

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
- 6.30pm **Evensong** - 3rd Sunday - with choir

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
Notice Board by the Lychgate

Letter from the Ministry Team

We're starting a new sermon series this month looking at six of the parables that Jesus told. As a starting point we're using John Ortberg's book 'Imagine life God's way'. Jesus told a great many parables, over fifty all together. Some of them are quite long and involved stories with several characters, such as the prodigal son. Others are less story and more an image – such as the mustard seed. John picks just six and looks at them in quite challenging, and at times unusual, ways. Jesus was not the first teacher to use stories in his teaching, it was a widespread method in many ancient cultures, think of Aesop's fables for example. It is a very effective teaching method, because we are hard wired to remember stories.

I like to imagine the crowds listening to Jesus puzzled, amazed, concerned and probably sometimes laughing out loud, but above all remembering them and passing them on. Going home and telling their friends and families the story they heard Jesus tell that day and so passing on the message. So many of them have survived to be in our four gospels because they

were so memorable. Some for us today are a bit confusing because we don't know the context and the normal customs of the time, but others are as obvious as if they had been first told yesterday. One of the key aspects of a parable is that it makes you think, makes you puzzle over it, try to work out what Jesus is getting at, and what the implications are for us his followers. We engage with it and ponder it and there are often new things to notice and learn each time.

In preparation for the series I've been enjoying Pauls Gooder's book 'The parables' which gives lots of context and background information to help understand them. She looks at how the same parable is told in different gospels sometimes with different emphasis. She ponders what they might have meant to their original hearers and what they might be saying to us today. We'll just be focusing on six but perhaps it might inspire you to explore others afresh and maybe get John Ortberg's or Pauls Gooder's book to help you. I hope you find the series interesting, helpful and maybe challenging,

God bless

Barbara

PCC Meeting 8th July 2024

The meeting opened with a Bible Reading being Acts 15 which documents the Council of Jerusalem and specifically verse 28 "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..... ". Alan encouraged us to take this thought forward in our considerations as the PCC. He reminded us that this was not just any meeting. It was a meeting of the church.

The meeting welcomed Tina Dennett and Chris Turner to their first meeting as recently elected PCC members. It was noted that Peter Evans has resigned. We also welcomed Karen Gaunt to her first meeting as minutes secretary. Thank you Karen.

Variou financial matters were presented and discussed including the implementation of new accounting software to make things easier for everybody. Nick Garrett will be taking on the role as interim Giving Secretary. The reader may have noticed that the central projection screen is stuck in the down position. The winch mechanism has failed, and it was agreed that as it was uneconomical to repair a new winch would be purchased and fitted.

A significant section of the meeting was devoted to discussions around the 2025-2026 Church Development Plan. The PCC had previously sat at two sessions dedicated to the Development Plan in addition to a meeting providing Diocese support. A further meeting is scheduled prior to the involvement of the Diocesan Mission Enabler in August. A considerable amount of time has therefore been invested reflecting the importance of our Church Development Plan. In summary the plan is developing to incorporate the following three priorities

- inspiring each member of the church family to take the next step in their journey of faith.
- bringing the good news to bear in response to the needs and concerns of the community.
- increasing our capacity to take forward the mission of the church.

The meeting moved on to receive reports on other matters including Safeguarding, Fabric Committee activities, Health and Safety and the Bookham Youth Project. Joy Lord presented an encouraging report from the Eco Team. An application for the Gold Award has been prepared and will be submitted shortly. It should be noted that not many churches have the Gold so it will be quite an achievement if we are successful. Joy pointed out that we are particularly successful in collecting medicine blister packs with the added benefit of bringing the community into our church. So don't throw away those blister packs!

The meeting closed with a prayer.

David Barnes

Barnabas



Fellowship

HOW MANY SECRETS DOES THE VATICAN HOLD?

I heard recently that the Roman Catholics back in 1684 had removed 14 books of the bible to suit their needs. In 1611 there were 80 books in the bible and now this is reduced to just 66.

The missing books are known as the APOCRYPHA* (the Hidden).

In 1920 a Russian professor Genrikh Ludvic was given privileged access to their archives. But we have no idea if he did see the secret archives. He noted that he saw about 53 miles – 85 kilometres – of shelving and about 35000 catalogues dating back to 40BC.

