

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



Sunday 28 June 2026

Trinity 4

1st Reading: Jeremiah 28.5-9

Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18

2nd Reading: Romans 6.12-end

Gospel: Matthew 10.40-end

Hymns

521 My song is love unknown

401 Jesus stand among us

687 Take my life and let it be

454 Lord for the years

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 29th June <i>Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	Matthew 16.13-19	2.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 30th June	Matthew 8.23-27	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 1st July	Matthew 8.28-end	11am Communion Service 7pm Dialogue Society 8pm Men's Curry Club
Thurs 2nd July	Matthew 9.1-8	2pm Over 50s
Fri 3rd July <i>Thomas the Apostle</i>	John 20.24-29	10am -11.30am Full Hearts Friday 10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm-4.30pm SNAC-Knit & Natter
Sat 4th July	Matthew 9.14-17	

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

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

⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.' **Matthew 10:40-end**

PRAYER

COLLECT: Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

O God,
our protector and shade in times of trial:
Grant us your wisdom as our nation navigates
political transition and uncertainty.
Pour out your refreshing grace upon our communities
as we face oppressive heat,
and protect the vulnerable, the unwell,
and those who work to keep us safe.
Amidst the storms and disruptions of this passing world,
strengthen our resilience and deepen
our care for one another;
that we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
through 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** where we will be praying for the needs of the world and our community. This is back on Zoom now, to join please click on the link below
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83985221424?pwd=iYlbb3mjOd4gSviyUwVgp7fBOGRAbP.1>
Meeting ID: 839 8522 1424
Passcode: 981055

NOTICES:

A Celebration of Life for Louise M. Walrond

- You are invited to a celebration of Louise's life at St. Nicolas Church Earley, RG6 7JN, starting at 12:30 on Monday 29th June, and afterwards, in the church's Pat Dummer Hall.
- Please wear something mid blue, or royal blue, in your ensemble!
- RSVP (for catering nos.) to Doug at bosundoug@gmail.com



Art Space in St Nics

Our June artist is Moyna who is inspired by theme of Climate Change to create a series of paintings called 'Turbulent Skys'.

Meet the Artist event Saturday 27th June 2pm - 4pm.



Fair on the Planet

The Fairtrade Foundation is highlighting how the climate crisis is affecting the production of some of our staple products, like coffee and bananas, and the lives of their producers.



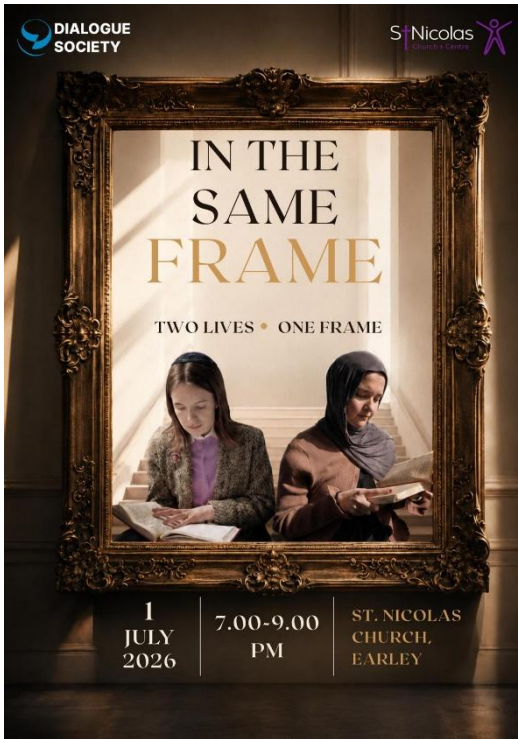
Farmers are facing increasingly unpredictable weather, failing harvests and rising costs, often without the support they need to adapt. And they are being forced to shoulder the burden of a crisis they did little to create.

The Fairtrade Foundation is calling on the government to pass a new law that holds businesses accountable for any abuse or climate damage behind their products.

To find out more and to sign the petition, see the Fairtrade Foundation website:

[Fair on the Planet](#)

NOTICES:



For our next Scriptural Reasoning gathering on **Wednesday 1 July**, we will be doing something a little different alongside our usual discussions. We will be watching a short film created by our young volunteers and using it as a starting point for conversation. After the screening, we will spend some time in small groups exploring a number of discussion topics inspired by the film, before coming back together to share reflections and insights. Don't worry – there won't be a test afterwards, and there are no right or wrong answers. Just bring your thoughts, curiosity and willingness to listen.

We will also have a few refreshments prepared for the evening. We can't promise that the refreshments will solve all the world's problems, but they should at least help fuel the discussion!

And, of course, if you would like to bring something to share, you are very welcome to do so. Whether it's a plate of treats, a favourite snack, or even a friend who might enjoy the conversation, all contributions are warmly welcomed. We can't guarantee your friend will leave with all the answers, but we do hope they'll leave with plenty to think about (and something nice to eat!).

Date: Wednesday 1 July

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Venue: St Nicolas Church, Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley, Reading

As always, everyone is welcome, whether you are a regular participant or joining us for the first time.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Men's Curry Club



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we're
worth
it!**

**Usual first Wednesday of the month,
at 8pm on Weds. 01 July 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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Bishop Mary chats with Natural England scientist

In our new podcast, Common Ground, we explore the connection between faith, the environment and the world we share – and episode three of the series is now available.

In episode three, Bishop Mary speaks with Mike Morecroft, deputy director for climate change science at [Natural England](#) and a licensed lay minister in Hungerford.

Drawing on both his scientific expertise and his Christian faith, Mike shares insights into the changing natural world and the practical steps that can help nature and people flourish together.

[Read more](#) | [Listen on Spotify](#) | [Listen on Apple Podcasts](#)



Hear from our LGBTQIA+ Chaplains

The Diocese of Oxford LGBTQIA+ Chaplaincy exists to offer listening, grace, space and support. In this short film, members of the chaplaincy team share why the chaplaincy

was created, who it is for, and how it supports LGBTQIA+ people, their families, churches and anyone exploring questions of faith, identity and belonging. To watch click on the image above or go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DlcUTUDdrPM>



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