

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



Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King/

Sunday next before Advent

First Reading

Second Reading

Gospel Reading

Psalm

Hymns

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

46

425 Let all the world in every corner sing

507 Meekness and majesty

711 The head that once was crowned
with thorns

387 Jesus is Lord!

Homegroup wk	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 24 Nov	Luke 21:1-4	2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 25 Nov	Luke 21:5-11	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 26 Nov	Luke 21:12-19	11am Service
Thurs 27 Nov	Luke 21:20-28	2pm Over 50s Group
Fri 28 Nov	Luke 21:29-33	10am-12pm Community Coffee 10.30am - 4pm SNAC Christmas Card & Gift Sale
Sat 29 Nov	Luke 21:34-36	

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

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

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³ He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

PRAYER

Collect: God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

A Prayer for Christ the King Sunday

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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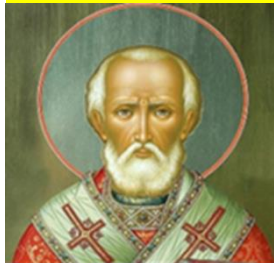
Prayer at St Nicolas There are a group of people who love to pray for anything which is on your mind. You can contact Jenny Bryce at 07963 905663 or the office on office@stnicolas.org.uk or write a card and put it in the prayer box in church. All requests in the box are prayed for on a Sunday morning 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 needs of the world and our community.

NOTICES

Richard Cocks will be here this Sunday after the 10am service with his great selection of Fairtrade goods. A good chance to get ahead with your Christmas shopping!

Patronal Festival Bring and Share Lunch Sunday 7th December



We will be celebrating the feast of St Nicolas on Sunday 7th December and would like to invite you all to a bring and share lunch from 12.30pm. The sign-up sheet is in church to sign up for your place and also to what you are able to bring and share. We look forward to celebrating our patron together!

Churchwardens email

When contacting Churchwardens on Church business please can we ask that you use the following email addresses:

Jane Olney jane@stnicolas.org.uk - Julia Jones julia@stnicolas.org.uk
-Wendy Neale wendy@stnicolas.org.uk Thank you ☺

St Nics Advent Course - Mon 1st, 8th 15th and 22nd 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.



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

- The next meeting of Mothers Union will be our annual Advent Service. It will take place at 2pm on Tuesday, December 9th in the church followed by tea and coffee and cake. You don't have to be a mother - all are welcome.

To Everyone at Earley St Nicolas

**You're invited to a
fabulous**
*Christmas
Dinner*

**From 6 PM Until 9 PM
Tuesday, December 9th
St.Nicolas Church ,Earley
RG6 7JN**

**Join us for a night filled with festive cheer,
meaningful conversations, and delicious food
— a perfect way to celebrate togetherness
and trust within our community.**

RSVP; reading@dialoguesociety.org



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Woodley Food Bank

Thank you so much for all the contributions to the Food Bank. They are much appreciated as those needing help to feed their family or themselves just grows and grows. If you could help deliver food to the Food Bank at Emmanuel Church in Woodley, please get in touch. Your help would be required once or twice a year. Many thanks, Marjory
codlingfam@aol.com 01189663620

Wanted: Men's clothing for asylum seekers in local hotels.

We would be very grateful for donations of the following in good condition:-

- **anoraks/winter jackets.**
- **trousers/ jeans/ joggers** waist 30-36.
- **sweatshirts, hoodies, Tshirts**
- **Trainers** size 41-45
- **New boxer shorts and socks**
- **Phones** (unlocked with working battery)

Please contact Jenny for collection of donations 07963905663

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Cake and Craft Sale next Sunday 30th November

There will be a cake and craft stall on Sunday 30th November after the 10am service. If you have any **unused/unopened/unwanted toiletries** we would love to sell these too. Please bring them in the either this week or next and pop them in the parish office or give to Maggie or Denise on the day. Thank you.



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

Reading Festival Chorus

presents

Coleridge - Requiem

Poulenc - Gloria

Greg Hallam - Music Director

Simon Dinsdale - Organ

Emily Dickens - Soprano

Thom Hammond - Cello

6:30 pm

Saturday 22nd November 2025

Wesley Church, Queen's Road,

Reading RG1 4BW

Tickets: £20 (£18 early bird until 17th Nov)

Under-18s/students: Free

Available in advance from: 0118 947 8081

tickets@readingfestivalchorus.org.uk

or from TicketSource (scan QR code)

Also available on the door

www.readingfestivalchorus.org.uk



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Bishop Steven announces his retirement

Bishop Steven has announced he will [retire as the Bishop of Oxford](#) next July. He plans to lay down his crozier at a special service at Christ Church Cathedral on 31 May.

Since the news on Tuesday, Bishop Steven has received many well wishes and messages of support for his retirement. He would like to take this opportunity to say that all of these messages have been read and very much appreciated. Chairman of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance, Sir Hector Sants, reflected on the impact Bishop Steven has made.

He said: "We give thanks to God for Bishop Steven's faithful ministry over the past 10 years.

"He has embodied our vision to become a more Christ-like church and has led with contemplation, compassion and courage.

"Next May we will say goodbye to Bishop Steven with love and appreciation for all he has done, and wish him well in his deserved retirement.

"We are in a good position to begin the process of discernment for Bishop Steven's successor and we would ask for your prayers for this important work."

Modern science and ancient faith

From the M4 corridor to the Milky Way, Bishop Steven's [presidential address to Synod over the weekend](#) explores how today's science is reshaping belief, curiosity, and calling.

Bishop Steven will continue sharing his reflections through the coming months and into retirement via his Substack.

'A season of confidence and hope'

More than 120 Diocesan Synod members met online over the weekend to discuss science, world mission, interfaith relations, parish administration, the importance of supporting our Armed Forces, and more. Highlights included a whistle-stop world tour of updates from our link dioceses, delivered by Bishop Mary, and a resounding commitment to support the Armed Forces, particularly through fair recruitment and regular prayer. [Read the full report.](#)

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Afternoon Club



CHRISTMAS CARD & GIFT SALE
FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
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
SUPPORT OUR CHURCH AND CENTRE

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