles of agreement; of sensible length with adequate victualing, financial reward, reasonable working hours and shore leave,
 - seafarers carry a large percentage of world trade and yet risk perils from mother nature, war, abandonment, shipwreck and piracy.
- * For the Church Magazine edited by Chris Bridges.
- * For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Ministry Leader.
- * For our neighbours in Guildford Road, Lyngarth Close, Beechtree Close, Walnut Tree 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: Tina, Mike, Rita, Vicki, Chris, Sally.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Jon Springall, Joyce Fanner.
- * Those who are ill: Pat Davidson, Jim Simpson, Chris Collins, Joyce Munden.

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

1. In what ways have you experienced God speaking to you?
2. How can you make time and space to listen to God?

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

NEXT STEPS Resources: You can find the resources you need to follow our Next Steps program under 'Next Steps' on our website. These include our guide to Spiritual Reflection, and study notes for house-groups and personal use. Both are also available in hardcopy in church near the font.



Still to come: An opportunity to give your feedback. As the Next Steps programme develops throughout 2025 and 2026, new resources will also be posted here.

SILENT PRAYER GROUP Monday 24th March from 12 noon to 12.45pm, with a silent time of 25 minutes, 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.

ECO TEAM Thanks from the Eco Team to everyone who attended our Fairtrade Coffee Morning last Saturday. After adding in donations received recently (at our Open Afternoon and for giving a talk locally) we raised just over £340 and have sent a cheque for £280 to the Fairtrade charity, Transform Trade (<https://www.transform-trade.org/>) and we have just over £60 to go towards twinning the PC garden with one in Kenya through Ripple Effect: <https://rippleeffect.org/get-involved/giving/garden-twinning> .

PARISH OFFICE Can you help cover the parish office on 31st March and/or 1st April when the parish administrator is away? If you can help, or for more details, please contact the office on 01372 450709 or office@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

DO YOU ENJOY MEETING AND GREETING PEOPLE? We are looking for someone to join our team of Sidesmen on 2nd Sundays, a Welcomer for alternate 1st Sundays and reserves to join our coffee rota. No previous experience needed. Please chat to one of our team or contact Vicki Dixon if interested: vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

LENT APPEAL The Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, has called for individuals and local churches to donate to his charity’s Lent Appeal, to address the growing need across our communities. The Bishop of Guildford’s Communities Fund (BGCF) provides grants to local projects run by parishes or church-linked organisations, which help people facing financial hardship and other vulnerabilities including loneliness and disability. For more details, including how to donate, please visit <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Bishop-Andrew-s-Lent-Appeal-2025>

The Week Ahead

Mon 17th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 18th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 20th	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Luke 16: 19-end</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 21st	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sun 23rd	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Galatians 5: 16-26; John 15: 1-17</i>) Holy Communion (<i>Galatians 5: 16-26; John 15: 1-17</i>)

This week's duty Church Warden:

Joy Lord

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MIGHT YOU CONSIDER JOINING ST NICOLAS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)?

On 31st March we will hold the St Nicolas Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). It will start at 8pm and all are welcome to attend although to participate fully you need to be on the electoral roll. The APCM page on our website is now up and running and can be found on the church website [here](#). At the meeting we elect new members of our PCC. Would you consider serving as part of the overall decision-making body of the church? We'd be very pleased to hear from you. The PCC meets six times a year for two hours on a Monday evening as well as occasional additional meetings and considers many of the matters involved in ensuring the smooth running of St Nicolas Church. If you would like more information please do speak to Alan Jenkins or get in touch with our PCC Secretary, Amanda Rowland on 07702 678480 or pcc.secretary@stnicolasbookham.org.uk We look forward to hearing from you.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

These roles will require DBS checks and follow the Safer Recruitment Procedure.

Open the book. Acting out Bible stories in schools. Commitment up to 3 times every half term during the week on school hours.

Tots Alive helpers. Help with refreshments, set up, take down and engage with carers and children. Commitment Mondays 9:30 to 12:15 term time.

Glow helpers and leaders Help with set up, take down and engage with children, Leaders prepare and lead a session. Commitment 1/2 Sundays a month 9:45 to 11:30.

Family fun & other events. Refreshments, help with crafts/ games, set up/ take down.

If you are interested, or for more details, please contact Celeste on 07707 439799 or Celeste.rios@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

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