What secrets are being held by the Vatican? never to be released?

We then discussed: -

1, What is that one piece of advice or secret your parents or any elderly relatives gave you, that you follow to this day?

2. If you could send a message back in time to your younger self, what life lesson would you share?

The discussion offered the following thoughts:

The past cannot be changed, edited or erased. It can only be accepted. What you learned from it gives you the power to move on and do better.

Measure twice, cut once. If it says WET PAINT, it probably was once or could be?

Sitting on cold steps can give you piles! DON'T TOUCH - HOT. Your choice?

If the train barriers are coming down DON'T think about dodging round them. You are NOT a CAT and don't have 9 lives.

If in doubt, ASK. Don't exceed the stated dose.

That 10 metre diving board is a long way down.

Be kind, it costs nothing. Friends are so hard to make but so easy to lose.

If it seems too good, be careful.

Life is a sexually transmitted terminal disease.

If you can swing your legs out of bed, it's going to be good day.

A Sailors Grip – how to pull someone out of water. Always ensure you have a 3 point grip when climbing ladders or on rocks.

Death is nature's way of telling you to slow down.

Don't go upstairs empty handed

Never forget your P & Q's.

Be Prepared – Scouts motto.

Give them wings to fly – ref kids

Rule of 7 – ref knowledge

Outside influences can lead your life

**Additional NOTE: Our Rector – Alan Jenkins – gave some more guidance/discussion re The APOCRYPHA – to the group regarding the hidden canons of scripture as the United Churches do not include the Roman Catholic teachings. There are special Bibles that do contain reference to this matter.*

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### **The St Nicolas Barnabas Fellowship**

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 News.

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 JULY MEETING**

Our meeting in July was a special one as the invited speaker was Letitia Mason, a Christian writer and blogger, who gave us an insight into her specialist subject Modern Slavery and Trafficking. Letitia is also a member of St. Paul's Church, Camberley but she also is on the board of All Together in Dignity with 50 years' experience of delivering social justice in parts of the world such as South Sudan and East Africa, which she has visited many times. She is also a fundraiser and activist in Flame International, a UK-based charity with the vision of freeing people from the pain and trauma of war and short-term reconciliation in post-war situations. She is part of a team of MU pastors and leaders who visit war-torn areas for a couple of weeks to try and help local people come to terms with the trauma of what they have experienced. They carry out a prayer ministry and also help in practical ways such as cooking meals for groups of 8 or 9 people at a time, giving people the space and opportunity to share their problems and stories. Letitia has always been interested in social justice and told us that many orphans in the Sudan are looked after by local Mothers' Union groups. As a result of this work, she has seen how many young orphans are pushed into selling themselves into slavery because they have no food or place to live. She reminded us that slavery runs through the Bible: Hagar was Sarah's slave, there were many slaves in Egypt and St. Paul has an encounter with a slave who becomes a Christian. Slavery was rife in the Roman Empire. It seems that the natural instinct of humans is to exploit each other. In England, of course, slavery was abolished in 19th century after 6 million people had been forced into slavery, and William Wilberforce had been instrumental in pushing Parliament to pass a law against this practice, encouraged by his many supporters, among them the Wesley brothers. In 1842 it was universally accepted that 'Slavery is a crime against humanity', which was embraced by every religion and not just by Christianity. Letitia had been inspired by the story of Harriet Tubman, a slave from the south of U.S.A. who escaped to North America and then returned many times to the southern states to help rescue other enslaved black people. She was a truly brave, inspirational woman who helped many to find new hope in the North of the U.S.A. and Canada. Human Rights

legislation has put structures in place to combat slavery which is a global phenomenon and after the 2nd World War in 1959 the European Court of Human Rights was set up in Strasbourg to help combat modern slavery. However it was only in 2015 that the Modern Slavery and Trafficking Act was passed to track down slavers and victims. However, she reminded us that we should always be on our guard in our everyday life: car wash operations, nail bars, hotels and takeaway restaurants are all places where modern slavery is rife and if we suspect anyone is being forced to work in this way, we should report it directly to the police. She had, herself, on one occasion reported such an instance to her local police and they took it very seriously and investigated her report. Letitia emphasised how important the work of the Mothers' Union is in countries like South Sudan, and other developing countries, through their literacy projects which enable women to be able to develop their ability to work and thus earn the respect of their husbands, and which helps them in post-war situations where they need to be able to look after their families. We all found her talk very stimulating and certainly raised our awareness of potential situations where we might come into contact with modern slavery and how to deal with it. Vivien Hollingsworth **We have two exciting events planned for October and hope that many of you will be able to attend one or the other...or even both!**

