

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



**Sunday 10th May 2026**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 17.22–31

**Psalm:** 66.7–end

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 3.13–end

**Gospel Reading:** John 14.15–21

**Hymns**

767 Thou whose almighty word

491 Love divine

4 A new commandment

743 There is a redeemer

156 Do not be afraid

627 Praise to the holiest in the height

	<b>Bible Readings</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	John 15.26–16.4	<b>2pm Tea &amp; Tinies</b>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	John 16.5–11	<b>10am-12pm Board Games Café</b>
<b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	John 16.12–15	<b>11am Communion Service</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Ascension Day</i>	Luke 24.44–end	<b>2pm Over 50s</b> <b>6pm Ascension Day Service</b> <b>7pm Carbon Literacy Course</b>
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	John 15.9–17	<b>10am-12pm Community Coffee</b> <b>10-11.30 Full Hearts Friday</b> <b>2pm-4.30pm SNAC-Knit &amp; Natter</b>
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	John 16.23–28	

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

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

<sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' **John 14.19–21**

# PRAYER

**Collect:** Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

## A Prayer for the Sixth Week of Easter

Risen Lord Jesus,  
As we navigate a world often clouded by fear and unrest,  
breathe into our hearts your perfect peace—  
a peace the world cannot give.

Lord, open our eyes to your presence in our daily lives,  
that we may keep your commandments not through duty,  
but through love.

Empower us by your Holy Spirit  
to be bold witnesses of your resurrection,  
carrying your light into the darkness,  
and sharing your unconditional love with all we meet.

As we look toward your Ascension,  
help us to live as citizens of your new creation,  
confident in your promise to make all things new.  
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](mailto: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:

### Week of Action: 13-20 May

Hundreds of charities (including Christian Aid), communities and faith groups (including Churches Together in England) have come together to launch A Million Acts of Hope. It's a national invitation to celebrate the everyday acts of kindness, care and connection happening across the UK.

At a time when division can feel loud, A Million Acts of Hope wants to bring together all these everyday acts of hope and shine a light on the people and communities making them happen.

Like us here at St Nicolas. We have Tea and Tinies, Board Games Cafe, Coffee and Chat, Memory Cafe, SNAC, the Pastoral Care Team, regular donations to Woodley Foodbank, The Mothers' Union, the Art Space, the Community Garden and more.

# Hope

**happens  
here.**



Please look out for the posters around the Church and Centre and add your messages about what gives you hope or what you hope for in our local community. The more we see hope, the more hopeful we can be.

You can also join the Fairtrade Foundation and donate a Fairtrade item to Woodley Foodbank. By donating a Fairtrade item to the basket in the church lobby, you are both supporting the people who grow our food, and the people in the UK who need it most.

Thank you.

For more information: <https://millionactsofhope.org/>

## Why take part in Christian Aid Week?

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.



*Fridah with her grandson, Quillan, outside their house in Dagoretti, Nairobi. Credit: Christian Aid / David Macharia*

Most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. Fridah knows this reality well. But she's determined to protect her grandchildren from hunger.

Through Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, she's received tools, seeds and training to grow fresh vegetables in a small city space – food she can cook for her family or sell to earn income.

*'Now I can plan. I can buy this; I can buy that. I can help my family.'*

You can read more about Fridah and see a short film about the project on the Christian Aid <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

The PCC have agreed that all money raised by St Nicolas during Christian Aid week 2026 : 10th-16th May will go to support this very worthwhile project. Please give what you can.

Lindsey, on behalf of JPEG

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## You're invited!

Maggie Carter will be having a celebration in the servery on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May to mark her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday and you're invited! You are welcome to pop in anytime between 12pm and 4pm to raise a glass and enjoy some nibbles and wish Maggie many happy returns!

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## Beware of Email Fraud.

Churches and charities are liable to email fraud ('Phishing'), and we are no exception. Recently some emails were sent claiming to be from Mark asking for money to buy a present for the staff, "but to keep it a secret". Fortunately, no one fell for it.

Genuine emails from the Church will normally be sent from a "[@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:@stnicolas.org.uk)" email address. The most recent fake ones were sent from a Gmail address. You can check who sent it by clicking on the name of the sender. Fake addresses often just have random letters/numbers in the address.

If you're unsure of an email, please check by asking the person to ring you, or by ringing them, or contacting the office. If it feels off, it probably is! More information can be found

here: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams/spot-scams>

Revd Dr Mark Laynesmith

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**full hearts friday**

A garden playgroup for 0-4's with their grown-ups.

Fridays 10-11.30am  
St Nicos Church Garden,  
Earley, RG67JN  
contact [louise.bisset@oasisuk.org](mailto:louise.bisset@oasisuk.org) 07340419693

£2 per family

*Let's go outside!*

Crafts, toys, water play,  
books, songs, bubbles,  
snacks & friends

Oasis church  
St Nicolas Church + Centre



# Memory Café



Join us for tea, chat and light recreation in a friendly atmosphere! The cafe is particularly designed for people who live with some form of memory loss and their carers, but everyone is welcome!

