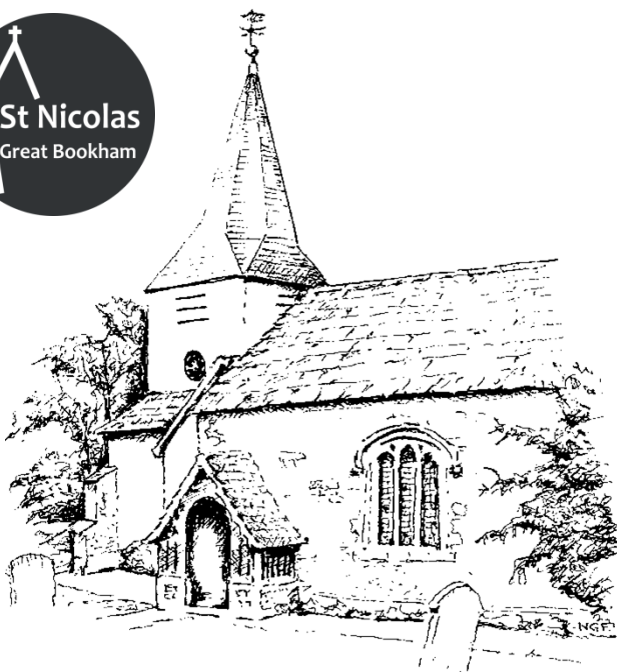


# St Nicolas News

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## Services at St Nicolas

### Sundays

- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 10.00am **Holy Communion** - 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays  
**Morning Praise** - 1st Sunday,  
**GLOW** - Children's Provision

### Weekday Services

- 8.30am **Bible Reading and Open Prayer**  
Monday and Wednesday
- 10.00am **Holy Communion (Said)** Thursday
- 9.00am **Prayers for our church** - 2nd and 4th Saturdays
- 10.00 am **Church Development Plan Prayers** –  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday



**Tots Alive!** (term time) - Monday  
10.00am in church with social time afterwards

For other services please see  
Notice Board by the Lychgate

# Letter from the Ministry Team

## Let there be light

Worldwide, light shining in the darkness marks moments of joy and celebration. We've already celebrated good overcoming evil at Diwali, and the foiling of a terrorist plot on Guy Fawkes Night. At home there may be birthday cakes strewn with candles, or a magical trip to Glow at Wisley. Now, we look forward to the Christmas lights followed by New Year's Eve fireworks.

"Let there be light" is that great creative word of God recorded at the very beginning of the Bible. It shows what is most important in God's heart – the separation of light from darkness – the separation of good from evil. It shows which side God is on – or, should I say, it reveals who is on God's side!

Then God made this personal on the very first Christmas day – when Jesus was born. This is how John describes who Jesus is, and why we should all celebrate Christmas.

"In Him was life, and that life was the light of mankind. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. The true light that gives light to every person was coming into the world. He was in the world!"

That first Christmas was a time of great joy and celebration (except of course for King Herod who saw the baby Jesus as a threat and tried to murder Him) Shepherds described seeing angels shining in the dark sky and declaring "Glory to God in the

highest, and peace on earth to people on whom his favour rests."

I can't remember a time when news from around the world seems so oppressive, when darkness and evil seemed so evident. Perhaps if you are older than me you remember the Second World War and the Holocaust – those too were dark times indeed. For me, more than ever, now is the time when we need God's light to shine in the darkness; when we need the message of peace to go out into the world.

How will you be celebrating this Christmas? How full of light will it be? Will it dispel the darkness that surrounds you, and embrace you in peace, joy and hope? That would be my wish, and that too is God's wish – it is where his heart lies, and why His Son was born in human flesh.

We will be celebrating at St Nicolas, so come and join us. There will be a traditional candlelit service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6:30 on 15<sup>th</sup> December; then on Christmas Eve a crib service for small children at 3pm followed by two candlelit celebrations for older children and families at 4.30pm and 6:00pm. There will also be Communion services at 11:30pm on Christmas Eve and 10am on Christmas Day.

May God's light – His love, joy and peace – shine in your lives this Christmas and throughout 2025.

We look forward to seeing you here.



## Meeting notes PCC Held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Alan opened our meeting as usual with a reading and prayer, setting the scene for the discussions to follow.

