

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



Sunday 8th February 2026

2nd Sunday before Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-2, 3

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-end

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-25

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-end

Hymns

349 Immortal, invisible God only wise

146 Creation Sings

596 One shall tell another

819 When I needed a neighbour

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 9 Feb	Mark 6:53-end	2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 10 Feb	Mark 7:1-13	10am-12pm Board Games Café 2pm Mothers Union Meeting
Weds 11 Feb	Mark 7:14-23	11am Communion Service
Thurs 12 Feb	Mark 7:24-30	10.30am Funeral of Paul Cain 2pm Over 50s
Fri 13 Feb	Mark 7:31-end	10.45am Funeral of Rev David Webster 10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm -4.30pm SNAC – Knit & Natter
Sat 14 Feb	Mark 8:1-10	Valentines Day

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

³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own,
Matthew 6:31-end

PRAYER

Collect: Lord Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful God,
You know our needs before we ask.
Deliver us from the anxiety that steals our joy,
and the worries that consume our minds.

Help us to look at the birds of the air
and the lilies of the field,
and learn to trust in your faithful care.
We lay our burdens at your feet,
and seek first your kingdom and your righteousness.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and peace to trust in your providence for tomorrow.

We ask this in the name of 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.

NOTICES:

First Gardening Session of the year - cancelled

Due to the cold and wet weather we have cancelled this Saturday's gardening session in the St Nics community garden and we will pray for better weather next month!



Mothers Union meeting
The next meeting of
Mothers Union will take
place on Tuesday 10

February at 2pm. Marlene Prior will give a talk entitled 'The Newark Workhouse' Built in 1824, The Workhouse is the best-preserved example of the hundreds of workhouses built across the country. Discover more about the workhouse, the way in which the poor were treated during the 19th century, and how they prevented the spread of disease. All are welcome.

Annual Revision of our Electoral Roll 2026

I am currently revising the Electoral Roll ahead of this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 26 April 2026.

If you are already on the roll you don't need to do anything.

If you would like to be on the electoral roll

- you must 16 or over, baptised and not a member of the clergy.
- You must also either live in the parish OR if you don't you must have regularly attended worship at Earley St Nicolas for the last 6 months.

If you would like to be added to the electoral roll please complete the form which you will find in the Church and the Servery and pass them either to a Mark, Churchwarden or Vicki/Ayesha in the Parish Office.

Please let me if you have any questions, Vicki (Parish Admin)
office@stnicolas.org.uk

LENT 2026

Two Opportunities for Reflection in Lent

Want to deepen your spiritual life this Lent? We have two opportunities.



7.30pm. We will be using material created by the Bishop of Oxford. The course is called **Come and See** exploring meeting Jesus in the Eucharist. You can get a sneak preview here: <https://youtu.be/PbIH3KLyuA?si=FsjqWLvCd3IWzh4G>. For more info, contact Christine Seale or just turn up.



App, *Everyday Faith*. Their theme is **Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent**. This year's resources explore the theme of a 'rhythm of life' – habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ. <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith>

Groups

If you fancy a group experience, two of the home groups will be coming together from Monday 16th February onwards meeting weekly in the Servery from

Personal Devotion

If you would like to do something just for yourself (or as well!), there will be 40 days of Lent devotions available via the Church of England



An evening with The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek

Date: Tuesday 24th February

Location: Van Emden Lecture Theatre, Edith Morley, University of Reading, RG6 6EL

Time : Registration opens from 6:30pm, event will run from 7pm - 8:30pm

An In Conversation event exploring faith, leadership, and justice in the modern world.

Join us for an inspiring conversation with The Rt

Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester and Reading alumna.

Drawing on her journey from speech and language therapist to pioneering church leader, she'll reflect on her time at Reading and the role of faith in the modern world.

The Rt Revd Rachel will be interviewed by Bishop Mary Gregory, Bishop of Reading, drawing on her experience in the Prison Service and reconciliation. Admission is FREE but booking is essential. Book your place here [Chaplaincy Lecture - University of Reading](#)



READING: THEN AND NOW

Opens:
Sat 28 February 2026

R READING
MUSEUM

EARLEY REPAIR CAFE

Second Sunday of Every Month

10am - 1pm

Centrepoint Community Centre

(next to Lower Earley Library on Chalfont Close)



Dates for 2026

11th January

10th May

13th September

8th February

14th June

11th October

8th March

12th July

8th November

12th April

9th August

13th December

From bikes to bags, toasters to tools, lamps to laptops and chairs to chinos, our talented repairers will take on a whole range of household items

There is no charge for repair services, however donations are gratefully received to help cover our running costs and expand our services.

For more information, visit:

www.earley-tc.gov.uk/earley-repair-cafe





Free drop-in support and social

NCT Baby Café is a free drop-in, run by an NCT Breastfeeding Counsellor, which supports parents to feed their baby.

Parents are welcome with their babies for 1-to-1 support or to join a group of other parents with non-moving babies in a safe space to chat and meet others. Drinks and biscuits provided. Come anytime on Thursdays between 10-12 at St Nicolas Church, Earley

Thursday 10-12, Earley

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Baby
Café

Supporting you to feed your baby



SPREAD THE LOVE

Half Term **FAMILY PANCAKE**



Delicious Pancakes!

Pancake races and trail

All-age kindness-themed activities

Garden fun (weather permitting)

£5 per family (suggested donation)

**Spread the love and
bring a food donation for**



11-1pm Tuesday 17th Feb St Nicolas Centre, Earley

To book in scan the QR or text Lou on 07340419693