*Third Tuesday of every month!*  
**17th March 21st April 19th May**

**2:00 - 3:30pm in the St Nicolas Centre**

Sutcliffe Avenue Earley RG6 7JN

**Tel: 0118 966 9080**



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## Art Space in St Nics

For the whole of May we have a new exhibition by Kajsia Longuere. She was inspired by the festival of Pentecost when the Spirit of God in the form of tongues of flames descended on believers.

Not as well-known as Christmas or Easter this important day is often celebrated as the 'Birthday of the Church' and occurs 50 days after Easter. This year it happens on the 24th May.



Blunt Blades? Broken Tools? Damaged Ornaments? Wobbly Chairs?  
Get your garden ready with...

# EARLEY REPAIR CAFE

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 10am - 1pm

Centrepoint Community Centre (next to Lower Earley Library on Chalfont Close)



St Nicolas is proud to be a Fairtrade Church. Fairtrade is not a charity; it's a way of doing business that benefits both people and the planet.

# A**FAIR**Noon Tea

May 10th @ 4pm – **World Fair Trade Day**



Join us for a **cuppa & cake** to hear from our suppliers **Manal Ramadan White (Zaytoun) & Anne Bishop (Weaving Hope)**. They will share stories of producers from **Palestine** & a special recipe from **Sri Lanka**.

**World Shop 35-39 London Street RG1 4PS Free**

[www.risc.org.uk](http://www.risc.org.uk)

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# Summer Fair

**CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES!!!**

**Join Our Summer Fair!!**

We are excited to invite local small businesses, makers, and entrepreneurs to be a part of our upcoming Summer Fair - a vibrant community event.

Showcase your products to the local community and connect with new customers.

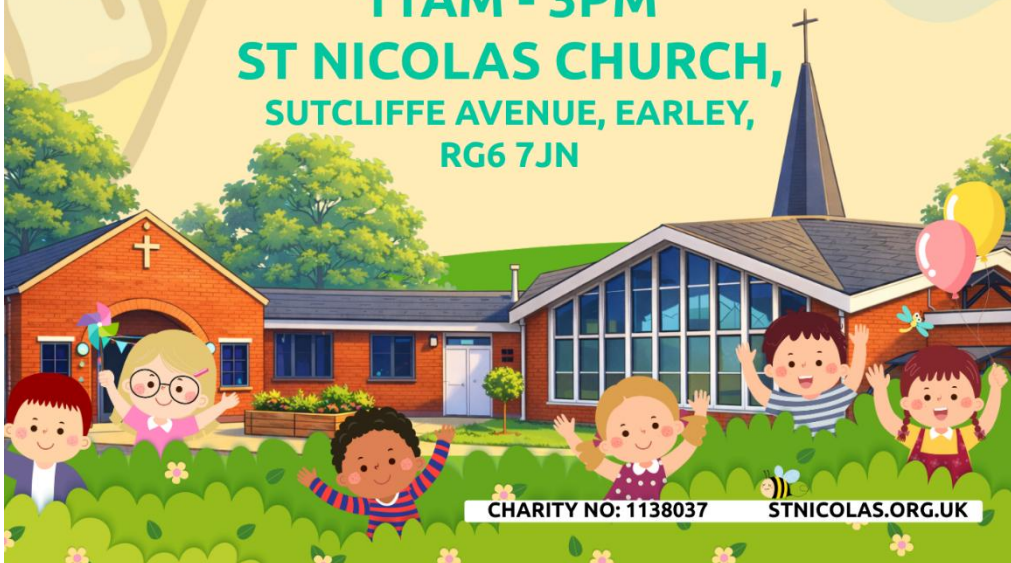
For further details please contact us on:

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**6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, SATURDAY**

**11AM - 3PM**

**ST NICOLAS CHURCH,  
SUTCLIFFE AVENUE, EARLEY,  
RG6 7JN**



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**Gardeners we need you!**

**On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30am we need help to clear a section in the garden ready for the 'flood' (see poster below) which will take place at the Summer fair at 1pm. Please make a note in your diary as we need as much help as possible. Thank you 😊**



**Do you care about the environment?**

**Do you have cardboard in your recycling?**

**Do you wonder what would happen if there was a huge flood?**

**Could you make a mini cardboard building?**

**Then we need you to....**

# **Build a Recycled Community Together**

**THE GREAT  
BIG GREEN  
WEEK**



**Bring your mini buildings along to  
St Nicolas Summer Fete on  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Between 11am and 12 midday**

**Flood starts  
at 1pm**

**Mini: you can hold  
your building in  
one hand**

St Nicolas Church Garden  
Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley. RG6 3BY



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**If you are struggling to get started on a template to make you mini building one is available from the Parish Office [office@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolas.org.uk)**

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# Summer Fair

**FREE  
ENTRY**

Join us for a day full of sunshine,  
laughter and community spirit!!

You can bring your own blankets for a picnic....

- Live music & entertainment
- Delicious food & refreshing drinks
- Homemade Cakes
- Fun Games
- Local Stalls
- Jewellery
- Art & Crafts
- Candles
- Books

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