Neil presented a comprehensive financial update and look-ahead. This shows that we will draw down our reserve by £11k this year, largely the result of three items – the gardeners shed roof, sexton's shed roof and centre projector winch. However, even without such items, the budget for next year also shows a deficit. The PCC agreed a number of actions to deal with this – reducing our outward giving by 25%, running events for the benefit of the Church rather than specific projects and promoting the use of our Pastoral Center and Church Room.

Anne Shears requested PCC approval for some changes to our safeguarding policy documents following updates from the Church of England. These were approved, along with the renewal of our Health and Safety policy.

David Barnes spoke to the Toilet Replacement project. One grant application has been turned down but will be appealed on advice from the Diocese. Other applications are in the pipeline.

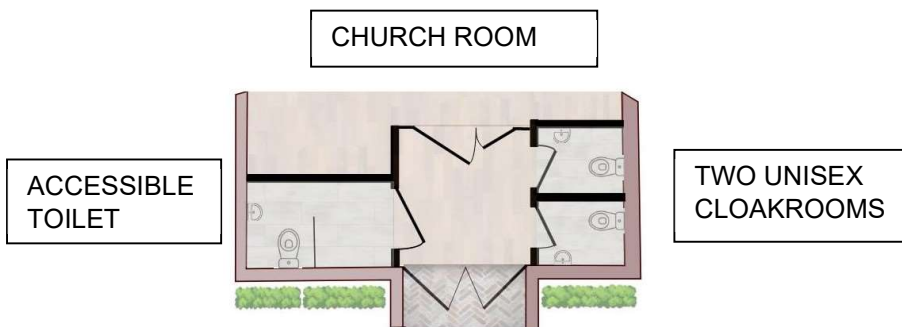
The PCC noted the arrival of Lucy, the new Bookham Youth Project leader who is now settling in.

The PCC also noted with gratitude the work of Helen Turner in leading our choir since Peter's departure. As we have still no applications for the permanent post, the PCC has agreed to create an interim position to recognize the importance of this work. This will be advertised internally in accordance with our recruitment procedures.

If you would like more information, please talk to any PCC member.  
Nick Garrett

## New toilets for the Church Room at St Nicolas

Following on from the hugely successful re-ordering works in the Church completed two years ago it is now time to turn our attention to providing new toilets in the Church Room which adjoins the Church. The works in the Church included the construction of ramps to Chancel and the Choir Vestry, which leads to the Church Room thereby making all areas accessible from the level West Tower access. The pews were removed and replaced with chairs which allow us to use configurations to suit the occasion. The floors were revarnished, the walls were decorated and new heating installed to provide an attractive and comfortable environment.



Following completion of the works we have been able to open the Church more effectively to the local community. Opening on days that tie in with village events such as the Christmas Market have been particularly successful. We have arranged and hosted an Eco Fair which attracted interest and attendance from the wider community. Our concerts, which have included a range from brass band to folk have been well attended. Some of these events we have arranged but for others we have been equally happy to make the Church available to other organisations to use. It is our intention that alongside the use of the Church as place of worship the local community are welcomed into the building as part of the village fabric.

The Church Room was built in the 1970's and the existing toilets have become tired and dated and do not match our aspirations for the wider use of the Church in the community. It is time for new toilets. The accessible toilet will be renewed in its present location. On the other

side of the lobby we will provide two new unisex cloakrooms, each with a toilet and wash basin.in a space that currently provides only one cloakroom. The toilets will have new sanitary ware, water heaters, hand driers, radiators and will feature attractive new flooring and decoration,

Our fundraising was launched with a generous donation from the North American Jane Austen (in US dollars!) and we have built on this with a variety of events. It is our intention to apply for grants from Guilford Diocese and Surrey County Council/

David Barnes 05.11.2024

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### **COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARD TRELLIS**

Just to remind you all that the Card Trellis will be back in church this Christmas in its usual place against the south wall.

The ECO team started this initiative a couple of years ago in an attempt to help reduce waste; also saving paper and energy.

If you would normally write lots of cards to all your friends at St Nic's or even send e-cards to them, please instead use our decorative trellis. Simply choose and write just one greetings card to the St Nic's family, bring it into church and pin it to the wooden trellis. Pins will be provided and you don't even need an envelope.

