

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



First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel Reading
Psalm

Hymns

Sunday 16th November 2025
2nd Sunday before Advent
Safeguarding Sunday

Malachi 4:1-2

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

98

105 Christ whose glory fills the skies

246 God is working his purpose out

303 Here is bread

777 To God be the glory

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 17 Nov	Luke 18:35-end	2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 18 Nov	Luke 19:1-10	10am-12pm Board Games Café 2pm-3.30pm Memory Café
Weds 19 Nov	Luke 19:11-28	11am Service
Thurs 20 Nov	Luke 19:41-44	2pm Over 50s Group
Fri 21 Nov	Luke 19:45-48	10am-12pm Community Coffee 1pm Michael Abraham's Funeral
Sat 22 Nov	Luke 20:27-40	

To watch the live stream of our Sunday service please go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stnicolasearley1496/featured>



Christmas Services at St Nicolas

Friday 19th Dec 6pm Carol Service in Church
Weds 24th Dec 4pm Crib & Christingle Service
Weds 24th Dec 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Thurs 25th Dec 10am Christmas Day Service

PRAYER

Collect: God, Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Dear God,
We pray for all those who have suffered hurt and harm
within the family of the Church;
whether they are known to us or not,
we know that you know them by name.
For those who feel trapped,
grant them a way of escape.
For those in pain,
bring comfort and healing,
For those who seek justice,
may they have courage and strength.
As the Church we are one body
and if one part suffers,
every part suffers with it.
Give to all who suffer,
people who will listen, support, and walk with them.
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



Breathspace

Saturday 15th Nov
10am-12pm

“Our being with God with Sabbath”
On the seventh day God rested from all that he had done.
Genesis 2v2

A chance to step aside from our busy lives and be refreshed and restored, All welcome
No need to book and no charge

For more information, please contact 0118 9669080 office@stnicolas.org.uk



Art Space in St Nicolas – New Exhibition Two artists are displaying their work over November, Svatlana Ulisova (above left) and Irina Koutun (above right).

Svatlana has exhibited with us before and shows her beautiful flower paintings and a new series of sea paintings, mainly in pastel.

Irina is a new artist and shows her interest in different media.

A chance to meet the artists and to give questions to Svatlana about pastel painting, who will also be giving demonstrations of this specialist technique, **2pm - 4 pm 15th November in the servery and Art space.**

Next Memory Café is Tuesday 18th November

St Nicolas
Church + Centre



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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**St Nics Advent Course -
Mon 1st, 8th and 15th Dec at
7.30pm. In Church**

Creating Space: An Advent Journey

You are warmly invited to reflect on a deeper dimension of the Incarnation: The theology of the womb, and Mary's courageous, costly

"yes" that made room for God in her very body.

As we journey through Advent, may we learn to wait with wonder, to make space with courage, and allow Christ to be formed anew in the womb of our hearts.



Community Tree Planting Session

Join Earley Town Council in planting 315 trees awarded by
The Woodland Trust

**Monday 17th November
10am - Midday
Maiden Erlegh Nature Reserve**

To sign up, please call 0118 986 8995 or email
administration@earley-tc.gov.uk

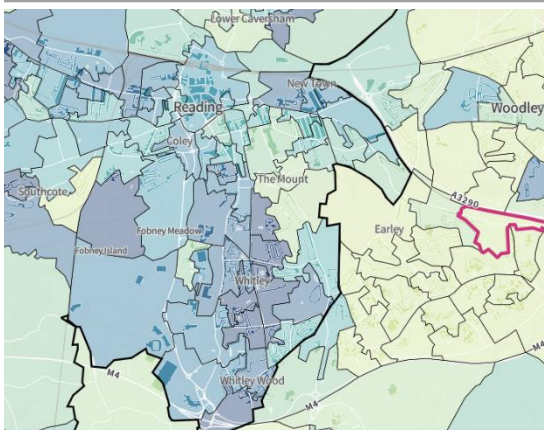


Delivering a 'solid safeguarding foundation'

In June 2024 the diocese underwent an [independent audit](#) of its safeguarding work, undertaken by the INEQE Safeguarding Group. The audit is part of a national programme, commissioned by the Archbishop's Council, to conduct an intensive and comprehensive review of safeguarding at each diocese and cathedral in the Church of England.

The report's authors found the diocese to have 'a solid safeguarding foundation delivered by its exceptionally well-led and blended Safeguarding Team'. The report commended what it described as a 'safeguarding first' philosophy and congratulated our parishes for the sense of optimism it found on the frontline 'where talented Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs) lead by example' and 'collaboration is strong'.

A service to celebrate the contribution our PSOs make to the life of the diocese and to lament for those who have experienced abuse in a church context will be held at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, 23 November. If you would like to attend, sign up for a [ticket online](#).



What are deprivation levels like in your area?

The 2025 English Indices of Deprivation have been released by the government, ranking every neighbourhood from the most to least deprived.

It's important to note that neighbourhood data only gives a general picture, so can hide some of an area's on-the-

ground reality. It also doesn't speak of the strengths and assets of communities, of which are often particularly overlooked in deprived areas. Use the [interactive map](#) to find out about deprivation in your parish neighbourhood.

Note: *St Nics may not be in an area of deprivation but we have neighbouring areas that are. Indeed parts of Reading are the most deprived in the Diocese.*



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3.30- 5.30pm

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