

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



	Sunday 19 October 2025 Trinity 18
First Reading	Genesis 32:22-31
Second Reading	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Gospel Reading	Luke 18:1-8
Psalm	121
Hymns	628 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 687 Take my life 303 Here is bread 454 Lord for the years

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 20 Oct	Luke 12:13-21	2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 21 Oct	Luke 12:35-38	10am-12pm Board Games Café 2pm -3.30pm Memory Café
Weds 22 Oct	Luke 12:39-48	11am Service
Thurs 23 Oct	Luke 12:49-53	2pm Over 50s Group
Fri 24 Oct	Luke 12:54-end	10am-12pm Community Coffee 10am-12pm Full Hearts Friday 2.15pm- St Nicolas Afternoon Club
Sat 25 Oct	Luke 13:1-9	

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

⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Luke 18 :7-8

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.

Lord,
we pray for persistence in prayer,
and ask that you would help us to not grow weary
or lose heart.

Teach us to trust you as a just and loving judge
who is not like the unjust judge in the parable,
and to persist in bringing our concerns
and desires to you,

knowing that you care for us
and will secure justice for us.

Help us to remember that your timing is perfect
and that you will answer our prayers
according to your will.

In Jesus' name, we pray
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.

NOTICES



This Saturday 18th October.....Art Space exhibition and Meet the Artist Event 2pm to 4pm at the St Nicolas Centre . Focusing on Autumn the foyer is full of the rich colours we can see in the woods and gardens in Earley at this time. **Please come and meet the photographers on 18th October 2:pm - 4:00pm in the art space and servery in the St Nicolas Centre** The photograph is of Bob Collis who designed the exhibition and put it on the walls!

Hello AUTUMN
Festive Family Activity Morning
Pumpkin crafting Garden trail Lantern making

£4 per child or
£10 per Family
Under 1's free

Games, tasty treats, crafts, friends!
Thursday 30th October 10am-12 St Nicolas Centre Earley
Book to avoid disappointment contact Louise.Bisset@Oasisuk.org 07340419693



Thank you all for the wonderful Harvest gifts you kindly gifted along with the donations from Hawkedon and Loddon Schools. These have now been delivered to Woodley Foodbank and CIRDIC who are extremely grateful for such a wonderful donation!

Scales fell from our eyes - was change coming?

Bishop Dave marks Black History Month reflecting on how our call to racial justice finds its origin in the cross of Jesus Christ.

He looks back to 2020 when a wave of outrage spread through the UK, and we all agreed that Black Lives Matter. How much has changed since then, and are we living out Jesus' 'one new humanity' created on the cross?

[Read Bishop Dave's reflection in full.](#)



Congratulations to the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

The announcement of Dame Sarah Mullaly as the next Archbishop of Canterbury is historic for the Church of England and for the Anglican Communion. I warmly commend our Archbishop-designate Dame Sarah and her family to the prayers and affections of the Diocese of Oxford.

Sarah will bring proven wisdom, love, dedication and vision to her new role. Please do pray for her as she seeks to draw the nation, the Anglican communion and the Church of England into a deeper love of God and a stronger love of neighbour.

[Read more](#) about the Archbishop-Designate or [listen to Bishop Mary, Bishop Dave and Bishop Gavin](#) give their reaction to her appointment.

Bishop Steven

Faith on the Wilderness Road

An Ethiopian official. A desert road. A chance encounter that changes everything.

Bishop Steven's new Substack series reflects on three Acts conversion stories - a reminder that God is already at work in the most unlikely places, calling all kinds of people into joy and belonging.

[Read and subscribe now.](#)



Church café serves up love and support



The Vine and Fig Tree café, run by All Saints Dedworth, was opened a year ago and has already scooped two awards at the annual Maidenhead Coffee Festival.

The café is part of the wider welcoming ministry that God has called the church to, under the oversight of the vicar, the Revd Paul Walker, and the curate, the Revd Adam Wingrove.

It reflects the heart of All Saints as a whole-church initiative made possible through the dedication of many volunteers.

The welcoming space was designed and developed under the creative leadership of church members EJ and Phil Manning.

[Read more.](#)

'We are here to stand together'

Bishop Dave attended a Britain Stands Together event in Maidenhead last week, where representatives from all faiths and community leaders gathered to express their solidarity with the Jewish community.

The event, held at Maidenhead Synagogue, was part of a national day of mourning following the terrorist attack in Manchester.

Bishop Dave said: "We are here to stand together and hold hands with our Jewish and Muslim friends – and friends of all faiths – to show that hatred and violence will not come between us."



Next Session Tuesday 21st October



Memory Café



Join us for tea, chat and light recreation in a friendly atmosphere! The cafe is particularly designed for people who live with some form of memory loss and their carers, but everyone is welcome!

Third Tuesday of every month!

2:00 - 3:30pm in the St Nicolas Centre

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Charity art & craft Fair



OCTOBER 25th - 26th

SATURDAY 10am - 5pm / SUNDAY 10am - 4pm

Evening Preview Friday 24th October 7-9.30pm

Enjoy a glass of wine and canapés whilst viewing the exhibition

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10.30AM - 3.30PM

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A circular inset photo showing two young children sitting in a pumpkin patch, holding pumpkins. One child is wearing a witch hat.

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Reflect & Remember

All are welcome at this service where we remember those we love but see no more.

4pm Sunday 2nd November

Earley St Nicolas Church, RG6 7JN



We warmly invite you and your family to join us for a Service to remember and give thanks for your loved ones that are no longer with us.

You can add the names of the people you would like us to remember to the sheet at the back of church or you can email them to office@stnicolas.org.uk

We will be lighting a candle for every loved one remembered.

Refreshments will be served after the Service