The trellis will be in place from 1st December. Do help us create a beautiful, seasonal display.

# Barnabas



# Fellowship

Barnabas Fellowship Meeting on Saturday 16 November 2024

Saint Edmund's Day, 20 November.

Saint Edmund, or Edmund the Martyr, is an important figure in the history of the Church. Born in 841 AD, reputedly on Christmas Day, he acceded to the throne of Anglo-Saxon East Anglia in 856. He was brought up as a Christian and he fought alongside King Alfred of Wessex against the Viking and Norse invaders. His army was defeated and Edmund was captured. The Vikings pressed him to renounce his faith, but he refused to be moved from his Christian faith and suffered a cruel death. Legend has it that he was bound to a tree and shot by numerous arrows until he bristled like a hedgehog, and was decapitated, on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 869.

Edmund is credited with a miracle in which a blind man with a boy sheltered in a chapel and left the following morning with his site restored.

Edmund was canonized some sixty years after his death, and became the patron saint of England in the eleventh century, sharing the title of Patron Saint of the Monarchy with Edward the Confessor. Thus he was the original patron saint of England, long before Saint George.

Edmund was revered for many years and is the patron saint of pandemics, kings, the Roman Catholic diocese of East Anglia, the Douai Abbey in Berkshire, also wolves, torture victims and protection from the plague.

The Abbey Church of Saint Edmund was built at Bury St Edmunds in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries and housed the shrine of Saint Edmund. It was one of the largest churches in England but is now in ruins, although there are two secondary mediaeval churches in the grounds.

Although we hear little of Saint Edmund today, he is not completely forgotten and there appear from time to time petitions for his reinstatement as Patron Saint, on the grounds that he is venerated in all major Christian denominations and respected by all faiths as a symbol of courage and

personal sacrifice. He fought and died in England for his beliefs, unlike Saint George, who never came here!

We discussed how people can stand up for what they believe today and in to day's world can we also follow the example, we also touched on the news regarding the Arch Bishop and how many in high places appear to fail.

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You are invited to join the Barnabas men's Fellowship.

This long-time running fellowship for men meet on the third Saturday at 8:30 am each month for a light breakfast.

At each meeting we have a short social time during the breakfast followed by a discussion on a suitable topic chosen by one of the members. The aim of the discussion is to improve our awareness of current social issues in the context of the Christian Faith, in a light and thoughtful way.

Notes of the discussion are taken and printed in the St Nicolas Parish Magazine.

We meet in the Pastoral Centre; the entrance can be found off Church Road between the Barbers and the Coffee shop or from the north side of the Church down the path away from the building.

In addition to the above regular meetings, our August and December meetings are social. We go out for the breakfast and for the December meeting, invite spouses and partners to join us.

So, who was Barnabas?

He was a great encourager who worked hard to bring the Christian Church to many people outside of Israel.

If you would like more details or to join us for a meeting please contact: -

David King 07844 116556 or at e-mail [david.king@uwclub.net](mailto:david.king@uwclub.net)



# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Because the weather has been so strange over recent months Christmas seems to be creeping up on us even more quickly than usual. Thinking back on our Mothers' Union year there were several highlights, namely the Mothers' Union tea party which the Bishop of Guildford hosted at Willow Grange in June, also a number of most interesting talks, not least Barbara Holloway's account of her work in the prison service.

Now we look forward to our Corporate Communion service at 10.00 am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, then our Christmas gathering a week later on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Both will be joyful occasions and it is hoped that many of our members will come to these events.

Before we know it Christmas will have passed. We shall have rejoiced once again in the miracle of the Nativity, sung the old familiar carols and been introduced to new ones, perhaps at carol concerts or at our beautiful service of Nine Lessons on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Then we plunge into January: what will 2025 bring to us? It is a blessing that we do not know. There will be ups and downs, but however hard things may seem Isaiah chapter 30 verse 15 reminds us that **'In quietness and confidence shall be your strength'**, and as Jesus said in Matthew chapter 6 verse 34 **'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself'**. (NIV)

So we can enter the new year in the knowledge that God is with each one of us – and what is more, that the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world will continue. We are privileged to be members of such a prayerful, worthwhile organisation.

