



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 27th April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Chris Holloway
Hymns: 813, 221, 510, 194

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).

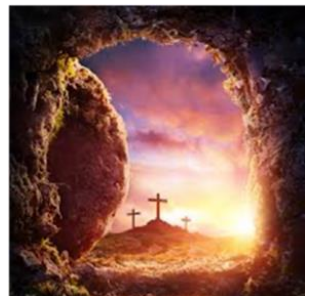


Today's Bible Readings

Acts 5: 27-32 (page 1097 in the church bible)
John 20: 19-31 (page 1089 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and our links Val Lomax and Catherine Clark.
 - Let us pray for those who have heard the gospel message and taken steps of faith as a result of their involvement with Christians Against Poverty (CAP). May they continue to explore what the gospel means.
 - Praise God for the holistic support that churches can provide, practically demonstrating God's love for all. Praise Him that 2,000 CAP clients accepted prayer when offered by their local CAP team, or asked for prayer for the first time. Pray that God will grant wisdom and grace as they take steps to learn more. Pray that those who have recently started receiving help from CAP and their local church that they will take their own steps of faith, and that more people in financial need will approach CAP and begin a journey of faith in God, through Jesus Christ who died for all of us.
- * For the Friends of St Nicolas.
- * For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Ministry Leader.
- * For our neighbours in Howard Road.
- * 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: Jenny, Charles, Sarah, Jean, Margaret, Bill.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Tim Reeder, Michael Denham, Finlay McDermid, Emily Instone, Joyce Munden.
- * 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

NEW FIRE WORSHIP Our New Fire contemporary worship service has a new venue as of Sunday 27th April. We will be meeting in the Lady Chapel instead of Jan's house as previously. Meet at 6pm for coffee and cake for a 6.30pm start. We'll be singing to contemporary worship songs, and using creative and reflective approaches to prayer. Informal and friendly, please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Gill Caldwell with any questions: gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

SILENT PRAYER GROUP Monday 28th April 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.

HOLIDAY AT HOME This year the Anna Chaplaincy will be running a “Summer Fun” themed Holiday at Home day at Eastwick Road Church on 20th August. For further information and to book, contact Liz Tapp, the Anna Chaplain, on 07518 735729 or email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk Please note, the booking deadline is 30th April.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALL WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED Sunday 4th 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.

TAIZE PRAYER AT ST LAWRENCE EFFINGHAM Sunday 4th May at 6.00pm. For further details contact: Helen Overell at helen@bayleaf.org.uk

LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE Wednesday 14th May from 10.30am to 12pm at Bookham Library. Would you like to declutter? Are you considering downsizing? Come and meet Louise Fleming, a Homemover Specialist. Suggested donation of £2. Tea & coffee will be provided. To book contact Liz Tapp, the Anna Chaplain, via email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or phone 07518 735729.

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 Week Ahead

Mon 28th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Tue 29th	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 1st	10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Ephesians 1: 3-10; John 14: 1-14</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church
Fri 2nd	4.00 pm	BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 3rd	10.00 am	Church Development Plan Prayers – Church Room
Sun 4th	8.00 am 10.00 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion (<i>Acts 9: 1-6; John 21: 1-19</i>) Morning Praise (<i>Acts 9: 1-6; John 21: 1-19</i>) Memorial Service for the Bereaved – Church

This week's duty Church Warden:

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DO YOU ENJOY MEETING AND GUIDING PEOPLE? We are looking for someone to join our team of Sidesmen on 2nd Sundays and also more people to help as Sidesmen at funerals. No previous experience needed. Please chat to one of our team or contact Vicki Dixon if interested: vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or Angela Stevens for Funeral Sidesmen.

ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE The May issue is available in church or on our website [here](#).

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 & 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.

Messy church. Refreshments, help with crafts/ games, set up/ take down/ welcome families. Commitment monthly on Saturday afternoons 4 to 6:30.

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

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