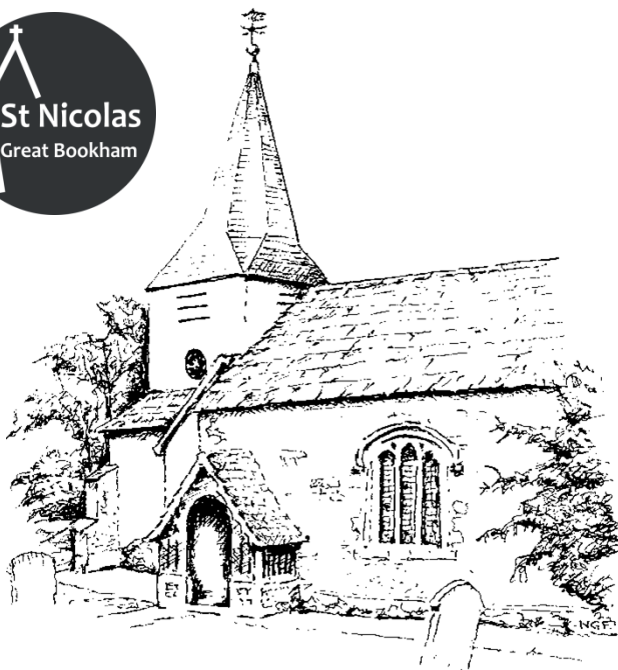


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*Depart from evil and do good
seek peace and pursue it*

Psalm 34: 14

Services at St Nicolas

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- 8.00am **Holy Communion**
- 10.00am **Holy Communion** - 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays
Morning Praise - 1st Sunday,
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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** –
1st Saturday



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

For other services please see
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Letter from the Ministry Team

November

No sun — no moon!
No morn — no noon —
No dawn — no dusk — no proper time of day.
No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member —
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! —
November!

This poem by Thomas Hood (1799 -1845) takes a rather pessimistic view of November, emphasising all the things it lacks, namely warmth and nature. Yet November – poised between Hallowe'en and Advent – is a busy time in the church calendar. A time when we welcome hundreds of visitors to St Nicolas who we normally never see.

Memorial Service

On 3 November at 3pm we have our Memorial Service. Those who have lost a loved one either recently or years ago are invited to a service where we reflect on life and its meaning and where we read out the names of all those who have died. Jean Forward organises this service and there is tea and cake afterwards. Please feel free to invite anyone you know who has lost a loved one to this service and perhaps offer to accompany them.

Remembrance Sunday

Not much grows in November but one very famous flower appears everywhere

- the British Legion poppy! And they will be in evidence on Sunday 10 November when we are joined by young people from local uniformed organisations for our Remembrance Sunday service. Many other local people will gather outside at the War Memorial to hear the 'Last Post' and place wreaths. Over a hundred years after the end of World War I, people still appreciate this act of remembrance especially at a time when there is so much instability in our world. Please support this service and the short act of remembrance on Monday, 11 November at 11am.

Spirit of Christmas

Hundreds will visit our church on Saturday, 30 November as part of the Great Bookham shopping event 'Spirit of Christmas'. It's run by Bookham and Horsley Rotary Club and, while the aim is to support local shops with early Christmas shopping, it's also a time to celebrate the true meaning of the festival. This year we will again have a display of beautiful and quirky nativity scenes, tea and cake and children's activities. I am organising this with the help of a team of great volunteers but we need your help – can you lend your nativity set for the day, or could you provide prizes for the children's tombola stall, or what about helping to man a stall for an hour on the day?

Unlike Thomas Hood's poem, there are lots of positive things about November. Let's take advantage of them!

God Bless,

Gill



St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham, achieves ECO Church Gold Award

A Great Bookham church ECO team recycled thousands of used blister pill packs, braved six- foot-high nettles to create a bug friendly garden, and got their whole congregation taking shorter showers – all to win a prestigious ECO Church Gold Award.

Led by a seven-strong ECO Team, St Nicolas Church in Great Bookham becomes the 54th church in the country and 2nd in the Guildford diocese to have received the award, in recognition of their dedication and determination to walk in step with nature and take action on climate change.