### **Grandparenting: What does it mean to be a grandparent with faith?**

For all grandparents and honorary grandparents

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**Thursday 10th October 10.00am to 2.00 pm - at the Church on the Heath, Elvetham Heath, Fleet GU51 1HA**

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**QUIET DAY Wednesday 16th October 10am to 2.30pm**

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Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided

**Non-members very welcome.**

Please contact the MU office for more information or if you have any queries.

Vivien Hollingsworth and Chris Collins



## **From Mary Rowling**

To all members of our church family, I wish to express my thanks for your love and concern following my heart operation.

I have greatly appreciated your telephone calls, visits, cards, offers of help, gifts and particularly, your prayers.

The treatment I received at The Atkinson Morley Hospital was superb, and gradually I am getting back to normal.

My praise and thanks to the Lord for all His many blessings and for all my fellow Christians in St Nicolas Church

Thank you

## **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 alright 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)

## Books for Teenagers

### What every teenager needs to decide about Jesus

#### **Like or Follow - by Dave Boden**

##### **Wins teens to the idea of following Jesus**

No one divides opinion like Jesus. Whatever your first impression of the most famous person in history, many young people claim he is still relevant to their lives today.

This simple introduction to Jesus for the curious will help you explore why so many build their lives around his teaching. You will be introduced to the facts and evidence about Jesus and discover how he can reframe your world with hope and purpose.



#### **New Morning Mercies for Teens - By Paul David Tripp**

##### **A Daily Gospel Devotional**

This updated edition of Paul David Tripp's best selling book *New Morning Mercies* features 365 engaging daily devotionals, adapted for teenagers. Each day includes:

A one sentence,  
Gospel-centred reading and an  
Extended meditation,  
Bible verses

A prompt for discussion or personal reflection.

Tripp also includes a bonus Q&A chapter in which he briefly answers questions around relevant topics including anxiety, gender, social media, and spiritual disciplines.

#### **Why Jesus? - By Nicky Gumbel**

Why Jesus? Is a concise, easy- to- read study of the very real questions people may have asked about Jesus and why his birth, death and resurrection are central to the Christian faith?

Written by Nicky Gumbel, the pioneer of Alpha and vicar of HTB (Holy Trinity Bromton) in London from 2005 to 2022, it explores why we need Jesus and how he satisfies our hunger for meaning and purpose in life, for life beyond death, and for forgiveness.

Exploring Jesus' claims, character and death, Nicky uses effortlessly uncomplicated language to talk about the freedom we receive from guilt,

addiction, and fear, and the freedom to know God, to love other people, and to change.

Sections within the booklet include:

Why do we need Jesus? –

How do we know Christianity is true? –

Who is Jesus? –

Why did he come? –

Why did he die? –

Common excuses for not accepting the gift –

What do we have to do? –

A simple prayer to start your relationship with God - What now?

Deborah Gallacher

For magazine re 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

# The 15 Minute Interview



Our 15-Minute Interview is with Liz Tapp, who is our Anna Chaplain. She has been 'in post' since January this year and the role is part of The Meeting Place, Golden Years team.

**The home I grew up in** was wonderful. The older I get, the more I appreciate it.

**When I was a child,** I wanted to work in the travel industry.

**An experience that changed me forever** was hearing and reading the words, 'Let God have your life – He can do more with it than you can.'

**You might not know it, but I'm very good** at multitasking.

**You might not know it, but I'm not very good** at drawing.

**A book (apart from The Bible) that influenced me** was 'A Huge Bag of Worries' by Virginia Ironside. It's a lovely children's story book which highlights the importance of caring. I also love books written by Rob Parsons and they always influence me.

**The music I most listen to** is varied. I love worship music and particularly like Guy Penrod and CeCe Winans. I also love music with a good beat so a combination of both such as 'Every Praise' sung by Hezekiah Walker is great!

