

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



First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel Reading
Psalm
Hymns

Sunday 9th November 2025
Remembrance Sunday
3rd Sunday before Advent

Job 19:23-27
 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end
 Luke 20:27-38
 17:1-9
 350 Immortal love
 198 For the healing of the nations
 633 Put peace into each other's hand
 67 Beauty for brokenness

HOMEGROUP WK	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 10 Nov	Luke 17:1-6	2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 11 Nov	Luke 17:7-10	10am-12pm Board Games Café 2pm Mothers' Union Meeting 6.30pm Alopecia UK Meeting
Weds 12 Nov	Luke 17:11-19	11am Service
Thurs 13 Nov	Luke 17:20-25	2pm Over 50s Group
Fri 14 Nov	Luke 17:26-end	10am-11.30am Full Hearts Friday 10am-12pm Community Coffee 2.15pm- St Nicolas Afternoon Club
Sat 15 Nov	Luke 18:1-8	10am-12pm Breathspace 2pm-4pm Meet the Artist

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



PRAYER

Collect: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Father of all,
remember your holy promise,
and look with love on all your people, living and departed.
On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever
all who have suffered during war,
those who returned scarred by warfare,
those who waited anxiously at home,
and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned;
those who mourned,
and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.
Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion,
those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades,
and those who in the aftermath of war,
worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.
And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord;
grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of
every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of
Christ's kingdom.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

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NOTICES

Sadly Michael Abraham, a long term member of St Nicolas, passed away last week. Michael's funeral will be taking place at St Nicolas on Friday 21st November at 1pm, if you would like to come and pay your respects you would be most welcome.



The next meeting of Mothers Union will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 11th November. The speaker will be Daphne Cook. The talk is a very topical one entitled "Against Gender Based Violence". Please do your best to come along and support Daphne.

St Nicolas is looking for a new Treasurer, to take over this important voluntary role from January. The Treasurer manages the day-to-day financial operations of the church, produces financial reports for PCC and helps put together the annual accounts. The Treasurer is part of the St Nicolas Finance Team and reports to the PCC. Training will be provided.



The role would suit someone who is numerate, organised and good with detail. You would need to be familiar with spreadsheets. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Mark, Wendy or John Bethell, who are all members of the Finance Team, for more information.



GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS WITH EARLEY REPAIR CAFE

UPCOMING DATES: SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER & SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

10AM - 1PM, CENTREPOINT COMMUNITY CENTRE
(NEXT TO LOWER EARLEY LIBRARY ON CHALFONT CLOSE)

The Oranges for Justice scheme is now available in Reading. Oranges for Justice collaborates with a co-operative in Calabria, Italy, bringing dignity and humanity to migrant workers, ensuring a fair wage and living conditions. By pass the supermarket squeeze and play a small part in improving the welfare of hard working communities. Find out more at <https://orangesforjustice.co.uk/>

There are oranges, lemons, clementines and avocados available, all sold in large boxes. If there is enough interest, we can organise a box, or boxes, for St Nicolas.

- oranges 10kg (50-70 fruit) £33 per box
- lemons 10 kg (60-80 fruit) £36 per box
- clementines 10 kg (120-160 fruit) £36 per box
- avocados: — 4 kg (20-40 fruit) £27 per box
— 10 kg (50-100 fruit) £67.50 per box



If you are interested please contact Wendy (wendy@stnicolas.org.uk), stating how many and what kind of fruit you would like.

Orders in by 15 November at the latest.



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.**



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

There is still time to sign up for a trial of the BRF Bible notes (see samples in the servery)

The different versions of these notes are:

New Daylight - stimulating readings and commentaries [Large print available]

Day by Day with God - daily readings and comment, written by women for women.

Upper Room - designed for those seeking meditation and reflection, and drawing on real life experiences, written by subscribers to the series

Bible Reflections for Older People - this is a relatively new publication, written by older people for older people [Large Print]

GuideLines - an in-depth study of various parts of the Bible intended equipping you to interpret and apply biblical text with confidence in today's world. Especially useful to church leaders.

If you would like to try any of these before making up your mind, please contact me before the beginning of December. The cost would be £5.99 for a trial 4 months.

I will be taking orders for the following year (starting 1stMay) in February. The cost for the year's booklets would be £17.99.

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Reclaiming our Christian symbols

Bishop Mary has spoken out against the Christian nationalist narrative and offered her support to a [prayer walk in Hyde Park, London](#), tomorrow.

She said: "Jesus spoke for the vulnerable and the marginalised, those at the edges of society. He was a voice for the poor, for those unable to speak for themselves. As Christians we are called to follow this example to welcome everyone with love, and to feed, clothe and help anyone who needs it.

"The cross is the symbol of this kind of welcoming, reconciling love. It stands for the embrace of the God of love to a world that is broken and hurting, bringing together what has been held apart. It cannot be, must not be, distorted into a symbol of exclusion and hate."

[Listen to our social justice adviser Hannah Ling](#) discuss how Christians can respond to Operation Raise the Colours.



How we might engage with COP30
COP30, the 30th

United Nations climate conference, starts today in Brazil.

[This blog](#) on the Church of England website reflects on how we might engage with it.

[This briefing](#) on the diocese website looks at why the event matters and also contains a prayer for COP30.

A PRAYER FOR COP30

Creator and Redeemer

You call us to tend the garden of your creation
with wisdom and care

As the nations gather in Belém for COP30
grant those who lead courage to act justly for the
Earth and its people

Renew your Church with commitment to creation's
healing
that we may proclaim your life-giving love in all
the world

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen





CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club

Saturday 15th November

9am - 2pm

**Games, Stalls, Food
and More!**

**21 - 23 Beech Lane,
Earley, Reading,
RG6 5PT**



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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