The award was given by the Christian conservation charity A Rocha UK and reflects the commitment of St Nicolas' Church to place creation care at the heart of everything they do.

“The ECO Team aims to get our congregation to consider the environmental impact of everyday life,” explained Margaret Hibbert, who has led St Nicolas’ ECO Team for 20 years. “We swapped plastic cups for china crockery and use Fairtrade products when we serve refreshments and for our Communion wine.

“We cleared overgrown areas of the garden to create insect friendly areas to increase biodiversity, a wildlife corner for children and we designed a tree and wildlife trail for visitors to follow. We installed new efficient radiators to replace an old Victorian system and we have a wide-ranging “unusual” recycling programme – from blister packs and binoculars to postcards.”

“St Nicolas is a heritage building on consecrated ground listed in the Domesday Book,” said Rector, Rev Alan Jenkins. “There are many challenges but the ECO Team have worked round them.



They also encourage us to be greener in our own homes, including taking shorter showers!”

The ECO Team will not be resting on its laurels, says Margaret Hibbert, “we look forward to continuing our environmental improvement journey with our exceptional team and the enthusiasm of our church family and wider community.”

Helen Stephens, Church Relations Manager, at A-Rocha explained “Our huge congratulations to St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham, on their well-deserved Eco Church Gold Award. It has been a delight to read how they have been managing their churchyard and other garden spaces for the good of nature. There is still so much for us all to do, as they recognise, but in the meantime, we hope St Nicolas Church enjoy celebrating this award and seeing others inspired to join them in taking action to care for this amazing world.”

Notes to editors:

A Rocha UK is a unique Christian nature conservation charity, mobilising Christians and churches to care for the natural world. They run conservation activities on our own reserves and advise a network of conservation partners across the UK; they equip and inspire Christians to enjoy, nurture and defend nature; and they run the Eco Church and related eco-denominational schemes. www.arocha.org.uk

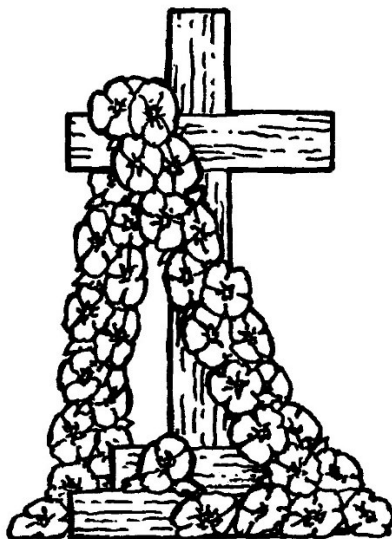
Eco Church is a free online award scheme for churches of all denominations in England and Wales, launched by A Rocha UK in 2016. The Eco Church initiative helps churches link environmental issues and their Christian faith and respond in practical action in the church, people’s lives, and the local and global community. It has awards at three levels (bronze, silver, and gold) and considers how the environment is addressed within five key areas: worship and teaching, buildings and land, community and global engagement, and lifestyle.

Eco Church helps churches of all shapes, sizes and traditions along the journey of caring for the environment. The scheme is growing rapidly, with over 7,500 registered churches and over 3,500 awarded churches to date. ecochurch.arocha.org.uk

Photo caption: St Nicolas Church Great Bookham’s Gold Award winning ECO Team



Contact details: Tel: 07809 245464 mail: ecoteam@stnicolasbookham.org.uk



Report from the meeting of the PCC held on Monday, 16 September 2024

Owing to Alan's absence on leave, the meeting was led by Joy Lord, who opened the meeting with a reading and prayer.

The meeting began with an update from Celeste about her work in the Children and Families ministry and the progress she had made in reaching new families during the summer holidays with different activities in the community. There was also some discussion about the plan, set out in the new Church Development Plan, to launch Messy Church at St Nicolas in 2025 and what this would entail in terms of resource.