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

Julia Watts

January dates:

7<sup>th</sup>, 11.30 am

Prayers in the Lady Chapel

9<sup>th</sup>, 2.15 pm

New Year Tea Party in the Pastoral Centre

## **New Fire Bookham**

If you appreciate joyful modern worship songs and an informal time of meditation and prayer do come and join us.



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noise**

A group of us from St Nicolas have been going to New Fire in Leatherhead on a monthly basis. We were so inspired and felt led to start something similar in Great Bookham. We decided to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month and held our first meeting in October when 18 people filled the lounge in Jan Williamson's home. We met at 6pm with coffee and cake, followed at 6.30pm with some

modern songs of praise and worship, a meditation and prayers. We will be holding our November meeting at Jan's house on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

On Sunday 22nd December we plan to hold a special pre-Christmas New Fire Worship Evening meeting in the Pastoral Centre. Do join us for a time of singing and worship meeting at 6pm for festive refreshments followed by an hour of "Making a joyful noise to the Lord". We would love you to join us as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus as our Saviour on Christmas Day.

If you want to know more do speak to Jan, Ali or Heather or email:  
[ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you.

### Film night 2025 March 14th

A lot of you, possibly, remember my son Alan ,who used to sing in the choir as both a boy and young man. He married Anna from Merrow and 20 years ago Anna developed breast cancer, all appeared well and with their family they emigrated to Australia. A few years later the cancer returned again and she had further surgery. Anna has taken up running and does park run most weeks along with marathons and half marathons, all while in Australia. She has been very fortunate to obtain a place in 2025 London marathon for Breast Cancer Now and I am organising a fund-raising film show on her behalf in March next year. Please book the date and I shall be asking for help nearer the time

Chris Collins

## HOUSEGROUPS

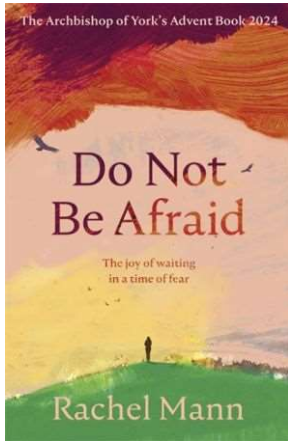
Our Housegroups continue to flourish! There are now nine groups, meeting on various days and at different times, some in the day, and others in the evening. Some meet weekly, some twice monthly and some monthly. Most groups regularly study the Bible, and several also study various other topics, including such things as prayer, forgiveness and friendship. Most also have regular socials, with friendships within the groups being very strong and supportive.

There is a new leaflet at the back of the church with up-to-date details of all groups, most are willing and able to welcome new members.

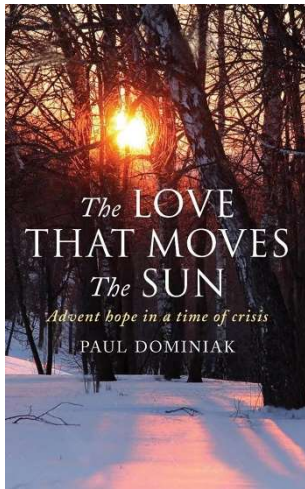
If you have not tried a housegroup before, then the autumn is an excellent time to start. It is quite all right to change to another group if your first choice doesn't work out, or to try several before deciding. Why not give it a try? – you won't regret it!

More information on the leaflet, or e mail Jean Forward:  
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## **Items needed for the Women's refuges in the Diocese.**

Following what seems to have been a very successful harvest collection for Leatherhead Start, Guildford diocese of the MU are collecting similar items for all the Women's Refuges in the area.

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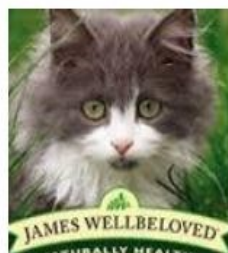


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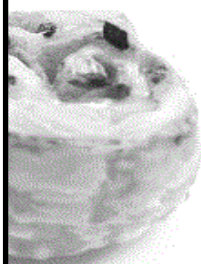
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A **FREE** service for people with NHS hearing aids includes:

Basic maintenance  
Battery supply  
Cleaning & re-tubing  
Trouble-shooting  
Advice

