



St Nicolas Church

Building Faith in the Community

Newsletter for Sunday 22nd December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am: Holy Communion

Led by: David Ireland

10am: Holy Communion

Led by: Chris Holloway
Hymns: 45, 30, 712, 26 (verse 4), 394
Anthem: Archer – People Look East



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

Micah 5: 2-5a (page 933 in the church bible)
Luke 2: 15-21 (page 1027 in the church bible)

Today's Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This week we are praying for:

- * For Christmas and the Joy and Peace of the gift of Jesus.
- * For all those involved in the extra services and concerts leading up to Christmas.
- * For our neighbours in Manor Place, Mayfield Green, Maple Grove and Beech Grove.
- * For Our Church Development Plan: focussing on the priority 'Growing a diverse families' and children's ministry', led by Celeste Rios.
- * From our Electoral Roll: Sheila, Terry, Angela, Jackie, Laura, Tristan, Joan.
- * Family and friends of those who have recently died: Jill Verco.
- * 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

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER BASED ON THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

The Unchanging Christmas

1. Do we find ourselves "glorifying and praising God for all the things we have heard and seen" as we reflect on the events of Christmas?
2. Do other people see something of "the good news of great joy" in us as we set about communicating our encounter with the down-to-earth saviour?

LEATHERHEAD START - GOODS FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS DINNER You are warmly invited to sign the sheet in the Tower for the items you'd like to contribute to their Christmas dinner. Other Christmas extras would be welcome, excluding alcohol. Please drop off at the Rectory, where there will be a box in the porch, before 6pm on Sunday 22nd December. Many thanks, Barbara Holloway.

THANKYOU Bible Society and CSW have both written to thank us for our recent gifts.

CHRISTMAS TREE 2024 Our lovely Christmas tree this year has been donated by Mr Chris Rose. We are very grateful to him for this generous gesture. Enjoy.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SIDESMEN AND WELCOMERS Would you like to help welcome people and support our Sidesmen at one of our Christmas services? If so, or you'd like to know more, please email Vicki Dixon at vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

ECO CHRISTMAS CARD TRELIS The Eco Team is keen to encourage everyone to join in with our communal Christmas card initiative to reduce waste and create an attractive display in our church. If you would normally send multiple cards to your friends at St Nicolas, please use the trellis and send just one card instead. You may add your single card at any time before Christmas Day. Pins will be provided.

ST NICOLAS CALENDAR 2025 We have a limited number of calendars featuring photos of St. Nicolas church for sale at £12 each. Profits will be donated to the toilet upgrade project and other projects chosen by the PCC. If interested, contact Vicki Dixon at vicki.dixon@stnicolasbookham.org.uk or look out for her in church.

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

NEW FIRE BOOKHAM Sunday 22nd December at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre. All are invited to an evening of carols, meditation and prayers as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus our Saviour. Mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH ERC are hosting a Christmas Day lunch at 1pm. If you want to go, contact Nicole on 01372 453473 or email nicole.i@eastwickroadchurch.co.uk

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed between Christmas and the New Year. It will be closed on Wednesday 25th December and reopen on Thursday 2nd January.

NO HOLY COMMUNION Please note there is no service of Holy Communion at 10.00am on Thursday 26th December.

BLOOM BREAKFAST Saturday 11th January 9.00am to 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre. An opportunity to meet with other women for fellowship. Our theme is: 'New Year Gifts'. Tickets £5. To book, please e-mail ali.sangwine@stnicolasbookham.org.uk

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

The Week Ahead

Tue 24th	3.00 pm	Crib Service – Church
	4.30 pm	Family Carol Service – Church
	6.00 pm	Family Carol Service – Church
	11.30 pm	Midnight Holy Communion Service – Church
Weds 25th	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion – Church
Sat 28th	9.00 am	Saturday Prayers – online
Sun 29th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-end</i>)
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-end</i>)

This week's duty Church Warden:

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St Nicolas
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This Christmas at St Nicolas Great Bookham

Sunday 15th December @ 6:30pm
A candlelit service of Lessons and
Carols with Choir and Organ

Christmas Eve @ 3:00pm
Our popular Crib Service suitable
for those 7 years and under

**Christmas Eve @ 4:30pm and
Christmas Eve @ 6:00pm**
Our Family Carol Service suitable
for older children and adults

Christmas Eve @ 11:30pm
A candlelit service of Holy Communion
with Carols to welcome in Christmas Day

Christmas Day @ 10am
An all age service to celebrate the joy of
Christmas with Holy Communion

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