As treasurer, Neil then presented the half-yearly finance report to the PCC, noting that three major items of capital expenditure had required the use of £11,000 from the fabric fund; the committee noted that although costs of this size are not a regular occurrence, they are not unexpected when maintaining an ancient building. The provisional increase in the Parish Share had been notified as 1/2% this year; additional costs are being incurred for stand-in organists and it seems likely that the appointment of a new Director of Music will increase annual expenditure. Neil warned that the PCC may have to face some challenging future decisions about finance and funding; ideas for reducing expenditure or for increasing income and fundraising are always welcome. The PCC also noted the timetable for the 2025 budget. It will be presented in draft to the PCC in November for final approval in January.

Members were very interested to receive a draft of the new Church Development Plan, which is the culmination of much work by many PCC members, past and present, with away days and meetings with and advice from the Diocesan Mission team. There was discussion at the meeting about the objectives and the draft action plan and it was noted that some PCC members had already come forward to lead on some of the objectives and actions. The draft CDP still needs some refinement before the PCC formally adopts it and it will be formally launched and brought to the wider congregation in the New Year.

As well as this interesting and important presentation, PCC also considered the Covenant for Racial Justice, which was endorsed; considered a reflection on Youth Work from Gill Caldwell and acknowledged the achievement by the Eco-Team in being awarded the A Rocha Gold Eco award and passed on its congratulations to all involved.

Clare Curran



Barnabas – 19th October 2024

The 'Times' reported last week that every month for about half a century the UK's oldest polling company, Ipsos, has listened to about 1,000 people sharing their grievances on the state of the nation.

But concerns about the state of Britain are becoming increasingly at odds with our personal circumstances. Ipsos also asked the 1,000 people what were the top issues affecting them personally.

Bizarrely perhaps a lot of the things that bother us about the state of Britain don't trouble us individually. For example, in the September 2024 survey, immigration was the biggest perceived problem facing Britain; but is it a big problem for us at St Nicolas and living in Bookham?

Conversely are there issues that may be more significant for the retired residents of Bookham as compared with Britain as a whole?

We discussed some of the top issues we thought affected Britain as a whole, and also considered whether we at St Nicolas and living in Bookham may think differently.

We talked about the NHS and healthcare, considering the aged population of Bookham. We recognised the help the churches give in creating a warm space at 'The Meeting Place' and the establishment of the food bank. Also, the support given for the youth of Bookham and Leatherhead by the 'Leatherhead Youth Project'. The gap between rich and poor was recognised along with the aged housing stock in the UK (considered the worst in Europe).

We seem to have got used to a lack of faith in politicians, the impact of increased legislation and rules, a poor level of customer service, a lack of good tradesmen (carpenters, plumbers and electricians) as young people shun these trades in favour of a university education.

We talked a little bit about crime levels and the exposure of older people to scams and fraud, and the increased cost of goods arising from theft from shops and supermarkets.

All in all most of the 'Ipsos' top 10 issues were mentioned in one way or another.

We have had some really good speakers at our monthly meetings recently. In September, general trustee Jenny Banks told us about her trip to Sierra Leone when her son was working with an NGO there. She gave us a real insight into the conditions which prevailed soon after the end of the civil war and which still exist today.

With many photographs, Jenny explained how the people of Freetown, the capital, are generally happy and can afford to buy fresh fruit and vegetables from the tempting roadside stalls, whereas conditions in the countryside are far different. There, the rebels are still in control. Many of the villages that were razed to the ground remain so and the people are hungry and unsmiling. Jenny's son worked to bring relief to these people.

In October, we heard some of Barbara Holloway's experiences when she worked in HR at, firstly, Young Offenders Institution, Feltham and then at HMP Send, our local women's prison. Mainly amusing, sometimes more reflective, Barbara's talk engendered much discussion including Dawn and Sylvia's contributions about their volunteering at Send now. One particular thing we learnt is not to provoke Barbara to use the self-defence techniques that she was taught. She surprised herself and everyone else when training by dislocating a staff member's shoulder!

We look forward to this month's talk too when Sylvia Solarski will share something of her passion for archaeology. Everyone is welcome – not just MU members or members of our church.

