



**St Nicolas**  
Church + Centre



# CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SHEET

*Joy  
To The World*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT  
EARLEY SY NICOLAS CHURCH

**Fri 19 Dec 6pm**

Carol Service in Church

**Weds 24 Dec 4pm**

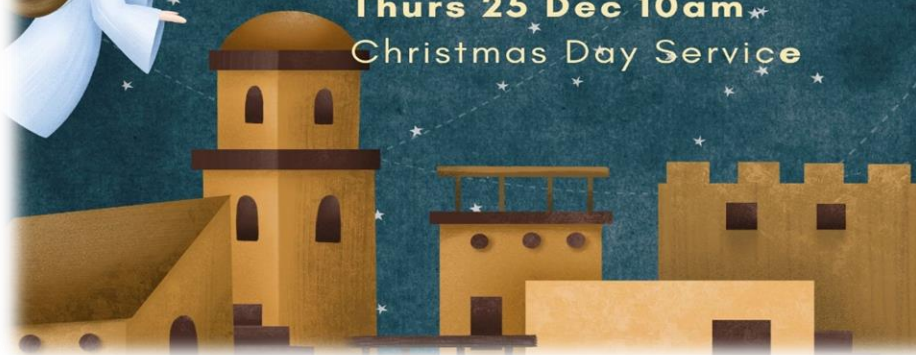
Crib & Christingle Service

**Weds 24 Dec 11.30pm**

Midnight Mass

**Thurs 25 Dec 10am**

Christmas Day Service



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## Sunday 21 December, 4th Sunday in Advent

	<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 7:10-16
	<b>Psalm</b>	80:1-8
	<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 1:1-7
	<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 1:18-end
	<b>Hymns</b>	700 The angel Gabriel 535 O come, O come, Emmanuel 205 From heaven you came 692 Tell out my soul

<b>Mon 22 Dec</b>	Luke 1:46-56	2.30pm Tea & Tinies 7.30pm Advent Course
<b>Tues 23 Dec</b>	Luke 1:57-66	10am-12pm Boardgames Café
<b>Weds 24 Dec</b>	Luke 1:67-79	<b>11am Service</b> <b>4pm Crib &amp; Christingle Service</b> <b>11.30pm Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Thurs 25 Dec</b>	Luke 2:1-14	<b>10am Christmas Day Service</b>
<b>Fri 26 Dec</b>	Matthew 10:17-22	
<b>Sat 27 Dec</b>	John 21:19-end	

**Collect:** Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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





**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas 1**

JOY  
NOEL  
ANGEL  
JESUS  
PEACE HOPE  
WISEMEN  
CHRISTMAS  
BELIEVE FAITH  
PRINCE OF PEACE  
THANK YOU

<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 63:7-9
<b>Psalm</b>	148:7-end
<b>Second Reading</b>	Hebrews 2:10-end
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 2:13-18
<b>Hymns</b>	409 Joy to the world 357 In the bleak midwinter 812 What child is this 782 Unto us a boy is born

<b>Mon 29 Dec</b>	Matthew 2:13-18	<b>2.30pm Tea &amp; Tinies</b>
<b>Tues 30 Dec</b>	Luke 2:36-40	
<b>Weds 31 Dec</b>	John 1:1-18	<b>11am Service</b>
<b>Thurs 1 Jan</b>	Luke 2:15-21	
<b>Fri 2 Jan</b>	John 1:19-28	
<b>Sat 3 Jan</b>	John 1:29-34	