**The work of art I'd most like to have in front of me** is of a beautiful beach scene with a long stretch of golden sand.

**If I have time to myself,** I LOVE reading my kindle, especially if I am on my swing chair in the garden!

**What makes me laugh the most** is my husband! He has a very good sense of humour, and we laugh a lot.

**My greatest regret is** spending time worrying about things which are not worth worrying about!

**I am most proud of** giving up chocolate for a whole year!

**My life in seven words**

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There will be three different homemade soups made mainly with seasonal vegetables followed by an apple crumble and custard. Gluten free options will be available.

Harvest is a great time of year to celebrate and give thanks for the bountiful food which the land provides, not just by farmers and market gardeners but also by individuals who produce fruit and vegetables in their own gardens or allotments.

The Eco team will be making the soup and providing the bread BUT would really appreciate offers to make apple crumbles sufficient for 6-8 people. Crumble creating offers to our co-ordinator Val Lambert (07939435668).



Guests are asked to bring their own cutlery and glasses. Water will be provided but there will be Fairtrade Wine available at a donation of £3 per glass.



Tickets will be £7 per person or £20 for a Family .

There is an online booking system for those able to use that or tickets may be obtained from the Church Office 9am-12noon Monday to Friday.

Proceeds will go towards the refurbishment of the Church Room toilets and/or other projects the PCC propose.

This is a great opportunity to meet together with friends and meet new ones in the environment of the church.



Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
John 6 v35

Cruise Crews Matter Too



Ruth Campbell, the Mission to Seafarers Port Chaplain for London, is tackling the neglected issue of cruise ship crew welfare by establishing a dedicated lounge in the Port of Tilbury Terminal, she writes in the June 2024 issue of the Flying Angel News: -

When we talk about sea blindness, we often think of our merchant seafarers carrying cargo around the world. But it also applies to those carrying passengers on cruise ships. Cruise ships are huge villages, sometimes with a population of several thousand, sailing around our oceans, and life on board is incredibly hectic.

There's a constant requirement to meet the needs of the passengers; the pressures of change days with passengers disembarking and then embarking within a few hours; your break can be as little as 20 minutes; there's a lack of private space; and then there's the isolation and separation from family for months at a time.

When you consider all of the above, your view of crew on cruise ships changes. It is far from a charmed life. It was against this backdrop that I knew I needed to do something to make their lives that little bit better.

I approached the port management at the London International Cruise Terminal in Tilbury to see if it would be possible to create a cruise crew lounge in some empty office space. I wanted this to be an area that cruise crew could use when they came ashore to relax with a cuppa; share a conversation with family and friends via free Wi-Fi; and chat with fellow crew members away from their work environment.

I was delighted when the port management agreed and duly allocated three unused offices. With funding from The Seafarers' Charity, the Merchant Navy Welfare Board and a private donor, we transformed the space into a series of seafarers' lounges, with a kitchen and attractive seating.

I have also mobilised a volunteer team to help me run this facility. Without them and our generous funders, this vision could not have become a reality.

This facility will be used by 8,000 seafarers each year and approximately 200 crew members each time a cruise ship docks at Tilbury. The crews constantly talk about the joy they experience here and how valued they feel in the knowledge that a recreation space has been specifically created for them.

They talk about experiences in other ports where they feel of little worth due to the fact they cannot use the areas and facilities exclusively for the passengers. The facility at Tilbury is unique in that it is exclusively for the cruise crew; it's their space created just for them.

I have been amazed by the impact this facility has had on crew morale and wellbeing. One of the innovative additions was a communications pod allowing crew to speak to family and friends in privacy. The pod was designed as a London phone box and my expectation was that it would be used more as a decorative piece for photos and selfies.

To my astonishment, 18 cruise crew used the facility on a practical level within the first two hours to contact family and friends. They told me that there is a real lack of private space onboard the cruise ship, the simple act of being able to have a private conversation was one they greatly appreciated.

I have always been a champion of seafarers but now I am a champion of both merchant and cruise crew. Their needs may be different but both groups need the support of organisations such as the Mission and Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest. The overwhelming message I receive from the cruise crew is 'thank you'.



