


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



Clocks Change Sunday 30 March

Don't forget to change you clocks, as we spring forward one hour!

Sunday 30 March 2025
Mothering Sunday
4th Sunday of Lent

	First Reading	Exodus 2:1-10
	Second Reading	-
	Gospel Reading	John 19:25-27
	Psalm	127:1-4
	Hymns	195 For the beauty of the earth 194 For Mary mother of our Lord 654 She sits like a bird 692 Tell out my soul

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 31 Mar	John 4:43-end	2.30pm Tea & Tinies 7.30pm Lent Course in Church
Tues 1 April	John 5:1-3, 5-16	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 2 April	John 5:17-30	11am Service 8pm Men's Curry Night 7.30pm Scriptural Reasoning
Thurs 3 April	John 5:31-end	2pm Over 50s 7.30pm St Nics Pub Night
Fri 4 April	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	10am-12pm Community Coffee 3pm-4.30pm After School Gardening 2pm-4pm SNAC
Sat 5 April	John 7:40-52	

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

26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' 27 Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19:26-27

PRAYER

Collect: God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Haiku poem from The Lectionary in 17 Syllables by Andy Campbell, Emma Major & Rachel Summers **4th Sunday in Lent (Luke 15:1-3,11-32)**
Eating with sinners, All lost sheep are welcome home
Always loved by God.

*Loving God
You father and mother us all our days
Even before we acknowledged you, You loved us;
You laboured to bring us to birth, new birth
And how joyful for You was that birthing;
In the secret place of our lives
You nourish us,
Offering us the feeding that we need
To grow as human beings
Yours are the arms reaching out to cradle us
Loving, mothering God;
Strong and true
We worship you today
Amen*

A prayer by John Harvey

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

NOTICES

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 6 April after 10am Service

The Earley St Nicolas Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be taking place **in Church and on Zoom**. This is a review of the Past 12 months in the life of the church and your chance to ask any questions you may have. The APCM Booklet will be emailed out next week and a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements is available for you to have a look at on the board at the back of church.

We have the following vacancies:

3 Parochial Church Council Vacancies – 3 yr term

If you would like to put yourself forward for any of these positions please complete the appropriate form on the table in Church, you must also get a proposer and seconder. If you have any questions or queries please get in touch with me. Vicki (office@stnicolas.org.uk)

Religious Art Lent Course at St Peters

Richard Miller is doing a series of talks during Lent at St Peter's, called "The Art of Easter: Images for Lent". Richard will be talking about the journey of Jesus through Holy Week as portrayed in religious art. There are three sessions, each run twice.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Mon 31 March 1.30-3pm Weds 2 April 7-8.30pm	Mon 7 April 1.30-3pm Weds 10 April 7-8.30pm	Mon 14 April 1.30-3pm Weds 16 April 7-8.30



Afterschool Gardening Club this Friday!

Join Monika and Liz for St Nicolas's afterschool gardening club on Fridays from 3pm to 4:30. We will make the best of Spring to grow food and flowers and have a good time at the end of the school week.

April 8th in the Church at 2.15pm. Do come along to this fun filled seasonal craft event. Refreshments will be served during the meeting and all are welcome!

Other MU news Ingrid received this lovely letter from RBH this week:

Dear Ingrid and all the members of 'Earley St Nicholas Mothers' Union',

Thank you so much for the lovely donation of emergency wash-bags received recently. Your donation is very much appreciated especially as we are no longer able to order such items due to budget cuts.

We rely on the goodwill of our community and of organisations such as yours who help us to improve the patient experience through your amazing donations.

Please do pass on my personal thanks to each and every member of the Earley St Nicolas Mothers Unit for everything you do and we are very lucky to be supported by such an amazing organisation.

We look forward to hearing from you again.

With my very best wishes,

Sukhi Sidhu Voluntary Services Manager
Royal Berkshire Hospital Craven Road, Reading
Berkshire RG1 5AN

Celebration Service 2025, Reading Street Pastors at 6pm on Saturday 10th May at Greyfriars Church RG1 1EH - We request the pleasure of your company to celebrate 16 years of Reading Street Pastors & the commissioning of new volunteers. Service starts at 6pm with light refreshments served from 7pm. RSVP: Sally Leonard via email reading@streetpastors.org.uk or phone call at 07970 710 080.

Lent bread making project

Many thanks again for all those people supporting this project! It has taught me a lot - about sourdough bread making of course, but also about aspects of community sharing. Hopefully there will be two loaves for sale with the cake and craft show this Sunday after the service. I will be making one round wholemeal loaf and a loaf tin shaped white. Both the same weight, but the loaf tin one is easier to slice. Sourdough bread is the healthy alternative to ordinary bread but it requires care and time, so give me notice if you would like a loaf baked for you a couple of days in advance.

Please give a donation to the church considering what you normally pay for this staple. This means a donation to the church with no pain to yourself and no one losing out except the supermarkets and they don't care! It also means if you get free bread, from Olio or Share, this is a free gift. Thank you again Liz X

Earley Environmental Group

Strictly Nature—
A talk by Simon
Booker

Maiden Place Community Centre
Wednesday 2nd April 2025
7:30pm start

Book your space at
nature@earleyenvironmentalgroup.co.uk



Tell your friends and neighbours

St Nicolas Afternoon Club

Easter Gift & Card Sale



**Friday 4th April
from 10.30am – 4pm**



There will be a lovely selection of
Handmade Gifts and Cards

Something for everyone of all ages

Tea/Coffee and delicious
homemade cakes will be available.

