



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Sunday

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Barbara McDonald



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Gill Caldwell
Hymns: 205, 204, 215, 212, 218
Anthem: Shepherd - Exultet

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 10: 34-43 (page 1104 in the church bible)
John 20: 1-18 (page 1089 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of
death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

* For Fairtrade and our Eco Team:

- Give thanks for our Gold Eco Church award and pray that as a church, we will continue to find ways to build on what we have done so far to protect our wonderfully created world.
- Give thanks for the enthusiasm and skills of the Eco Team.
- Pray that this work will be a way to share our faith with the wider Bookham community, giving thanks for the opportunities we have already had to speak to local groups.

* For the Friends of St Nicolas.

* For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Ministry Leader.

* For our neighbours in Dawnay Road, Pelham Way, Pelham Court, Pelham Heights.

* For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on 'Increasing our capacity to take forward the mission of the church'.

* From our Electoral Roll: Diana, Pablo, Patricia, Colin, Clare, Virginia.

* Family and friends of those who have recently died: Matthew Saxton, 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

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER BASED ON THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

What's it all about?

Today we recognise that Mary's encounter with the risen Jesus isn't just a story to entertain and delight, even though it may do that. Supremely, it is life-transforming good news for our world.

1. How would you answer someone who asked you, 'What is the meaning and purpose of life?'
2. What would be different about your life if the resurrection hadn't happened?

PRAYER FOR RECRUITMENT OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER

Alan has recently reinforced how important it is that the recruitment of a Families and Children's Ministry Leader is supported by prayer. As the advertisement is now

out, a number of us felt we should meet to pray concertedly into this. Please do come and join us in church on Saturday 26th April at any point between 10.00am to 12.30pm. Don't feel you have to be there for the whole time. Everyone is welcome, whether to sit in silent prayer or to add your voice.

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.

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

Tue 22nd	10.00 am	Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre
Thu 24th	10.00 am 10.40 am	Holy Communion (<i>Acts 3: 11-end; Luke 24: 35-48</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room
Fri 25th	1.00 pm 4.00 pm	Thanksgiving service for Joyce Munden – Church BYouth – Pastoral Centre
Sat 26th	10.00 am	Prayer for recruitment of Families and Children's Ministry Leader – Church
Sun 27th	8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19-31</i>) Holy Communion (<i>Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19-31</i>)

This week's duty Church Warden:

Bob Searle

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EASTER 'TEAM SPIRIT' The latest news from the Churches in Bookham can be read on the church website [here](#) and some paper copies are available in the Tower.

NEXT STEPS FEEDBACK Once you have completed your Next Steps Reflection, it would be helpful to know what we at St Nicolas could do, or do better, to help you take the next step on your own spiritual journey. Please provide your comments using the online feedback form, email us at nextsteps@stnicolasbookham.org.uk, or drop your comment into the 'Donations Box' in the Tower. If you choose to add your e-mail address and phone number, we will also invite you to take part in one of our open forums to discuss your thoughts.



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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