



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 12th January 2025

First Sunday of Epiphany

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins



10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Alan Jenkins
Hymns: 103, 557, 794, 664, 569
Anthem: Wesley – Lead me Lord

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

Isaiah 61: 1-3 (page 749 in the church bible)
John 10: 1-10 (page 1076 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and our links Val Lomax and Catherine Clark.
 - Pray that Jesus would make himself known to anyone living in despair due to debt and its associated worries and to seek the help and support that Christians Against Poverty can freely provide. May God's light shine brightly in their darkness.
 - Pray for those making decisions in Government that will adversely impact low incomes families and individuals. May God guide their discussions and decision-making.
 - Pray for families struggling in the winter months to afford the basic necessities like food, heating and weather-appropriate clothing.
 - Pray for Jennie Coles, our Mole Valley Debt Manager, that she will inspire and encourage a personal response in supporting MV CAP through her talk at St Nicolas 10.00am church service on Sunday.
- * For all our Family Activities led by Celeste Rios.
- * For our neighbours in Polesden View and West Down.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on 'Bringing the Good News to bear in response to the needs and concerns of our community'.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Jim, Julia, Sheila, Chris, Sue, Christine.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Tina Lamborn, Reg Carlier, Tim Carlier, Pamela Cheesewright.
- * Those who are ill: Jenny Carlier, Pat Davidson.

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

TEA AND SCONES WITH TRADITIONAL HYMNS Sunday 12th January 2.30pm until 4.00pm in the Pastoral Centre. To book a place please email ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk A voluntary contribution towards the cost of the event would be gratefully received.

BARNABAS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Saturday 18th January 8.30am to 9.30am in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome to join us as we meet for coffee and discussion.

TINA LAMBORN The funeral of Tina Lamborn will be held in St Nicolas church on Thursday 23rd January at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

SILENT PRAYER GROUP Monday 27th January 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.

REG CARLIER The funeral of Reg Carlier will be held in St Nicolas church on Wednesday 29th January at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION Are you confirmed? If not, and you would like to consider whether this is right for you, please do have a conversation with Alan Jenkins. We are planning to support a service of Confirmation at St George's, Ashtead, on Sunday 11th May at 6.00pm and already have one candidate from our church who has expressed a desire to be confirmed. If there are others, nearer the time we will provide a couple of opportunities to meet and prepare.

LEATHERHEAD START The Manager of LeatherHEAD Start has sent us a letter of thanks for our collection of food and other goodies for their Christmas dinner. She also thanked us for the encouragement and support of our prayers throughout the year.

ST NICOLAS MAGAZINE PRICE RISE The price of the magazine has stayed the same for over 15 years, however the cost of paper and printing has gone up significantly over the last few years and so we need to increase the price to cover our costs. The price for 2025 has been increased to 75p per issue and the annual subscription price increased to £7.50. For those who take out an annual subscription, please pay £7.50 by online bank transfer (Sort code 40-52-40, Account 00019044) noting that the payment is for the magazine. Alternatively, please pay via the parish office or the wall safe in church. Thank you. David Gatland, Parish Administrator.

ECO TEAM – MILK BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION Please note that we have decided to discontinue collecting milk bottle tops. They can now be recycled in domestic recycling bins and we have found that the value of the collections is no longer financially worthwhile (although since 2010 we have raised more than £357 for Cancer Research and A Rocha). If you have any, please let us have them sometime during January. Thank you.

The Week Ahead

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| Mon 13th | 10.00 am 4.00 pm | Tots Alive – Church and Church Room BYouth – Pastoral Centre |
| Tue 14th | 10.00 am | Tuesday Coffee Morning – Pastoral Centre |
| Thu 16th | 10.00 am 10.40 am 6.30 pm | Holy Communion (<i>Hebrews 3: 7-14; Mark 1: 40-end</i>) Thursday Coffee Morning – Church Room Choir Practice – Church |
| Fri 17th | 4.00 pm | BYouth – Pastoral Centre |
| Sat 18th | 8.30 am | Barnabas Men's Fellowship – Pastoral Centre |
| Sun 19th | 8.00 am 10.00 am | Holy Communion (<i>1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11</i>) Holy Communion (<i>1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11</i>) |

This week's duty Church Warden:

Heather Gerrard

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025 - 18th January to 25th January

Churches Together in Bookham are marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by providing a daily opportunity to meet together for Bible reading and prayer. We will meet at 8.30am each morning for about half an hour, except on Saturdays when we will have prayers at 9am followed by croissants and coffee.

- 9.00am Saturday 18th January led by Eastwick Road Church, followed by coffee and croissants
- 8.30am Monday 20th January led by St Mary's Church Fetcham
- 8.30am Tuesday 21st January led by St Nicolas Church
- 8.30am Wednesday 22nd January led by the Church of The Holy Spirit, Fetcham
- 8.30am Thursday 23rd January led by Bookham Baptist Church
- 8.30am Friday 24th January led by St Nicolas Church
- 9.00am Saturday 25th January led by Eastwick Road Church, followed by coffee and croissants

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