

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



Sunday 22nd March 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: 130

2nd Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Hymns

205 From heaven you came

165 Faithful One, so unchanging

317 How deep the Father's love for us

398 Ubi Caritas

732 The Spirit lives to set us free

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 23 Mar	John 8:1-11	2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies 7.30pm Lent Study Group
Tues 24 Mar	John 8:21-30	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 25 Mar	Luke 1:26-38	11am Communion Service 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Thurs 26 Mar	John 8:51-end	2pm Over 50s
Fri 27 Mar	John 10:31-end	10am- 12pm Full Hearts Friday 10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm -4.30pm SNAC - Knit & Natter
Sat 28 Mar	John 11:1-45	

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

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

²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

John 11:23-27

PRAYER

Collect: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious God,
as we turn our faces toward the shadow of the cross,
we thank you that even in the valley of dry bones,
you are the breath of life.

Forgive us when we settle for the safety of the tomb,
choosing comfort over the cost of discipleship.
As you called Lazarus from the grave,
call us now into the light of your presence.

Grant us the courage to walk the way of the passion,
that in our suffering, we may find your strength;
in our waiting, we may find your hope;
and in our dying to self, we may find the glory of your resurrection.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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

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.

NOTICES:

Next week's Sunday sheet will be out on Friday due to staff holidays



Pub Night this week, at the George
Join us for an evening of chat, laughter and friendship. **Thursday 19th March 2026 at 7.15pm** at the George, Loddon bridge Road, Earley RG6 7EN



This Friday please come to the St Nicolas Afternoon Club Easter Gift and Card Sale 10.30am to 4pm

Buy your Easter Cards and some lovely handmade gifts. Then relax with a cup of tea or coffee and a good slice of cake.

Lent Lunch This Sunday after the 10am service – if you are making soup or bread for the occasion don't forget to bring it with you! And thank you so much for your kind offering!

Reminder We have our Annual Parochial Church Meeting coming up on Sunday 26th April and will have the following elections:

1 x Churchwarden; 3 x PCC Members; 2 x Deanery Synod Reps

Please do take some time to consider if this is something you can do.

Earley St Nicolas Summer Fete Saturday 6 June 11am -3pm

Please keep the date free and if you would like to join in the fun and volunteer please speak to Mark or the churchwardens. More info to follow!



**The Mayor of Earley
invites you to a charity
coffee morning with a difference**

 **MEET THE THERAPY DOGS**

 **BUNTING MAKING WORKSHOP**

 **PLENTY OF TEA, COFFEE & CAKE!**

**Wednesday 8th April 10.30am – 12.30pm
Maiden Place Community Centre, RG6 3HD**

**Free event, with donations gratefully received in aid of the
Mayor's chosen charity Pets As Therapy**



For more information, contact Earley Town Council on administration@earley-tc.gov.uk or 0118 986 8995

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SANCTUARY AND SOLIDARITY

A fundraising concert for the Refugee Support Group

LED BY SANSARA CHORAL COLLECTIVE



*Experience powerful music composed by
Caroline Shaw, Hildur Guðnadóttir and
others, in support of displaced people*

*Featuring a special 'Come and Sing'
performance with Reading's Ukrainian choir
Kryla, supported by community voices*

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL, 6PM
READING MINSTER

*With a special performance by
award-winning soprano Ruby Hughes*

SCAN TO
BUY TICKETS



*Cash tickets available
on the door, subject to
availability*



Annual Memorial Service

You are warmly invited to join us for a
Memorial Service on
Sunday, 12th April 2026, 3pm
at the Minster Church of St Mary the Virgin,
Reading, RG1 2HX.



A special service of reflection, remembrance,
and shared memories, where we will come
together in support of one another &
celebrate our bicentenary.
Refreshments after.





Good Friday

Family Activity Morning

Free

Easter craft activities,
egg hunt in the garden,
plant making & the Easter story
Yummy Hot Cross Buns too!



3rd April 2026



10am-12pm

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LIFE-GIVING
HABITS FOR LENT

You're invited to join our

EASTER SERVICES

Sun 29 March 10am - Palm Sunday Service

Mon 30 March 7.30pm - Stations of the Cross

Tues 31 March 7.30pm - Taizé Service

Weds 1st April 7.30pm - A Reflective Service

Thurs 2nd April 7.30pm- Maundy Thurs Service

Fri 3rd April 10am-12pm- Good Friday Family Fun

Fri 3rd April 3pm Good Friday Service

Sat 4th April 7.30pm- Holy Saturday Service

Sun 5th April 10am- Easter Sunday Service



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