



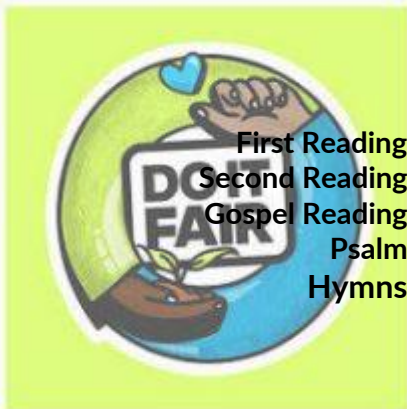
Welcome Rev'd Mark Laynesmith as new Vicar at Earley St Nicolas Church

On Monday 22nd September Rev'd Mark Laynesmith (right) was instituted and inducted by the Bishop of Reading (centre) and the Associate Archdeacon of Berkshire (left) as the Vicar of Earley St Nicolas Church.

Congratulations Mark!

If you weren't able to be at the service and would like to watch it, please go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7weV3Sl62U>

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



First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel Reading
Psalm
Hymns

Sunday 28 September 2025
Creationtide -Trinity 15
Fairtrade Fortnight 22 Sept – 5 Oct

Amos 6:1, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-end
146

Before the throne of God above 70
I heard the voice of Jesus 334
Immortal, invisible 349
O for a thousand tongues to 54

Homegroup Week	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 29 Sept	John 1:47-end	2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 30 Sept	Luke 9:51-56	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 1 Oct	Luke 9:57-end	11am Service 7.30pm Scriptural Reasoning
Thurs 2 Oct	Luke 10:1-12	2pm Over 50s Group Quiz
Fri 3 Oct	Luke 10:13-16	10am-12pm Community Coffee 10am -12pm Full Hearts Friday Grp 2pm Charlie Catchpole's Funeral
Sat 4 Oct	Luke 10:17-24	

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

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

PRAYER

Collect: Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Haiku poem from The Lectionary in 17 Syllables by Andy Campbell, Emma Major & Rachel Summers (Luke 16:19-31)

A life in comfort

Blind to others suffering

Is not God-scented.

Loving Father,
Please bless me with a tender heart,
that I might not be blinded by my own comforts
or the pursuit of wealth.
Help me to see and truly care for the Lazarus figures in my
life,
the poor, the sick, the forgotten,
and to be a faithful steward of all you have given me.
Grant me a deep hunger for your truth
and the ability to heed your Word.
I ask all this in Jesus' name,
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 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 needs of the world and our community.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We enjoyed a lovely Macmillan Coffee morning this morning whilst raising fund for

Macmillan Cancer support. If you weren't able to come along and wanted to donate please click on the link below. Thank you!

<https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/cm25004705/donation-amount>



Such a great year for apples!

I am making apple and chilli jams and apple crumbles etc. If anyone would like me to make things for them like this for a donation to the church please contact the parish office.

Liz Kerry

Order your Real Advent Calendars Now!

The Real Advent Calendar is the UK's only Fairtrade Advent calendar which comes with a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book and supports charitable causes. The cost per calendar is £4.95 Please let the parish office know how many you would like to order and if you would like milk or dark chocolate by 4th October.



From 3 - 10 October, join Archbishop Stephen and others from across the Northern Province on BBC Radio 4 Extra for a special series of Daily Services focused on the Lord's Prayer.

A week of reflection, prayer, and connection as we explore these familiar words together.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>



CAKE AND CRAFT SALE

**SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE!**

**COME AND ENJOY A SLICE OF CAKE AND
BUY SOME HOMEMADE
ARTS AND CRAFTS
WHILST RAISING FUNDS FOR ST NICOLAS
CHURCH AND CENTRE**

ST NICOLAS CENTRE, SUTCLIFFE AVENUE, RG6 7JN

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Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

The next meeting of Mother's Union will take place on Tuesday,

14th October at 2pm in church. The speaker is an old friend of MU - Tony Weston - who last gave us a very interesting talk on Crossing Places on the River Thames. His talk this time has the intriguing title "The Secrets of the Box".

As the weather turns cooler so the demands on the foodbank for warming foods increase. Currently they would be grateful of donations of tins of soup tins of vegetables and tins of custard. Thank you for your support!





Mindful and spiritual quilt a tribute to Berkshire

Bishop Mary has embarked on a mammoth crafting challenge - to create a wall hanging made up of 180 tessellating hearts to represent the number of churches in her care.

Once finished, the wall hanging will take its place in Bishop Mary's Theale office as a visual representation of her prayers for her episcopal area.

[Listen to Bishop Mary](#) describe the project on our SoundCloud channel, or find out more about the [Bishop of Reading](#).

Let's reclaim what our flags stand for

Social justice advisor Hannah Ling takes a look at Operation Raise the Colours and discusses how we can respond, as Christians...

On the surface, the raising of Union flags and St George's flags across the country under 'Operation Raise the Colours' could appear to be a patriotic pursuit, but it's quickly apparent that what should be symbols of unity and pride are being used to represent a divisive and exclusionary agenda, with asylum seekers being used as a scapegoat.

And I don't see this approach as aligning with how we're called to live as Christians.

[Read her thought-provoking article.](#)





Kollections Autumn Multi-cultural Event

Harvest the best this Autumn with a variety of curated pop-up exhibitors stalls



FREE ENTRY



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Sunday 28th September
1.30pm till 5pm
St Nicolas Church & Hall
Sutcliffe Road, Earley
RG6 7JN



Warm welcome drink upon arrival

List of Exhibitors & many more...

Cultural Fashion

Freshly made desserts

Professional Henna Artist

Vegan Pastries

Street Food

Costume Jewellery

Freshly brewed Chai

Wellbeing & Beauty

Latest Sari Fashion

Indulging Honey

Personalised clothing

Hair Products



Men's Curry Club



*because
we're
worth
it!*

**Usual first Wednesday of the month,
at 8pm on Weds. 01 October 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 2nd October 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!**