Also in November, there is the diocesan autumn Members' Meeting when we like to collect goods for the women's refuges in the diocese and for other local charities. Most tinned and dried foods are needed as well as toiletries, cleaning materials and similar. The full list is on the labelled box in church where donations may be left. If that is not convenient for you, bring it to November's meeting or contact one of the committee for collection.

Dates for November

Tuesday 5th 11:00am. MU's Service of Remembrance in the Lady Chapel of Guildford Cathedral.

Thursday 14th 2:15pm Sylvia Solarski with 'Adventures in Archaeology - without a trowel'.

Thursday 21st 10:30am. Members' Meeting, All Saints Church, Woodham.

Bookham 'Spirit of Christmas' shopping event

St Nicolas will be joining in the Great Bookham 'Spirit of Christmas' shopping event on Saturday 30th November. We will have the display of nativity scenes again plus children's activities, a choir, tea and coffee. Hundreds of people will visit the church during the event so it's a wonderful opportunity to show people what we do. Could you help in any of these ways:

Lend us your nativity set for the afternoon

The display of beautiful and quirky nativity sets is the star of the show. Barbara McDonald is organising.

Help provide tombola items

This year we want to run a Christmas tombola stall to raise funds for the church. Can you help us with small prizes to suit children – good as new soft toys, craft items and puzzles, small cars, chocolate, fancy pens, sticker books, etc.

Knit a tree decoration – angel, Santa, star, etc

Calling quick knitters - we would love some knitted Christmas tree decorations – angels, Santas, stars, etc.

See Gill Caldwell or Anne Shears for more details or email

gill.caldwell@stnicolasbookham.org.uk



Inclusion ambassador update

Our Inclusion Ambassador, Zena Rose, continues her regular reports on how well we are doing as an inclusive church.

Two events are coming up in Autumn:

Sight loss: Sunday, 13 October at the 10am service: we had a visit from the sight-loss charity, Sight for Surrey. They brought a selection of gadgets and information leaflets of help to those with impaired vision. They were on-hand after the service to chat about the services they offer.

Neurodiversity: Sunday, 24 November at the 10am service – I will be speaking about how we can be more welcoming to those with neurodiverse conditions such as ADHD, Aspergers syndrome, and autism.

See you there, Zena Rose

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## **Holy Days**

3<sup>rd</sup> November – Hubert and the stag

The morality of hunting has made the headlines in recent years, but here at least was one man who was converted while hunting. Hubert (bishop, d 727 AD) was out on Good Friday hunting stag when he came across a stag with a crucifix between its antlers. This so shook him that he converted to Christianity, and then went on to become Bishop of Tongres-Maestricht. History does not tell us if he killed the stag or not, or if he ever hunted stag again.

## Embracing Humanity: a journey towards becoming flesh

By Isabelle Hamley, BRF, £9.99



God became flesh at Christmas. But how does God, who created all things, live within the limitations of humanity – limitations that humanity itself often resents and tries to transcend? And what does it truly mean to be human?

As contemporary society grapples with questions of identity, justice and medical ethics, this book deftly explores how different aspects of being human are both inhabited and transformed in the incarnation.

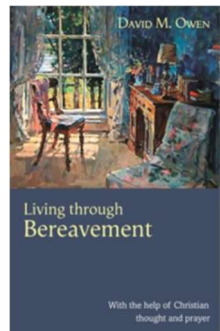
Through the lens of Advent and Christmas, Isabelle Hamley guides us through daily reflections and prayers, encouraging us to meditate on being human in the light of God's choice to reach out to us in Jesus.

## Living Through Bereavement – With the Help of Christian Thought And Prayer

By David M. Owen, SPCK 10.99

All of us are confronted by death at various times in our lives. Some bereavements are particularly devastating – we may have been very close to the one who has died, or death has come suddenly, unnaturally or even violently.

