

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



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

<b>Sunday 26 May 2024</b> Trinity Sunday	
<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 6:1-8
<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 8:12-17
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	John 3:1-17
<b>Psalm</b>	29
<b>Hymns</b>	310 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty 422 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us 75 Blessed assurance 491 Love divine

This week is Half Term Holiday.....

	<b>Bible Readings</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Mon 27 May</b>	Mark 10:17-27	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Tues 28 May</b>	Mark 10:28-31	<b>10am-12pm Board Games Café</b>
<b>Weds 29 May</b>	Mark 10:32-45	<b>11am Service</b>
<b>Thurs 30 May</b>	Mark 10:46-end	<b>2pm Over 50s – Forestcare Talk</b>
<b>Fri 31 May</b>	Luke: 1:39-49 (50-56)	<b>10am-12pm Community Coffee</b> <b>2pm SNAC</b>
<b>Sat 1 June</b>	Mark 11:27-end	

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

***Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."***  
 John 3: 5-7

# PRAYER

**Collect:** Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Haiku poem from The Lectionary in 17 Syllables by Andy Campbell, Emma Major & Rachel Summers **Trinity Sunday (John 3:1-17)**

***God's love outpoured***

*Jesus saves,*

*doesn't condemn Water and spirit.*

## ***A Prayer for Trinity Sunday***

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
animate our living.*

*Help us to forget ourselves,*

*To get caught up in the mystery of your love and life.*

*Let us never forget the need to care for the good of others.*

*Never let us take for granted the mystery of life.*

*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

Over 50s will be having a talk and information session with Forestcare on Thursday 30 May at 2pm. Forestcare provides emergency assistance



24 hours a day, every day of the year. The Responder Service provides CQC registered professional emergency home care, anytime of the day or night. For more information please come along to the session.

Hot on the heels of their 80th anniversary celebration, [Reading Symphony Orchestra](#) are back at [Reading Minster](#) for their Summer Concert on 29 June, with Shakespeare-infused Berlioz, a Schumann symphony and [Charlie Lovell-Jones](#) on soloist duties for Brahms' violin concerto.



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# The Walter Lecture

## In Our Hands: *our climate future*

**Prof. Christopher Merchant**

(Ocean & Earth Observation)

Department of Meteorology,  
University of Reading



**7pm, Thursday 6 June 2024**

**St Paul's Parish Rooms**

With the "climate crisis" repeatedly in the news over the past year, how serious is global warming?

What happened to Earth's climate recently, and what is to come?

Why is Net Zero promoted as a solution to global warming and is it possible, or even desirable?

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## **In Our Hands: our climate future**

With the “climate crisis” repeatedly in the news over the past year, how serious is global warming? What happened to Earth’s climate recently, and what is to come? Why is Net Zero promoted as a solution to global warming? Is Net Zero possible, or even desirable? What can I do about all this?

Prof. Christopher Merchant will address these questions in his talk, *In our hands: our climate future*, followed by ample time for audience questions and answers. The talk will present the key science that makes climate change a formidable challenge, and will discuss how ingenuity and determination can meet the Net-Zero goal. Highlighting optimistic examples of progress towards a sustainable climate, Prof. Merchant will explain the urgency of faster action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and the important roles we each have in responding to climate change.

Christopher is Professor of Ocean and Earth Observation at the University of Reading. He has worked as a climate scientist for more than twenty years. Chris and his team are recognised experts at measuring in detail, the warming of the world over recent decades from sensors orbiting the Earth on satellites. Prior to joining the University of Reading, Chris taught at the University of Edinburgh, and before that he was a research engineer in the electrical industry.

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To book a place, choose one of the following:

- Scan the QR code below
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- Go to: <https://spauls.co.uk/events/walter-lectures-01/>

Or for more information call St Paul’s Church Office on 0118 979 2122.







**THE GREAT  
BIG GREEN  
WEEK**

Talk + Q&A

Sunday 9th June, 7-9pm

## Our Moral Obligation? Faith, climate & displacement

Council Chamber, Henley Town Hall, RG9 2AQ

As hundreds of millions of people face potential displacement over the next two decades due to climate change, what is our social and moral responsibility?

Join us for an engaging evening discussion exploring different perspectives to this question with our guest speakers:

- **Dr Krish Kandiah OBE**, President of Henley YMCA
- **The Rt Revd Olivia Graham**, Bishop of Reading
- **Rachael Orr**, CEO of Climate Outreach
- **Dr Alex Arnall**, Associate Professor of Environment and Development at the University of Reading

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## Join us in prayer for the General Election

Now that Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has called a General Election, there are just six weeks until the nation goes to the polls to choose the next government on 4 July. So now is the time for churches and individuals to take action!

At the centre of this action is a call to prayer as we look ahead to a season of change.

Bishop Steven reflected: *"The Church is called to pray for the wellbeing of our nation and society as we approach the crossroads of a General Election. The world and our nation face deep and serious challenges. We should pray for integrity and grace in every aspect of the campaign. I call on all Christians across the Diocese of Oxford to set aside time each day to pray for our nation."*

*"I know that every church across the Diocese of Oxford will pray for the election each time Christians meet together. Everyone is welcome to join us. Christians across the diocese will be hosting hustings in every constituency. These familiar lines from the Lord's Prayer will guide us in our intercessions and our actions, as Jesus prayed:  
'your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.'"*

Alongside prayer, three more things you can sign up for the 21-day General Election Prayer Journey.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024>

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**SATURDAY 8 JUNE 11am-3pm**

**PLANT  
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