

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

<p>First Reading Second Reading Gospel Reading Psalm Hymns</p>	<p>Sunday 29 September 2024 Trinity 18 - Creation Season</p>
	<p>Esther 7:1-6,9,10;9:20-22</p>
	<p>James 5:13-end</p>
	<p>Mark 9:38-end</p>
	<p>124</p>
	<p>467 Lord of all hopefulness 382 Jesus Christ is waiting 237 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name 819 When I needed a neighbour</p>

Home Group week	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 30 Sept	Luke 9:46-50	<p>10am Bumps & Babies 2.30pm Tea & Tinies</p>
Tues 1 Oct	Luke 9:51-56	<p>10am-12pm Board Games Café</p>
Weds 2 Oct	Luke 9:57-end	<p>11am Service 7.30pm Scriptural Reasoning 8pm Men's Curry Club</p>
Thurs 3 Oct	Luke 10:1-12	<p>2pm Over 50's 7.30pm St Nics Pub Night</p>
Fri 4 Oct	Luke 10:13-16	<p>10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm SNAC</p>
Sat 5 Oct	Luke 10:17-24	

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

*'for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward'. **Mark 9 39- 41***

PRAYER

Collect: God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Haiku poem from The Lectionary in 17 Syllables by Andy Campbell, Emma Major & Rachel Summers (**Mark 9:38-50**)

Things that cause stumbling -

Even if we hold them dear -

Are not worth keeping

Heavenly Father, the light of Christ shines in the world and cannot be overcome.

You promised us that in John's Gospel, at the beginning of John's Gospel. Your Son came to bring peace to a torn world and a torn creation.

In Colossians 1, we are told that He reconciled all things, that He is the Prince of Peace, of harmonious relationships, of love for one another.

I pray for that peace to overflow, so they search and hunger for peace in the world and are builders of peace and makers of peace.

Father, You call us to peace; eternal peace is our future.

Bless this work of making peace today and equip us to do so, in Jesus' name, 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 or write a card and put it in the prayer box in church. All requests in the box are prayed for on a Sunday morning by our Prayer Ministry Team.

Please feel free to join our **6pm Prayer group every Sunday** on [Zoom](#) Meeting ID 872 7137 1558 we will be praying for the vacancy as well as the needs of the world and our community



It's **Harvest Festival on Sunday 13th October** so we will be **decorating Church on Saturday 12th Oct from 10am**. If you can donate any **hydrangea heads with stems of 12 to 15 inches and/or hops** please leave them in the lobby by 10am on Sat (12th Oct) so we can use them in the decoration, if you have any queries please speak to Jane (Churchwarden).

Don't forget to **sign up for Harvest Brunch (sheet in Church) by Thursday 10th October** and any offers of help would be appreciated. Again any queries please speak to Jane.

We are again supporting **Woodley Foodbank and CIRDIC with Harvest donations** so if you are able please **bring them to the service on 13th October**, list of the items they are short of are as below:

Sugar	Tinned Soups (Veg and Meat)
Coffee	Meat meals (tinned)
Pasta	Biscuits
Cereals	Crisps
Pasta Sauce	Custard - tinned and dried
Spaghetti (dried)	Tinned Desserts
Noodles (incl Pot Noodles)	Long Life milk
Tinned Vegetables (all types, incl potatoes)	Juice (cordial and long life)
Tinned pies (Fray Bentos Meat and Veg varieties)	Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Tinned fish	Shampoo and Shower Gel
Tinned fruit	Deodorants (M&F)
	Toilet Rolls

PCC Update

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) met on Weds 25th Sept. The main bullet points that came out of the meeting are as follows:

- **The Parish Profile team** will be meeting w/c 7 Oct so if you haven't already taken part in the open meeting and would like to have your say, or you have thought of something you would like to add since the meeting, please either email the parish office office@stnicolas.org.uk or fill in the form in Church or in the servery.