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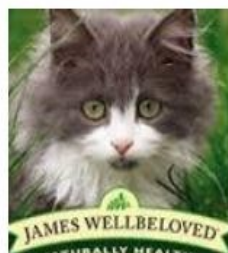
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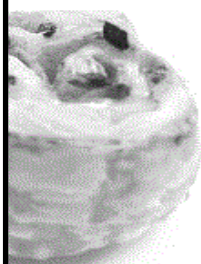
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Holy Days – 1st September

St Giles was an immensely popular saint in the Middle Ages, and no wonder: he was the patron saint of cripples. In those days, there were many people who, once injured, were never really whole again. Even today, a serious injury – either physical or mental or emotional, can leave us damaged for months, years or even longer. At such times, we, too, find inspiration in others who, though also damaged by life, have not been overwhelmed.

St Giles was probably born in Provence, southern France early in the 7th century. The 10th century *Legenda Aurea* (Golden Legend) tells us he lived as a holy hermit deep in the forest of Nimes, near the mouth of the Rhone. A hind, or Red Deer, was his only companion. Then one day, while out hunting, King Wamba spotted the deer, and pursued it. The hind fled back to St Giles for protection. King Wamba shot an arrow which missed the deer but pierced the saint who was protecting it. Thus the king encountered the saint. The saint's acceptance of his injury, and his holiness greatly impressed the king, who conceived a great admiration for St Giles.

In the end, much good came out of the original harm of the encounter, for the king built St Giles a monastery in his valley, Saint-Gilles-du-Gard. The little monastery was put under the Benedictine rule and became a source of blessing for the area roundabout. In later years, St Giles' shrine would become an important pilgrimage centre on the route for both Compostela and the Holy Land, as well as in its own right.

There is a further story connected with St Giles. Another legend tells how an emperor sought forgiveness from him for a sin so terrible he dared not even confess it. While St Giles said Mass, he saw written for him by an angel the nature of the sin in question. But his prayers for the emperor were so efficacious that the letters naming the sin faded away. As Christians, we know that the Bible urges us to pray for others, no matter how hopelessly bad they seem, because Christ's mercy and forgiveness are extended to everyone who truly turns to Him and repents.

St Giles, the crippled saint who helped others find wholeness with God, became patron saint of cripples, lepers and nursing mothers. In England 162 ancient churches are dedicated to him, as well as at least 24 hospitals. The most famous of these are St Giles in Edinburgh and St Giles in Cripplegate, London. In art, St Giles is represented as either a simple abbot with staff, or protecting the hind, or saying the Mass, and thus interceding for the emperor.



Hearing Champions

A Guildford Diocese initiative,
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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

October 5th

November 2nd

December 7th

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



A fortnightly group for carers and partners
living with dementia



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

Tuesday 3rd September

Tuesday 1st Oct

Tuesday 29th Oct

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

She looks forward to meeting you.

Prayers for September

Confession

Lord, we are to blame,
For we have not followed your law,
We have not kept your commandments.
We have not sought for you with all our heart,
We have not walked in your ways,
Nor have we fully obeyed you;
Lord, we long to be faithful and obedient:
Do not put us to shame.
Give us upright hearts,
And teach us obedience.
For Jesus sake. Amen

Loving Father, we praise you for Jesus who was prepared to take on the shame of the cross that we might be free from the guilt of sin and the horror of shame. We praise you for full and free forgiveness in Christ. Amen.

Father God, please help us to look to you for our needs today for you are willing and able to answer our prayers. Help us and give us the power we need to walk in your ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Now two prayers for anxious times

Heavenly Father, our ever-present help in trouble, our fortress and our God, calm the anxious fears of all who turn to you. Give strength and healing to those who are sick and courage and strength to those who care for them. Grant wisdom and clarity to those in authority and humble us all to call upon you that we may be saved not only in this life but also for that which is to come through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Loving Heavenly Father, at this time of great uncertainty in our country and around the world, we pray that people would turn to you for stability and comfort. We pray particularly for those who don't yet know Jesus that through some means in the midst of all that is happening, they would hear the good news of him. Grant them repentance and the knowledge of the truth that they may know you and the secure joy of eternal life in him for we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