This anthology of quotations is divided into two sections. The first contains material on the Bible's teaching on life after death; the concept of the soul; the need to face the truth of our own mortality; living to the full; untimely death; suicide; death as the result of disaster and of war. The second focuses on solace in grief; the comfort of Christ; our hope of life in heaven; being reunited with those we love, and the great communion of saints.



### 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:  
[housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk](mailto:housegroups@stnicolasbookham.org.uk)

# MEMORIAL SERVICE, 3rd November 2024

**for all who have been bereaved.**

Each year we hold two services, in May and November, where those who have died are remembered by name. The relatives of all whose funeral services have been taken by our Ministry Team are invited by letter to these, for the first year. However, anyone who has been bereaved and wishes simply to remember, is most welcome to come, no matter how long ago a loved one died, or whether they lived locally. The names of all who are being remembered are noted down and read out, and there is the chance to light a candle in their memory.

**If you would like to remember in this way, then please do come along to the next service on Sunday 3rd November at 3 pm.**

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Items needed for the Womens 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 Womens Refuges in the area.

Womens toiletries, sanitary products, bubble bath, shampoo.
Cleaning products, washing powder, fabric conditioner.

Tinned food
Dried food, pasta etc
Childrens craft materials
Snacks
Tea and coffee.

There will be a box in church by the south door and the recycling box

Friendship Lunch – December 1st

For around 25 years teams at St Nicolas have offered a Sunday meal for people who may otherwise lunch on their own. Over the years this has been a great success providing both a tasty buffet and a chance for our guests to socialise.

However, we now feel for several reasons that it is now time to retire from arranging a regular Friendship Lunch in its present form, although in the future we hope to host other occasional events such as Afternoon Teas.

In the meantime, we would like to invite you to a Christmas Friendship Lunch on

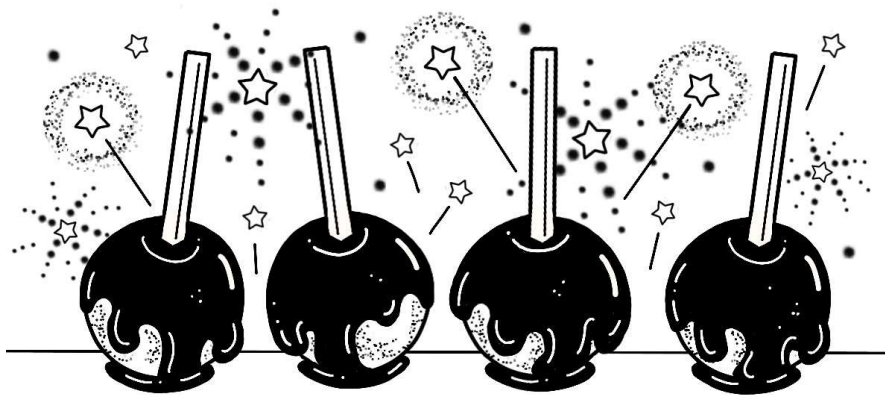
December 1st at 11.30am for 12.00 noon.

To be held as usual in the Pastoral Centre.

£5.00 will be payable on the day but please let the Parish Office know if you would like to attend

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Sylvia Solarski (for the Friendship Lunch Team)



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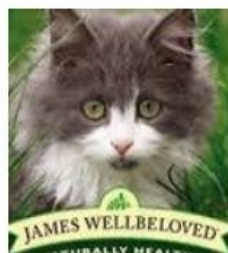
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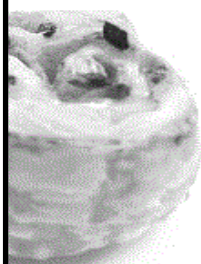
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The cost is £3.00 payable on the day, which includes a set of card blanks (recycled card) and envelopes, access to lots of Christmas and other cards and materials, and refreshments.



To book a place, email us (ecoteam@stnicolaschurch.org.uk), talk to any member of the Eco Team or just turn up on the day.

If you're short of time or aren't sure if card-making is for you, just drop in, have a coffee and make one card for £1.

There will also be a table of crafts and craft materials for sale.

Do join us for a relaxing morning - all are welcome!



