

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



Sunday 19 July 2026 - Trinity 7

1st Reading: Isaiah 44.6-8

Psalm: 86.11-end

2nd Reading: Romans 8.12-25

Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Hymns

19 All my hope on God is founded

549 O God you search me

303 Here is bread

114 Colours of day

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 20th July	Matthew 12.38-42	2.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 21st July	Matthew 12.46-end	10am-12pm Board Games Café 2pm Memory Café
Weds 22nd July	John 20.1-2, 11-18	11am Communion Service
Thurs 23rd July	Matthew 13.10-17	2pm Over 50s
Fri 24th July	Matthew 13.18-23	10am -11.30am Full Hearts Friday 10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm-4.30pm SNAC-Knit & Natter
Sat 25th July	Matthew 20.20-28	

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‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! **Matthew 37-43**

PRAYER

COLLECT: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Loving Father,
May we find quiet moments to appreciate the beauty
and abundance of midsummer.**

**Let us cultivate kindness in our hearts
and strengthen the bonds with those around us.
May we grow in wisdom, treat one another with deep
respect, and support those in need.**

**We commit to nurturing our communities
with good deeds,
remaining steadfast in our care
for the world and each other.**

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:

Please note there will be no Sunday sheet next week due to staff holidays but readings etc. for the following week can be found on the last page.

St Nics Whatsapp

It's not too late to join the new St Nicolas WhatsApp Group! If you would like to join please email your name and phone number to office@stnicolas.org.uk and we will add you in.



Marjory & Keith Codling will be moving Leicester this Sunday so we wanted to thank them for everything they have done at St Nics over the years. They been involved in JPEG, Christian Aid, Foodbank deliveries and providing flowers for Mothering Sunday amongst so many other things. So we wish them well and will keep them both in our prayers as they settle into their new home!

Many of you may remember Liz Rowell who has passed away peacefully on July 1st at her care home in Wokingham. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at 12.30 on Tuesday, July 21st at: Woosehill Church, 32 Chestnut Ave, Wokingham RG41 3RS. If you knew Liz and would like to attend you are welcome.



Weekend rail passengers and music lovers are in for a treat this Saturday. The **Aldworth Philharmonic Orchestra** is bringing live classical music straight to Reading Station for a special free performance. Led by musical director Andrew Taylor, the orchestra will perform on the station concourse to delight passengers and visitors alike. Can't make it? Well, you're in luck - there is an encore performance in Wokingham the following day.



Dear Wendy,

Your gift of £174.86 through your church, is helping communities thrive. Thanks to support like yours, people are gaining the skills, confidence and opportunities they need to build a brighter, fairer future.

Your generosity is helping communities thrive by supporting partners like Beacon of Hope, equipping urban farmers like Fridah with training, tools and seeds.

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Thanks to support like yours, Fridah can now grow food for her family and earn a reliable income.

Your gift is helping people gain the skills, confidence and opportunities they need to build a brighter, fairer future.

Thank you again for your support,

Jay Senior

Community Fundraising and Volunteering Lead

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Having conversations about climate change that inspire hope

In the latest episode of Common Ground, Bishop Mary and Rachael Orr, CEO of [Climate Outreach](#), explore how we can have conversations about climate change that inspire hope rather than division, drawing on research into how people across Britain think and feel about climate and nature.

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Meanwhile, as extreme weather becomes more familiar, churches are finding practical and hopeful ways to respond. Hannah Mann, the diocese's environment programme manager, explores how we need to learn to live differently.

[Read more.](#)



Churches urged to get involved with modern slavery campaign

More than 50 million people are trapped in modern slavery worldwide. The charity [Hope for Justice](#) exists to bring freedom, restore lives and help end this injustice.

Churches are invited this summer to join Hope for Justice's 50 Days of Hope campaign to [pray](#), [raise awareness](#), and [fundraise](#). For more info, [email](#)

[Karen Roach](#) at Hope for Justice.



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Sunday 26 July 2026 - Trinity 8

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3.5–12

Psalm: 119.129–136

2nd Reading: Romans 8.26–end

Gospel: Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

Hymns

302 Here in this place

243 God is love, let heaven adore him

66 Be thou my vision

687 Take my life and let it be

Summer Hols!	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 27 th July	Matthew 13.31–35	2.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 28 th July	Matthew 13.36–43	10am–12pm Board Games Café
Weds 29 th July	Matthew 13.44–46	11am Communion Service
Thurs 30 th July	Matthew 13.47–53	2pm Over 50s
Fri 31 st July	Matthew 13.54–end	10am –11.30am Full Hearts Friday 10am–12pm Community Coffee 2pm–4.30pm SNAC–Knit & Natter
Sat 1 st August	Matthew 14.1–12	

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³¹ He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

Matthew 13 31–33