


Open to God. Open to one another. Open to the community.

	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Reading Psalm Hymns	Sunday 28 April 2024 5th Sunday of Easter
		Acts 8:26-end
		1 John 4:7-end
		John 15:1-8
		22:25-end
	453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour 563 O Lord my God 688 Take this moment 337 I the Lord of sea and sky	

This week is Home group week

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 29 April	John 14:21-26	10am Babies & Bumps 2.30pm Tea and Tinies
Tues 30 April	John 14:27-end	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 1 May	John 14:1-14	11am Service 7.30pm Scriptural Reasoning
Thurs 2 May	John 15:9-11	POLLING STATION
Fri 3 May	John 15:12-17	10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm SNAC
Sat 4 May	John 15:18-21	Meet The Artist 2pm-4pm

To watch the live stream of our Sunday service please go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/@stnicolasearley1496/featured>

**This Sunday 28 April 11.50am Earley St Nicolas
 Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

PRAYER

Collect: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

A Haiku poem from The Lectionary in 17 Syllables by Andy Campbell, Emma Major & Rachel Summers **5th Sunday of Easter (John 15:1-8)**

God's life runs through us

Causing us to bear good fruit

Like sap in our veins.

**God our Father,
You have revealed Your love for us
in the death and Resurrection
of Jesus your Son.
Increase our love for one
another that we may be
your disciples in name and in truth.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Prayer at St Nicolas There are a group of people who love to pray for anything which is on your mind. You can contact Jenny Bryce at 07963 905663 or the office on office@stnicolas.org.uk or write a card and put it in the prayer box in church. All requests in the box are prayed at Morning prayer at 9am Monday - Thursday.

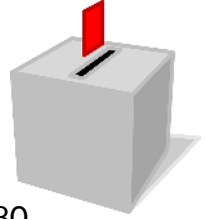
Please feel free to join our 6pm Prayer group every Sunday on [Zoom](#) Meeting ID 872 7137 1558 Or join us in person Monday - Thursday at 9am in Church

Notices



APCM this Sunday – it is our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting this Sunday 28th April** after the 10am Service and it would be lovely if as many of you as possible could attend.

Polling Day this Thursday 2 May - As always we will be offering all voters tea, coffee and pastries. **If you are able to help with serving the refreshments** I would love to hear from you. If you can offer an hour or two that would be wonderful. Please email me at office@stnicolas.org.uk or give me a ring on 0118 9669080. Many thanks, Vicki



St Nics Pub Night- Thursday 2 May at 7.30pm at the Three Tuns Pub, 191 Wokingham Road RG6 1LT. Come along for a chat and a drink and maybe a cheeky pudding. The first Thursday of every month. For more details please contact Eleanor 07879 820367, Everyone welcome.



DIALOGUE SOCIETY

SCRIPTURAL REASONING

Weds 1st May

7.30-9.00 pm at
St.Nicolas Church Early

“Food”

Please email us , if you'd like to join us
reading@dialoguesociety.org

News from Oxford Diocese



Election to Diocesan Synod

This year is an election year for Diocesan Synod and every parishioner in the diocese is invited to consider standing. Download the leaflet for more information about [standing for Diocesan Synod](#) and how it helps to shape the future of the Church in our diocese.

Citizens' alliance unites community to action

Continuing with their pledge to 'make Oxford a better place for everyone', Thames Valley Citizens have kick-started their campaign by focussing on housing justice, inclusive jobs and the safety of women and girls.

An accountability assembly is an event used by Citizens' alliances to build public relationships with decision-makers, by presenting testimonies of community concerns and bringing specific asks to those with the power to make change.

Representatives from organisations in Oxford, Milton Keynes and Reading Citizens attended including [Oxford Citizens and Reading Citizens which were founded last November, making them Citizens UK's newest alliances](#). The diocese is a strategic partner of Thames Valley Citizens.

The purpose of the assembly, hosted by Oxford Brookes Students Union, was to introduce the Oxford Citizens and Reading Citizens alliances, build public relationships with Oxford City Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner candidates, and make progress on their campaigns. Speakers shed light on pressing issues such as poor housing in Oxford and safety concerns faced by women in Reading. There was also a chance for members to build relationships, strengthening public friendships across organisations.

[Read the full report from the event on our website.](#)



Men's Curry Club



*because
we're
worth
it!*

**Usual first Wednesday of the month,
at 8pm on Weds. 01 May 2024.**

Rajmoni Restaurant, Maiden Place, Lower Earley

Come along and enjoy the welcome!

ca. £30 for a poppadum, 2 courses, 2 drinks & tip.

Contact David Pooler for details



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What is Ride and Stride?

Ride and Stride is a national fund-raising event in support of historic churches.



It takes place on the second Saturday in September each year. County Historic Churches Trusts, which are all independent charities, organise the event in their local areas. The Berkshire Historic Churches Trust is responsible for the event in Berkshire.

Participants walk or cycle to as many churches as they can, and seek sponsorship for their efforts. Half of what they raise may go to a nominated church (usually the one they themselves attend); the remainder goes to the Trust, and provides the funds from which the Trust makes grants to support repair and conservation work in churches in its area.

Nationally, Ride and Stride raises over £1m each year. In 2023, Berkshire Historic Churches Trust raised almost £26,000.

Why join in?

1. It's a great way to raise much-needed funds in support of our churches.
2. Riding and striding is fun, and a good way to see other churches and meet other Christians on the way. You can go on your own, or in a group, and you can walk or cycle, or indeed use any legal means of locomotion!

How can you help?

Join in! Persuade friends, family and members of your local congregation to sponsor you, and go forth. (If a long walk to other churches is too much, why not seek sponsorship for walking round your own church or churchyard?)

Full details, including publicity material, sponsorship forms, suggested routes, and everything else you will need will be available on our website shortly. Or contact your area co-ordinator, Peter Durrant, at berkschurchestrustchair@gmail.com or telephone 07940 266478.

Since it was founded 40 years ago, the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust has given grants totalling over £700,000 to Berkshire churches. For more information, see our website:

www.berkshirechurchestrust.org.uk Registered charity 288797



Erleigh Cantors



CHAMBER CHOIR DIRECTED BY IAN WESTLEY

ORGAN: Simon Dinsdale

FLUTE: Clive Nunn

READER: Merry Evans

Earley St Peter's Church, Church Road, Reading RG6 1EY

CHORAL CONCERT

Ave Maria ~ in Honour of the Virgin Mary

SATURDAY 11 MAY 7.00 PM

including music by:

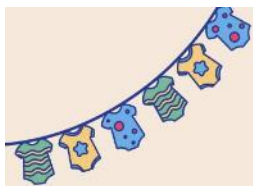
Holst, Bruckner, Howells, Vivanco,
Schubert, Dubra, Grieg, Guerrero and Debussy

**In aid of ALEXANDER DEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE
and EARLEY ST PETER'S CHURCH**

Admission – suggested donation £10 for adults, £8 for students, under-18s free.

**Refreshments will be available during the interval,
and a range of Mama Nunn preserves will be on sale in aid of
Alexander Devine Children's Hospice.**

**For tickets or more information contact
Maggie Nunn on 07946 620560 or Ian Westley on 0118 947 8382.**



Tea & Tinies



MONDAYS 2:30PM



**COME AND HAVE A CUPPA, STAY AND
PLAY, A SAFE SPACE TO MEET WITH
OTHER MUMS AND CARERS**



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