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, the soon-to-be saint — who experienced decades of spiritual darkness while working among the poorest of the poor — also had a practical and down-to-earth (and very memorable) way of speaking and teaching what she knew. Here is how she advised us to cultivate humility in our lives.

“These are the few ways we can practice humility:

To speak as little as possible of one’s self.

To mind one’s own business.

Not to want to manage other people’s affairs.

To avoid curiosity.

To accept contradictions and correction cheerfully.

To pass over the mistakes of others.

To accept insults and injuries.

To accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked.

To be kind and gentle even under provocation.

Never to stand on one’s dignity.

To choose always the hardest.”

Alan Jenkins - Rector
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- **Driving** Everywhere considered
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'Connect in Song'

**St Alphege Church Hall,
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2.30pm First Tuesday of the month**

For more information contact Gill Walker

01372 457987 or gillconnect1@gmail.com

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Hearing Champions

A Guildford Diocese initiative,
in partnership with the **NHS**
and St Nicolas Church,
Bookham



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

November 2nd

December 21st

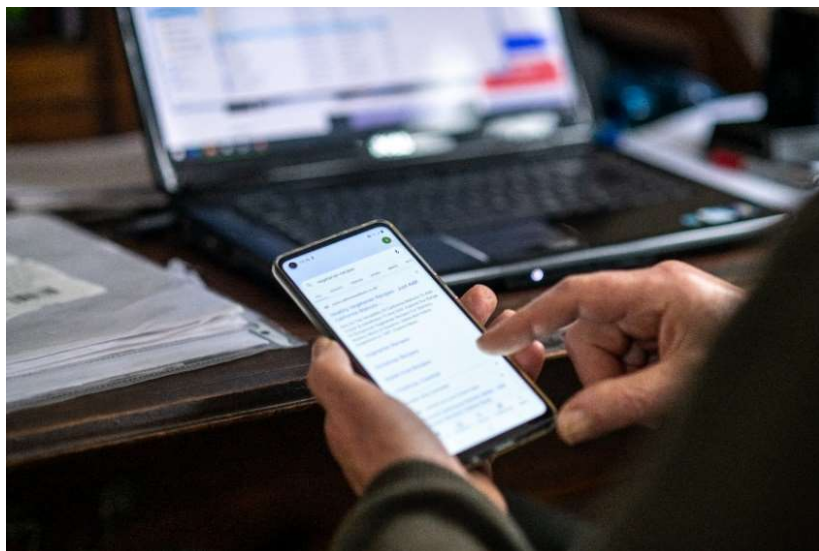
January 25th (2025)

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.

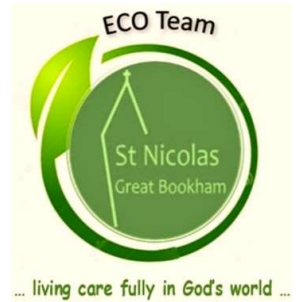


Topics covered will include: browsing on the internet, keeping in touch, setting up and using your own email or Skype/Zoom accounts and how to shop on the internet, plus staying safe - all using your own Laptop/Smart phone/ iPad/Tablet, etc.

To register your interest please call 01306 899104 or 07442 017169, or by email info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk



With climate change resulting in excessive wet periods or extended hotter weather resulting in planting delays and crop failures, it is not an easy time for farmers, agriculturalists and market gardeners. Surely many in our congregation will have been planting and nurturing vegetables in gardens and allotments so we can all



help in different ways.

Here are just a few tips from the eco charity, A Rocha, about purchasing from garden centres, which could be useful

1. Use peat-free compost.
 2. Read the plant label. Was it grown in the British Isles or imported? Imported plants carry a greater risk of introducing pests and diseases.
 3. What is the pot made of? Is it plastic or something biodegradable?
 4. How long will it last? Is it worth buying annuals or could you fill your garden with perennials which last longer?
 5. Is it good for insects? Choose plants with simple flowers - ones without lots of petals. They are more likely to attract bees and butterflies.
- Val Lambert - Eco Team