**Collect:** God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.



*Romans 15:13*





*May God  
bless you with  
a wonderful  
year of peace  
& happiness*

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026, *Epiphany***

			<b>First Reading</b> Isaiah 60:1-6 <b>Psalm</b> 72:10-15 <b>Second Reading</b> Ephesians 3:1-12 <b>Gospel</b> Matthew 2:1-12 <b>Hymns</b> 89 Brightest and best 584 Of the Father's love begotte 302 Here in this place 233 Go tell it on the mountai
<b>Mon 5 Jan</b>	Matthew 4:12-17	<b>2.30pm Tea &amp; Tinies</b>	
<b>Tues 6 Jan</b>	Mark 6:34-44	10am Boardgames Café	
<b>Weds 7 Jan</b>	Mark 6:45-52	11am Service 7.30pm Scriptural Reasoning	
<b>Thurs 8 Jan</b>	Luke 4:14-22	2pm Over 50s	
<b>Fri 9 Jan</b>	Luke 5:12-16	10am Community Coffee Morning 2pm SNAC	
<b>Sat 10 Jan</b>	John 3:22-30		

**Collect:** Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a starto worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us,that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.







## NOTICES

The Parish Office will be closed from Weds 24<sup>th</sup> December and will reopen on Monday 5 January 2026. We will be checking emails and the answerphone periodically. We would like to thank you for all your Christmas wishes and lovely cards and for being amazing throughout the year and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year! Warmest wishes, Ayesha & Vicki x

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Bishop Neil Warwick, who was the Vicar at St Nicolas for ten years, recently visited London and added Jonathan Brindley's name to the Covid wall. For anyone who didn't know Jonathan, he was a long standing member of St Nicolas, and who sadly passed away during the pandemic. He is much missed by all who knew him.

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We are still short of drivers to take the donations from the basket in the church lobby to Emmanuel Church in Woodley,

your help would be required once or twice a year. For an hour or so, so if you feel you could help please get in touch with the [parish office](#).

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**Save the Date! Our next church open meeting will be on Sunday 15 February after the 10am service.** This is your chance to ask questions and give ideas for the year ahead at St Nicolas.

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### 'We stand in sadness and solidarity'

*In the aftermath of the Bondi beach attack, the Thames Valley Faith and Civic Leaders Group and the Oxfordshire Faith and Civic Leaders Group issued the following statement:*

"Once again as faith and civic leaders we stand in sadness and solidarity with those in Australia facing up to the horrific terrorist attack on the Hanukkah celebration at Bondi Beach. Our prayers are with the injured, the bereaved and all who are grieving.

"We stand in solidarity with Jewish communities across the Thames Valley and beyond. Each time such an atrocity strikes, we renew our commitment to building peace, fostering understanding and nurturing good will within our own communities and across the world."

*Imam Monawar Hussein and Bishop Steven Croft*



### **Wishing you a very merry Christmas!**

Through Advent and into Christmas, we're sharing reflections from all four bishops, each speaking honestly into this time in different ways.

Bishop Gavin reflects on

Advent as a counter-cultural season, while Bishop Mary invites us to see the Christmas lights around us as signs of a deeper hope, shining in the darkness.

Bishop Dave offers a deeply personal Advent reflection, pointing us to the promise of a future where suffering will not have the final word.

And on Christmas Eve, Bishop Steven will share his message as we celebrate the coming of Christ, the light of the world.

All of the messages are available to read or watch [via our website](#).



# Come and Play STRINGS



**Saturday 17 January 2026  
2-5pm**

**Venue: St Nicholas Church,  
Sutcliffe Ave, Earley, RG6 7JN**

Come and enjoy an afternoon of playing some wonderful **String Orchestra** repertoire in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

**Tea & Coffee will be provided.**

**String players grade 7+ will be most welcome.**

**Fee £10 – cash on the day!**

**For more information  
and**

**to book a place, please email Susie:**



**susiehenwood1@gmail.com**





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# SCRIPTURAL REASONING

“Scriptural Reasoning is a welcoming space where people of different faiths meet to read, reflect, and build lasting friendships through dialogue.”

“Covenant”

Wednesday 7th January

7.30-21.00 pm

St. Nicolas Church, Earley

If you'd like to join, please email us  
[reading@dialoguesociety.org](mailto:reading@dialoguesociety.org)

