

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

		Sunday 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday
		Readings Matthew 21:1-11 Matthew 26:14-end of 27
		Hymns 500 Make way, Make way 688 Take this moment 317 Jesus remember me 340 I will sing the wondrous story
	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 30 Mar	John 12:1-11	2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Tues 31 Mar	John 12:20-36	10am-12pm Board Games Café 7.30pm Taizé Service
Weds 1 April	John 13:21-32	11am Communion Service 7.30pm Reflective Service 8pm Men's Curry Club
Maundy Thurs 2 April	John 13:1-17, 31-35	2pm Over 50s 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday 3 April	John 18:1-end of 19	10am-12pm Family Activity Morning & Community Coffee 2pm Good Friday Service
Easter Eve Sat 4 April	John 19:38-end	10am Decorating Church 7.30pm Holy Saturday Service

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

⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Matthew 21: 8-9

PRAYER

Collect: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Lord God,
As we enter this Holy Week,
we join the crowds in Jerusalem,
raising our voices and our branches to welcome your Son.
We thank you for the humility of Jesus,
who entered the city not in worldly power,
but on a donkey, bringing the peace of your kingdom.

As we shout our "Hosannas" today,
prepare our hearts for the silence of the cross.
When the cheers of the world fade,
give us the courage to stand by him;
when the path becomes difficult,
grant us the grace to follow him.

Help us to live out the mystery of this week:
that in giving, we receive;
in dying to ourselves, we find life;
and in the shadow of the Passion,
we see the first light of your coming glory.
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:

Please note the service on Good Friday is at 2pm and not 3pm as previously advertised.

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!

MOTHERS UNION -
Tuesday 14th April at
2pm This meeting is to
be a talk by Elaine



about her visit to Buckingham Palace to receive an MBE from the Queen. All are welcome.

Woodley
Food Bank

Woodley Foodbank Request

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank. They have advised that they are currently short of

Toilet Rolls , tinned potatoes, tinned carrots, tinned sweetcorn, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, crisps and long-life milk. The request for long-life milk is particularly urgent. Thank you again!

We will be decorating church for Easter on Saturday 4 April from 10am. Please feel free to come and help, and we will ensure you keep going with hotcross buns and tea and coffee!





On Wednesday The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally was installed as the 106th [Archbishop of Canterbury](#) at a beautiful service held in [Canterbury Cathedral](#).

As she begins this new chapter of ministry, please join us as we lift her up in prayer with this blessing from [The Church of England](#).

Almighty God,
you call your Church in every age to proclaim the gospel of Christ:
look with mercy upon your servant Sarah, and grant that,
as deacon, she may care for those in need,
as priest, sustain us with the ministry of word and sacrament,
and as bishop,
guard the faith and build up the body of Christ in holiness.
Give her wisdom and kindness that as archbishop,
she may promote unity, seek truth, and lead us in the way of
righteousness and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



**Meet the Artist this Sunday
2pm - 4pm**
Come and meet Carol Stephens who mixed media art we have been enjoying through March. Carol is a local well known painter and runs art classes in the area.

Thank you to everyone who made soup and bread for the Lent lunch last Sunday! It all looked delicious! Thanks to everyone who came and who helped set up and clear away, what a team!





From left: Sir Hector Sants, the Revd Joy Mawdesley, the Ven Stephen Pullin, Prof Helen King (joining remotely), Helen Lamb, and the Revd Matt Beer.

Representatives chosen for the next stages

The Committee elected six of its members to represent the diocese on the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), responsible for drawing up a shortlist of candidates and recommending a nominee for the new Bishop of Oxford. [Read about our six representatives.](#)

These representatives join six members from the national Church and the Archbishops in forming the full CNC. Please pray for all members as they carry out their work later this year on our behalf in discerning who God is calling to be the next Bishop of Oxford. We hope that this will result in an announcement in February 2027.

What did you have to say?

Through four weeks of consultation and detailed analysis, over 2,700 of you generously responded to share your hopes for the diocese and our next Bishop of Oxford.

From this breadth of responses, ten key themes emerged as most frequently raised across all questions: some, issues for the next bishop to address, others, qualities they should offer. [The Consultation Summary Report details these crucial findings.](#)



Men's Curry Club



*because
we're
worth
it!*

**Usual first Wednesday of the month,
at 8pm on Weds. 01 April 2026.**

Rajmoni Restaurant, Maiden Place, Lower Earley

Come along and enjoy the welcome!

ca. £30 for a poppadum, 2 courses, 2 drinks & tip.

Contact David Pooler for details



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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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