

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



Sunday 24th May 2026

Pentecost

1st Reading: Acts 2.1–21

Psalm: 104.26–36, 37b

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b –13

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

Hymns

87 Breathe on me, breath of

654 She sits like a bird

401 Jesus stands among

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

120 Come down O Love divine

732 The spirit lives to set us free

Half Term Week	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 25 th May	Mark 10.17–27	Bank Holiday
Tues 26 th May	Mark 10.28–31	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 27 th May	Mark 10.32–45	11am Communion Service
Thurs 28 th May	Mark 10.46–end	2pm Over 50s 7pm Carbon Literacy Course
Fri 29 th May	Mark 11.11–26	10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm-4.30pm SNAC-Knit & Natter
Sat 23 rd May	Mark 11.27–end	10am – 1pm St Nics Working Party see page 4

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

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

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' **John 20:20-23**

PRAYER

Collect: Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Prayer for Pentecost

Almighty God,
on this day you poured out your Spirit
upon the disciples in wind and flame,
igniting their hearts with courage and joy.
Breathe your life into your Church today,
that we may speak your truth with grace,
serve our neighbours with compassion,
and work for justice with steadfast hope.
Unite us across nations and cultures,
that your Gospel may be heard in every tongue
and your love known in every heart.
Come, Holy Spirit—
renew your people,
renew your creation,
and make us one in Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
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:



We will be celebrating Pentecost this Sunday so let's make the place bright and beautiful by wearing red, orange or yellow, or all of them combined if you really want to! There will also be an opportunity to be anointed as a form of blessing.

St Nicolas Church Centre
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
- Fun Games
- Art & Crafts
- Delicious food & refreshing drinks
- Local Stalls
- Candles
- Homemade Cakes
- Jewellery
- Books

6TH JUNE, SATURDAY
11AM - 3PM
ST NICOLAS CHURCH,
SUTCLIFFE AVENUE, EARLEY,
RG6 7JN

For further details please contact us on
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Update St Nics Summer Fair Saturday 6th June

Thank you to everyone who has offered tombola prizes, gazebos, delivered leaflets and offered to help. We still need more hands on deck please so if you haven't already and you are able to help please let us know asap.

- **We need Tombola Prizes (all brand new please)** – a few ideas below all donations can be left in the box in church – Bags of Sweets, Bottles of non alcoholic drinks, olive oil, bubble bath, colouring books, playing cards, Scented candles, mini hand creams, face masks,

bath bombs.

- **Plants for the St Nics Plant stall.** If you have any spare plants after the spring sowing or have extra house plant cuttings, please let the office know so we can plan accordingly.
- **Gazebos** – if you have a gazebo we can borrow on the day please let the office know.
- **Garden** – to help clear a section of the garden for the flood (see poster on page 11)
- **Books & Jigsaws** – If you have any books and jigsaws that are in good condition but you no longer want we would be happy to sell them on the St Nics Stall.
- **You!** – we need lots of volunteers to help on the day- to set up, man stalls, help welcome visitors, help clear away! If you haven't already email the office office@stnicolas.org.uk

Working Party Sat 23rd May

We need some volunteers to be part of a working party that can carry out some light work around the church and centre that was identified in our Quinquennial report. This will include weeding the paving at the front of the servery and the outside the office and REI offices and clearing the leaves out of the channels outside these areas too! All help will be gratefully received 😊



Artist Trading Card event 24th May

Artist Trading Cards (ATCs) are miniature 2.5 x 3.5 inch works of art created for trading rather than for sale.

We are running an Artist Trading Card event in Art Space in St Nicolas on Sunday the 24th May after Church and from 1-3 pm. Artists of any skill level can come the cafe area to show their work and swap unique, mixed-media miniature 2D creations on cards size 2.5 x 3.5 inches/64 x 89 mm which is the traditional size for this type of work. This photo shows the type of



card already created! It would be lovely if you could join in and resources will be provided if you want to have a go. Please tell others as I am always surprised who finds this sort of art great fun to do!

Liz Kerry



Cake and Craft Sale on Sunday 31st May

Just a reminder that there will be a Cake and craft sale after the 10am service on Sunday 31st May with all proceeds going to Earley St Nicolas Church.



An Enneagram workshop: Growing in understanding of oneself and others through the Enneagram. Suitable for beginners and those already journeying with the Enneagram.

Saturday 27th June 10 am – 4 pm

Led by Helen Watts and Ruth Choi

The Enneagram is a model of personality. It describes 9 basic personality types; each one with a fundamentally different outlook on life. The Enneagram also recognises that we are all unique and that beyond our personality there is a deeper essence of who we are that arises from our being created in the divine image. This deeper essence is generally lost sight of in our day-to-day lives, which are mostly governed by the emotional passions and habits of mind linked to our particular personality type. The Enneagram is not about putting you in a box; rather, it's about showing you the box you are in and how you can get out of it.

Learn more at <https://www.narrativeenneagram.org/>

It would be helpful for you to come to the day with an understanding of your own type patterns and how it shows up for you. If you are not yet clear on which type you resonate with, we would suggest having a typing exploration with someone before you come. Helen Watts can offer a typing exploration for £60 (1hr15), or she can put you in touch with someone who is almost qualified as a typing practitioner, who would not charge for the session. Email Helen at helen@wattsyourpathway.co.uk to book a typing exploration session with her or a trainee practitioner.

Venue: St Nicolas Church, Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley, Reading, RG6 7JN

Registration and coffee from 9.30 am

Programme 10 am – 4 pm

Refreshments provided. Please bring your own lunch.

Cost: £20

To book contact Ruth on ruthchoichoi@gmail.com / 0787294503

*Helen Watts is an Enneagram workshop leader in the Narrative Enneagram tradition and facilitates the Oxford Enneagram **Community**. She is also Certified Enneagram Typing Practitioner and Enneagram Trainer, part of the team at Enneagram Training UK*

You can read more at <https://wattsyourpathway.co.uk/>

Ruth Choi is an Ignatian spiritual director and has worked as a Psychosynthesis therapist. She first came across the Enneagram in 1996 with Ann O'Sullivan at Emmaus House and values its practical wisdom as a tool of compassion to help navigate life, faith and relationship with self and others.

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TRINITY CONCERT BAND
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INDIGO MAY

SOUNDS SUMMER

A stylized illustration of a yellow saxophone with orange circular accents on its keys, positioned diagonally across the right side of the poster. A pair of blue-rimmed glasses is superimposed over the word 'SOUNDS' in the title.

A lively concert of film favourites, swing classics and iconic hits, featuring acclaimed vocal duo Indigo May.

27 JUNE • 7:00 PM

All Saints Church
Wokingham, RG40 1TN

trinityband.co.uk

Trinity Concert Band is a registered charity: 1145098



Gardeners we need you!

On Saturday 30th 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 6th 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



St Nicolas
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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

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