

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



**First Reading**  
**Second Reading**  
**Gospel Reading**  
**Psalm**  
**Hymns**

<b>Sunday 12 May 2024</b> 7th Sunday of Easter	
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 21-end
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 John 5:9-13
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	John 17:6-19
<b>Psalm</b>	1
<b>Hymns</b>	14 All hail the power of Jesus' 399 Jesus shall reign 387 Jesus is Lord 103 Christ triumphant

*This week is Homegroup week*

	<b>Bible Readings</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Mon 13 May</b>	John 16:29-end	<b>10am-12pm Bumps and Babies</b> <b>2.30pm Tea &amp; Tinies</b>
<b>Tues 14 May</b>	John 15:9-17	<b>10am-12pm Board Games Café</b> <b>2.15pm Mothers' Union Meeting</b>
<b>Weds 15 May</b>	John 17:11-19	<b>11am Service</b> <b>2pm Earley &amp; District Flower Club</b>
<b>Thurs 16 May</b>	John 17:20-end	<b>2pm Over 50s</b>
<b>Fri 17 May</b>	John 21:15-19	<b>10am-12pm Community Coffee</b> <b>2pm SNAC</b>
<b>Sat 18 May</b>	John 21:20-end	

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

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

# PRAYER

**Collect:** Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

A Haiku poem from The Lectionary in 17 Syllables by Andy Campbell, Emma Major & Rachel Summers **7th Sunday of Easter (John 17:6-19)**

**Protected, as one,**

**Gathered under the one name**

**Belonging in truth.**

*Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten  
Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

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**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](mailto: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.

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**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



The Mothers' Union will be having a most interesting speaker this Tuesday 14th May. We have Jaye Windmill giving a historical talk on "The Emergence of England" There will be refreshments afterwards. The meeting will be held in Church at 2.15pm. All are welcome.



**Of God, dogs and people: thinking theologically about human-canine relationships** Monday 13 May, 7.30-9pm, ZeroDegrees Bar, Bridge Street, Reading and online.

Café Théologique welcomes the Revd Dr Fiona Haworth, who will be sharing from her PhD research into the theology of human-canine relationships. Free to attend without booking. Zoom joining details: [u.nu/cafetheo](https://u.nu/cafetheo) Meeting ID: 994 1078 8443 Passcode: 511541

It's time to get excited for the 2024 Community Festival - our FREE one day celebration for the whole Reading community.

Taking place from 11am-5pm on Saturday 18 May, our

Whiteknights campus will be alive with live music and performance, fascinating research talks for all ages, sports taster sessions, great food and drink and much, much more.

This is for everyone in the community, including alumni, staff and students. So, round-up your pals, and the kids and book your place online now.

See the full line-up and book your place

<https://rdg.ac/communityfest>



# Palestine

news from Fair Trade producers



**Cathi Pawson**, co-founder of **Zaytoun**, will talk about the difficulties experienced by Palestinian farmers working under military occupation. Zaytoun Harvest exhibition and stall.  
Refreshments & Palestinian snacks.

**Sunday 12 May 4pm free**

**risc 35-39 London St RG1 4PS** ♿

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Hosted by RISC & Kairos Reading



[www.risc.org.uk](http://www.risc.org.uk)

# Join TeamLaunchpad and bed down under the stars in the grounds of University of Reading

Saturday 6 July - 6.30pm until breakfast



launchpadreading.org.uk/bsou

Fundraising you can do in your sleep



Are you willing to swap your comfortable bed for a night under the stars to ensure others in Reading don't have to? Registration is open for [Launchpad Reading's](https://launchpadreading.org.uk/bsou) Big Sleep Out, taking place on 6 July on the [University of Reading](https://www.reading.ac.uk/) campus. All money raised from this event will help people from across Reading avoid homelessness.

<https://whatsonreading.com/launchpads-big-sleep-out-back...>



The next **Cake and Craft Sale** will be on **Sunday 28 May after the 10am Service**. If you are able to make a cake to be sold please let Denise Rees know. All proceeds go to St Nics. Thank you to Maggie and Denise for organising the sales throughout the year.

BY DR EMMA NICHOLLS FGS

# Dinosaurs!!!

A talk by the renowned Dr Emma Nicholls of University of Oxford Museum of Natural History.

Join us for a journey of scientific exploration, from the earliest dinosaur discoveries to the latest, and the one fossil that started it all.

**TUES 11TH JUNE 2024**

**7.30-9.00PM**

**EARLEY CRESCENT RESOURCE  
CENTRE, WARBLER DRIVE,  
LOWER EARLEY RG6 4HB**

Adults £5.00, children £2.00 (suitable for older children, approx 12 +)

To apply for tickets contact Angela  
[angela\\_e\\_h@hotmail.com](mailto:angela_e_h@hotmail.com)  
07866 158 601 Berkshire Federation



The Women's Institute is over 100 years old but we are moving with the times! The public are very welcome to our talks & events. We hope that you will join us for a stimulating evening by this prominent paleontologist.

## Earley Patchwork coming on well!



The Earley patchwork is looking really good and people are still producing loads of great ideas! If you would like to decorate a patch please contact Liz Kerry or the Parish office. It can be decorated with anything but has to have some relevance to Earley.

Next meeting 8th June 10am -12 in the cafe area, St Nicolas, Sutcliffe Avenue. [#earleyonesquareatatime](#)



### Toilet Twinning Collection is looking flush!

We are continuing to collect spare change in order to twin the toilets in the St Nicolas Centre. So if you have a moneybox that is gathering dust and needs emptying please feel free to add it to the collection in the Servedy. Every penny counts towards giving safe sanitation to a community in a developing country.

Michael Garaway



# INSIGHTS

14 - 31 May 2024

Open 10 am - 4 pm Mon - Sat

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