## **Bookham Baptist Church on Saturday**

**10am-12.00 noon**

**December 21st**  
**January 25th (2025)**

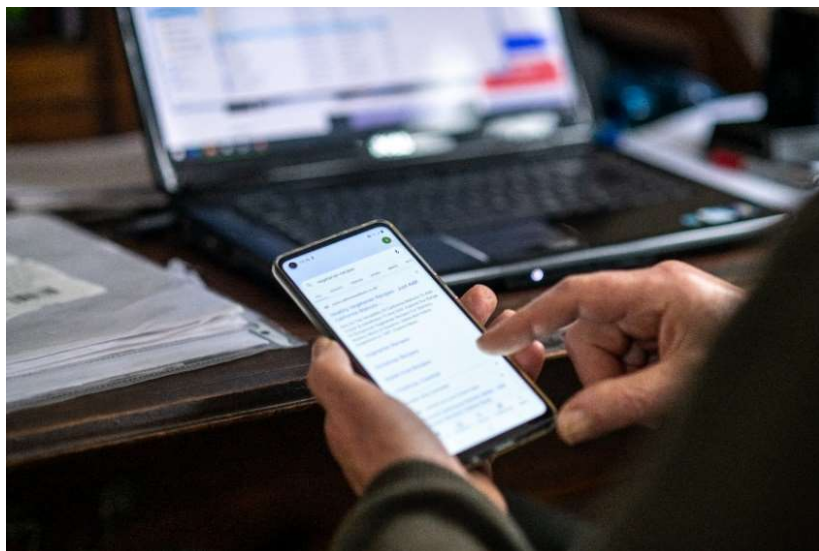
Bring your brown NHS Battery Book (which includes your settings and requirements) and wear your hearing aid.

All our volunteers have been trained by the audiology departments of Epsom & St Helier Hospital or the Royal Surrey County Hospital and hold training completion certificates.



## **Need Help with Information Technology?**

If you are over 50 and live in the Mole Valley area, you can get help by using Age Concern's IT/Digital Learning sessions in either Dorking or Leatherhead. The sessions run on Tuesdays for 6 weeks.



Topics covered will include: browsing on the internet, keeping in touch, setting up and using your own email or Skype/Zoom accounts and how to shop on the internet, plus staying safe - all using your own Laptop/Smart phone/ iPad/Tablet, etc.

To register your interest please call 01306 899104 or 07442 017169, or by email [info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk](mailto:info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk)

This  
Christmas  
end a quarrel.  
Seek out a forgotten  
friend. Dismiss suspicion,  
and replace it with trust.  
Write a love letter. Share some  
treasure. Give a soft answer. Keep  
a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge.  
Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you  
were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your  
demands on others. Think first of someone else.  
Be kind; be gentle. Appreciate. Laugh a little. Laugh a  
little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a  
child. Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the beauty and the  
wonder of Earth.  
Speak your love.  
Speak it again.  
Speak it yet  
Once again.

**A fortnightly group for people living with  
with dementia and their carers**



# 'Connect'

At St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham KT24 5LX

alternate Thursdays 10am 'til 12noon

Oct. 10th and 24th

Nov. 7th and 21st

Dec. 5th & 19th

Jan 2nd 2025

**Come for refreshments,  
friendship, chat  
and activities**

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Supported by Churches Together in Effingham and Little Bookham

Great Bookham's very own PCSO,  
Marion Hawkins, will be holding a Surgery at The  
Meeting Place Warm Space in Bookham Baptist  
Church on:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

She is happy to talk about any issues you may have, and just generally.  
She looks forward to meeting you.



## Holy Days

### 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Birinus, an apostle to the English

Thousands of our churches are currently involved in various mission initiatives across the UK. If it is tough going at times, we should spare a thought for poor Birinus, a priest from Lombard, who was sent here on his own 14 centuries ago. Pope Honorius 1<sup>st</sup> gave him the daunting task of being the apostle to Wessex.

It was about 635 that Birinus first sailed across the Channel. He planned to convert all of Wessex, and then press on into the Midlands, where no Christian preacher had ever yet been. But once he began ministry in Wessex, Birinus found the West Saxons so pagan that he decided he better just stay and concentrate on them.

So Birinus began his ministry, endlessly travelling around Wessex, and preaching to whomever he encountered. Gradually he became known, and his message began to seep through.