Please come along and meet your friends
and to support our Church.



Easter at Earley St Nicolas Church

Sun 13th April 10am - Palm Sunday Service

Mon 14th April 7.30pm - Stations of the Cross

Tues 15th April 7.30pm - Taizé Service

Weds 16th April 7.30pm - A Reflective Service

Thurs 17th April 7.30pm- Maundy Thurs Service (at Earley St Peters)

Fri 18th April 10am-12pm- Good Friday Family Fun

Fri 19th April 1pm-3pm Good Friday Service

Sat 20th April 7.30pm- Holy Saturday Service

Sun 21st April 10am- Easter Sunday Service

Find St Nicolas on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @earley_stnics Registered Charity No. 1138037



*because
we're
worth
it!*

**Usual first Wednesday of the month,
at 8pm on Weds. 02 April 2025.**

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



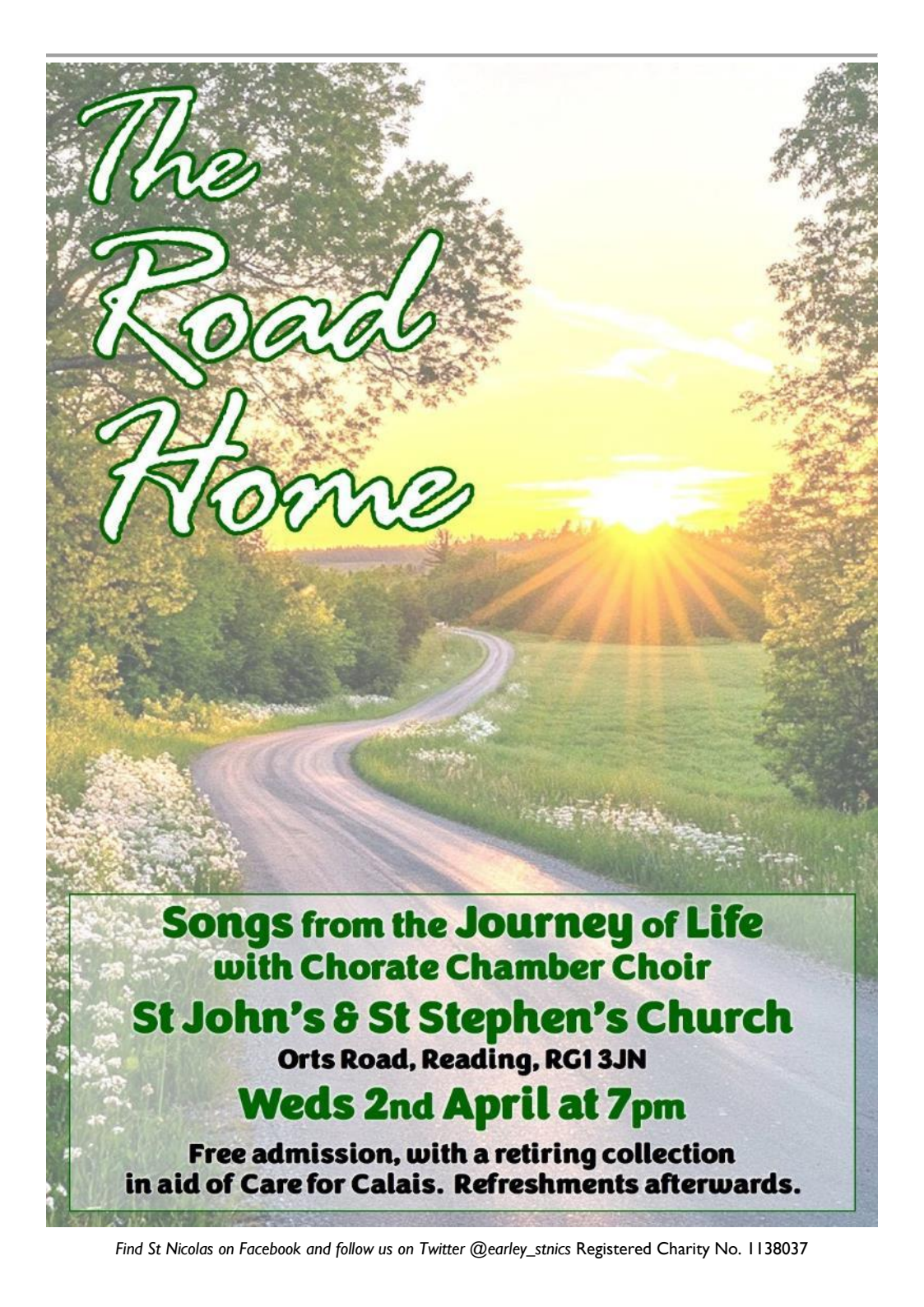
dave@poolers.co.uk

St Nics Pub Night- Thursday 3rd April 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.





The Road Home

**Songs from the Journey of Life
with Chorate Chamber Choir
St John's & St Stephen's Church
Orts Road, Reading, RG1 3JN
Weds 2nd April at 7pm**

**Free admission, with a retiring collection
in aid of Care for Calais. Refreshments afterwards.**