A reminder the questions are:

1. **Since our last open meeting in January, are there any changes to where we are now?**
2. **Where do we want our ministry and outreach to be heading? Where/who are we being called to serve?**
3. **What gifts and talents would we like in our next priest?**

- **The Section 12 meeting** to review the new Parish Profile will be on 27 Nov.
- **We will be a 'Warm Space' over the Autumn/Winter period**, all day on all day on a Monday, Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Further details to follow.
- **Finance:** We are due to be in deficit for the second year in a row. We continue to try and find new hirers for the spaces in the centre and the Finance team will be looking at ways to increase our income. There will also be a Stewardship Sunday in November.
- **Church Bell** - We would like to ring the bell every week before the 10am service? If you fancy giving it a go please speak to the Churchwardens.

If you have any questions you would like to put to the PCC please email them to office@stnicolas.org.uk or drop a note into the Parish Office.

Members of PCC are: *Jane Olney, Julia Jones, Wendy Neale (Chair) Akinyele Olopade, Pat Holloway, Eleanor Gunbie, Denise Rees, Jenny Bryce, Uki Abu, John Bethell, Emma Major, Elaine Spratling, Lynn Olasunkanmi, Bernie Choi, Vicki Procko (PCC Sec)*



We will be having a fascinating talk at the next **Mothers' Union meeting on 8th October** when **Christopher Rees will be sharing his life as a Firefighter**. Christopher is Denise Rees's son. We look forward to hearing

from him at the usual meeting time of **2.15pm in the Church**. There will be refreshments afterwards. All are most welcome.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

If you couldn't make it to The Macmillan Coffee Morning but would like to donate please go to our just giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/CM24072506>



Chat and learn as church hosts second Earth Fayre

All Saints Church in Wokingham is hosting an [Earth Fayre](#) on Saturday 28 September, following the success of last year's inaugural event.

Visit from 10am to 3pm and see the many stalls that will be taking part. There will also be a number of guest speakers, each with something important to say about the environment.

There will be children's activities, which entertain as well as inform them about the challenges we face to address the climate emergency.

It is free to attend and the café at All Saints Church will be open, serving hot drinks and cakes.

Prickle Lodge Hedgehog Rescue

How you can help to save Britain's favourite mammal



- **Provide fresh food and water all year round**
 - A dish of dry Kitten biscuits (ensure the first listed ingredient is meat) will provide complete and balanced nourishment
 - Purina One, or IAMS kitten biscuits are perfect
 - A shallow dish (ceramic cat bowl) is important as hedgehogs have short necks
- **Provide access into your garden / your neighbour's garden**
 - Hedgehogs travel up to 3km a night in search of food. A 13cm x 13cm gap in the bottom of your fence will help hedgehogs roam freely
- **Create a wild area in your garden**
 - A wild area offers shelter, protection and natural food
- **Be aware of the dangers**
 - Garden or sports netting, ponds with no ramps, litter, bonfires, dogs and open drains with no cover are all dangers for hedgehogs
- **If you see a hedgehog out in the day this is an emergency, please be their ambulance**
 - Wear gloves, bring them indoors, warm a hot water bottle and wrap them in a fleece
 - Place them in high sided box, place another fleece or lots of scrunched up kitchen roll over them so they can hide
 - Put a shallow dish of water in the box
 - Place in a quiet well-lit room
 - Find your local rescue helpwildlife.co.uk

For more information go to: Pricklelodge-hedgehogrescue.org

- **Email:** pricklelodge@gmail.com (non-emergencies)
- In emergencies call: 07526 044935
- Follow us on **X** @pricklelodge



because
we're
worth
it!

**Usual first Wednesday of the month,
at 8pm on Weds. 02 October 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

☎ 0741.379.5050

✉ dave@poolers.co.uk



St Nics Pub Night- Thursday 3 Oct
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.



REINSPIRED

Quiz Night

12 October 2024 7pm start

(Doors open 6.30pm)

St Nicolas Centre, Sutcliffe Ave, Earley

£7 per head

**Includes a game of heads & tails
and a raffle too**

Fun, laughter and a warm welcome awaits you as we host
a fundraising event for

REinspired & Alexander Devine

Our Quiz masters are Julia and David Eversham, so we are
in good hands

Come as a team (up to 8 people), a small group or an
individual and we will allocate you to one on the night

Please bring your own drinks and refreshments

To reserve your place, email
office@reinspired.org.uk