Bookham Choral Society

Haydn – Little Organ Mass

Purcell – O Sing Unto the Lord

Mozart – Ave Verum

Jake Runestad – The Hope of Loving

Saturday 9th November at 7:30pm
St Nicolas Church, Bookham KT23 3PG

Musical Director: Elliot Mercer
Accompanist: Anthony Merryweather



Tickets: Adults £17, Students & under 18s: £5 (includes refreshments)

Available to buy online by scanning this QR code or via our website, from Harts in Bookham High Street, via bcsboxoffice@gmail.com, by ringing our ticket secretary Linda on 01372 375644 or on the door.

www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk
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**A fortnightly group for people living with
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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

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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 26th November

Tuesday 24th December

Tuesday 21st January

Tuesday 18th February

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





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Church Development Plan Prayer Focus

3 rd November	Effective Communications Strategy	Vicki Dixon
10 th November	Confident in our witness and service	Alan Jenkins
17 th November	Changes to our building	Chris Turner
24 th November	Growing a diverse families' and children's ministry	Celeste Rios



From the Parish Registers



Deaths		
8 th September 2024	Andrew MacLean	Aged 83
13 th September 2024	William Mackridge	Aged 89
22 nd September 2024	Gillian Bristow	Aged 95
16 th October 2024	Nigel Fenner	Aged 94

**St Nicolas Cycle of Prayer
September 2024**

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

3 rd		Hearing Champion Ministry <i>Ali Sangwine</i>	Greenacres
10 th	Oasis Charitable Trust <i>Gill Caldwell</i>		Park Green
17 th	The Meeting Place <i>Margaret Hibbert</i> <i>Val Lambert</i>	Traidcraft <i>Margaret Hibbert</i>	Fernlea
24 th	Bible Society <i>Suzie and Alan Jenkins</i>		Eastwick Park Avenue

Occupation for November Public Sector, Governance, Law



**READINGS AT THE SUNDAY SERVICES
November 2024**



- 3rd Fourth Sunday before Advent – Anna Chaplaincy**
Psalm 71: 12-18; Luke 2: 22-38
- 10th Remembrance Sunday**
Psalm 62; Mark 1: 14-20
- 17th Second Sunday before Advent - Safeguarding Sunday**
Psalm 146; Matthew 18: 1-7
- 24th Christ the King**
Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37

Calendar November 2024

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).

October			
29 th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
30 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
31 st	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
November			
1 st	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
2 nd	Sat	1000	CDP Prayers (Church Room)
3 rd	Sun	1000	Morning Praise (Church)
		1500	Memorial Service (Church)
4 th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
5 th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
		1130	Mothers' Union Prayers (Church)
6 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
7 th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion – Mothers' Union (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
8 th	Fri	1530	BYouth ((Pastoral Centre)
9 th	Sat	0900	Saturday Prayers (online)
		0900	Christmas Card Upcycling (Pastoral Centre)
11 th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
		2000	PCC Meets (Church Room)
12 th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
13 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
14 th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
		1415	Mothers' Union (Pastoral Centre)
15 th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
16 th	Sat	0830	Barnabas Mens Fellowship (Pastoral Centre)
18 th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (Online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
19 th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)

20 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
21 st	Thurs	1000 1040	Holy Communion (Church) Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
22 nd	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
23 rd	Sat	0900	Saturday Prayers (online)
24 th	Sun	1200	Baptism of Darcey Dawkins
25 th	Mon	0830 1000 1530	Morning Prayers (online) Tots Alive (Church and Church Room) BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
26 th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
27 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
28 th	Thurs	1000 1040	Holy Communion (Church) Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
29 th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
December			
1 st	Sun	1000 1000 1230	Morning Praise Baptism of Sophia Suarez Friendship Lunch (Pastoral Centre)
2 nd	Mon	0830 1000 1530	Morning Prayers (Online) Tots Alive (Church and Church Room) BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
3 rd	Tues	1000 1130	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre) Mothers' Union prayers (Church)
9th November 2024 - Copy for December 2024 and January 2025			



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Tots Alive!	Celeste Rios	07707 439799
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