Lord we pray for those facing unemployment. Sustain them and give them the perseverance as they seek new work. Give them purpose and

encouragement as they wait. We pray for those struggling with poor mental health. Grant them good medical advice and expertise in their pain and weakness. Help them to turn to you the source of all life and health. Please restore them to full health. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

We pray for our political leaders facing seemingly impossible challenges at the moment and needing wisdom far beyond any they have of themselves. Please grant them the wisdom they need. As you direct the hearts of kings and rulers so in your mercy steer them in the paths of righteousness for your names sake. Amen

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
Amen

We pray the Lord's Prayer and end by saying The Grace

Deborah Gallacher



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READINGS AT THE SUNDAY SERVICES
September 2024



- 1st** **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Matthew 13: 3-23
- 8th** **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
James 2: 1-13; Matthew 20: 1-16
- 15th** **Sixteenth after Trinity**
James 3: 1-12; Matthew 25: 1-13
- 22nd** **Seventeenth After Trinity**
Ephesians 2: 1-10; Luke 15: 11-24
- 29th** **Harvest**
Joel 2: 21-27; Matthew 6: 25-33

In September we start a new series of sermons on the parables, based on John Ortberg's book, 'Imagine Life Gods Way'

Church Development Plan Prayer Focus

1 st September	Growing a diverse families' and children's ministry	Celeste Rios
8 th September	Effective Communications Strategy	Vicki Dixon
15 th September	Confident in our witness and service	Alan Jenkins
22 nd September	Changes to our building	Chris Turner
29 th September	Growing a diverse families' and children's ministry	Celeste Rios



From the Parish Registers



Deaths

18 th July 2024	Sheila Jones	Aged 88
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Baptisms

28 th July 2024	Lyla Rose Angell
28 th July 2024	Isabella Lockwood Samson



St Nicolas Cycle of Prayer September 2024

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

1 st		Children's Groups and Activites <i>Celeste Rios</i>	Richmond Close
8 th	Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) <i>Val Lambert Jenny Evans</i>	ECO Team Margaret Hibbert Val Lambert	Highcroft Court
15 th	The Meeting Place <i>Margaret Hibbert Val Lambert</i>		Hambledon Place
22 nd	<i>Bible Society Suzie and Alan Jenkins</i>	Barnabas Men's Fellowship <i>David King</i>	Meadowside
29 th	Fairtrade and Eco Team <i>Margaret Hibbert and Team</i>		Elmfield Leaside

Occupation for September: Communications, Media and Journalism

Calendar September 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).

August			
27 th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
28 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
29 th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
September			
1 st	Sun	1000	Morning Praise (Church)
2 nd	Mon	0830	Morning Prayer (online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)
3 rd	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
		1130	Mothers' Union Prayers (Church)
4 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
5 th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion – Mothers' Union (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
6 th	Fri	1530	BYouth ((Pastoral Centre)
7 th	Sat	1000	CDP Prayers (Church Room)
9 th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
10 th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
		1130	Mothers' Union prayers (Church)
11 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
12 th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
		1415	Mothers' Union (Pastoral Centre)
13 th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
14 th		0900	Saturday Prayers (online)
		0930	Sale of Paintings (Church)
		1930	Friary Brass Band Concert (Church)
16 th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (Online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
		2000	PCC Meeting (Church Room)
17 th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
18 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
19 th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
20 th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
21 st	Sat	0830	Barnabas Mens Fellowship (Pastoral Centre)

23 rd	Mon	0830 1000 1530	Morning Prayers (online) Tots Alive (Church and Church Room) BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
24 th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
25 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
26 th	Thurs	1000 1040	Holy Communion (Church) Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
27 th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
28 th	Sat	0900	Saturday Prayers (online)
29 th	Sun	1200	Harvest Lunch
30 th	Mon	0830 1000 1530	Morning Prayers (online) Tots Alive (Church and Church Room) BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
October			
1 st	Tues	1000 1130	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre) Mothers' Union Prayers (Church)
2 nd	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
3 rd	Thurs	1000 1040 1300	Holy Communion (Church) Thursday Coffee (Church Room) Eastwick Schools Harvest Service (Church)
9th September 2024 - Copy for October 2024			

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Wendy checked the message on her mobile

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Sunday Groups	GLOW at 10am – Celeste Rios	07707 439799
Tots Alive!	Celeste Rios	07707 439799
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