Then a great breakthrough occurred: the King of Wessex, Cynegils, asked Birinus for instruction in the Christian faith. His daughter was going to marry Oswald, the Christian king of Northumbria, and for political reasons Cynegils now wanted to convert. So Birinus taught and baptised Cynegils and his family, and in return they gave him the Romano-British town of Dorchester as his see, and Birinus became the first bishop of Dorchester.

It was an excellent strategic move: Dorchester was on a main road and river in the centre of an area of dense Anglo-Saxon settlement. From his new 'headquarters', Birinus spent his last 15 years going on to build many churches around Wessex, and to baptise many people. Towards the end of his life Birinus dedicated a church at Winchester, which later became the ecclesiastical centre of the kingdom. (There is no record of Wessex bishops at Dorchester after 660.)

Any lesson in all this? Bloom where God plants you, and be faithful to your calling, however tough things may look at first, and however obscure the place. Birinus' obedience and faith planted Christianity in a key part of Britain, and so helped shape British history for centuries to come.



Mole Valley

# Citizens Advice

## **Need help with benefits, debt or employment problems?**

We're here to help, whatever the problem.  
To get free, confidential and impartial advice, you  
can contact us on these channels:

### **Call Adviceline**

**0800 144 8848** (textphone 0800 144 8884) Mon-  
Fri: 9am – 5pm

### **Visit our website**

[www.citizensadvicemolevalley.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicemolevalley.org.uk)

### **Email our offices**

[dorking@camv.org.uk](mailto:dorking@camv.org.uk) [leatherhead@camv.org.uk](mailto:leatherhead@camv.org.uk)



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## Church Development Plan Prayer Focus

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Effective Communications Strategy	Vicki Dixon
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Confident in our witness and service	Alan Jenkins
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Changes to our building	Chris Turner
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Growing a diverse families' and children's ministry	Celeste Rios
29 <sup>th</sup> December	Effective Communications Strategy	Vicki Dixon
<b>2025</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Inspiring each member of the church family to take the next step in their journey of faith	
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Bringing the Good News to bear in response to the needs and concerns of our community	
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Increasing our capacity to take forward the mission of the church	
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Inspiring each member of the church family to take the next step in their journey of faith	



### From the Parish Registers



<b>Deaths</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Nigel Fenner	Aged 94
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Pamela Sexton	Aged 94
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Sylvia Charles	Aged 93



## READINGS AT THE SUNDAY SERVICES



**December 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Job 38:1-11; John 1: 1-14

**8<sup>th</sup>**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Malachi 3: 1-4; Matthew 1: 18-25

**15<sup>th</sup>**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Luke 2: 8-16

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 2: 15-21

**24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Eve**

Isaiah 52: 7-10; John 1: 1-14

**25<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Day**

Titus 3: 3-7; Luke 2: 15-21

**29th**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

Colossians 3; 12-17; Luke 2: 41-end

**January**

**5th**

**The Epiphany**

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

**12<sup>th</sup>**

**First Sunday of Epiphany, CAP speaker**

Isaiah 61: 1- 3; John 10; 1 -10

**19<sup>th</sup>**

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11

**26th**

**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21

**St Nicolas Cycle of Prayer  
December 2024 and January 2025**

Please remember the following missions, St Nicolas groups and residents of Great Bookham roads in your prayers

<b>December 1<sup>st</sup></b>		Flower Arrangers and Cleaners <i>Angela Sevens</i>	Southey Court
8 <sup>th</sup>	Christians Against Poverty (CAP) <i>Val Lomax Catherine Clark</i>		Hamilton Court
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Aviation Fellowship <i>Julia Watts Sue White</i>	All involved in the extra Services and Concerts up to	Groveside
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>CHRISTMAS Joy and Peace for the gift of Jesus</i>	Christmas Wardens and Ministers	Manor Place Mayfield Green Maple Grove Beech Grove
29 <sup>th</sup>	The Mission to Seafarers <i>John Adie Eldred Clark</i>	The Ministry Team <i>Ministers</i>	Groveside Close Goldstone Farm View Kidborough Down
<b>January 25<sup>th</sup></b>	LeatherHEAD Start <i>Mary Railton Barbara Holloway</i>		Dowlans Close Dowlans Road
12 <sup>th</sup>	Christians Against Poverty (CAP) <i>Val Lomax Catherine Clark</i>	Families Activities <i>Celeste Rios</i>	Polesden View West Down
19 <sup>th</sup>	The Mission to Seafarers <i>John Adie Eldred Clark</i>		Dorking Road
26 <sup>th</sup>	The Oasis Charitable Trust <i>Gill Caldwell Celeste Rios</i>	Tots Alive! <i>Celest Rios</i>	Beales Road

**Occupation for December:** Entertainment, Arts, Information  
**Occupation for January:** Business, Commerce, Retail



## Calendar December 2024 and January 2025

Please note that although the calendar has events scheduled, these may happen in different forms. Please check beforehand (see 'Contact' person on the back page or the St Nicolas website).

<b>November</b>			
27th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
28th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
29th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
30th	Sat		<b>Spirit of Christmas</b>
<b>December</b>			
1st	Sun	1000	Morning Praise
		1000	Baptism of Sophia Suarez
		1230	Friendship Lunch (Pastoral Centre)
2nd	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (Online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
3rd	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
		1130	Mothers' Union prayers (Church)
4th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
5th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion – Mothers' Union (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
6th	Fri	0900	Eastwick Schools Christingle Services
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
7th	Sat	1000	CDP Prayers (Church Room)
9th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
10th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
		1315	Great Bookham School Christingle - Rehearsal
11th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
		0930	Great Bookham School Christingle
		1830	Great Bookham School Christingle
12th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
		1415	Mothers' Union (Pastoral Centre)
13th	Fri	1530	BYouth ((Pastoral Centre)
14th	Sat	0900	Saturday Prayers (online)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	1830	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
16th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
		1000	Tots Alive Christmas Party (Church and Church Room)

		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
17th	Tues	1000 1315	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre) Great Bookham School Christingle - Rehearsal
18th	Weds	0830 0930 1830	Morning Prayers (online) Great Bookham School Christingle Great Bookham School Christingle
19th	Thurs	1000 1040	Holy Communion (Church) Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
20th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
21st	Sat	0830	Barnabas Mens Fellowship (Vineries)
22nd	Sun	1700	New Fire Service (Pastoral Centre)
23rd	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (Online)
24th	Tues	1000 1500 1630 1800 2330	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre) Crib Service Crib Service Crib Service Midnight Service
25th	Weds		<b>Christmas Day</b>
26th	Thurs		<b>Boxing Day</b>
28th	Sat	0900	Saturday Prayers (online)
30th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
31st	Tues	1000	<b>New Year's Eve</b> Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
<b>January 2025</b>			
1st	Weds		<b>New Year's Day</b>
2nd	Thurs	1000 1040	Holy Communion (Church) Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
4th	Sat	1000	CDP Prayers (Church Room)
5th	Sun	1000	Morning Praise
6th	Mon	0830 1000	Morning Prayer (online) Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)
7th	Tues	1000 1130	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre) Mothers' Union Prayers (Church)
8th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
9th	Thurs	1000 1040 1415	Holy Communion (Church) Thursday Coffee (Church Room) Mothers' Union (Pastoral Centre)
10th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
11th	Sat	0900 0900	Saturday Prayers (online) Bloom Breakfast (Pastoral Centre)
13th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)

		1000 1530	Tots Alive (Church and Church Room) BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
14th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
15th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
16th	Thurs	1000 1040	Holy Communion (Church) Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
17th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
18th	Sat	0830	Barnabas Men's Fellowship (Pastoral Centre)
20th	Mon	0830 1000 1530	Morning Prayer (online) Tots Alive (Church and Church Room) BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
21st	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
22nd	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
23rd	Thurs	1000 1040	Holy Communion (Church) Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
24th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
25th	Sat	0900 0900	Saturday Prayers (online) Marriage Exploration Course (Pastoral Centre)
26th	Sun	1200	Baptism of Casper Dienn-Sunassee
27th	Mon	0830 1000 1530 2000	Morning Prayers (online) Tots Alive (Church and Church Room) BYouth (Pastoral Centre) PCC meets (Church Room)
28th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
29th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
30th	Thurs	1000 1040	Holy Communion (Church) Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
31st	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
<b>February</b>			
1st	Sat	1000	CDP Prayers (Church Room)
2nd	Sun	1000	Morning Praise (Church)
<b>9th January 2025 - Copy for February 2025</b>			

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