

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



Sunday 5 July 2026

Trinity 5

1st Reading: Zechariah 9.9-12

Psalm: 145.8-15

2nd Reading: Romans 7.15-25

Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Hymns

334 I heard the voice of Jesus say

382 Jesus Christ is waiting

507 Meekness and majesty

10 All creatures of our God and King

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 6th July	Matthew 9.18-26	2.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 7th July	Matthew 9.32-end	10am-12pm Board Games Café 2.30pm Epilepsy Berkshire
Weds 8th July	Matthew 10.1-7	11am Communion Service
Thurs 9th July	Matthew 10.7-15	2pm Over 50s
Fri 10th July	Matthew 10.16-23	10am -11.30am Full Hearts Friday 10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm-4.30pm SNAC-Knit & Natter
Sat 11th July	Matthew 10.24-33	

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

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

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Matthew 11:28-30

PRAYER

COLLECT: Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious Lord,
from whom all good things come,
give us the grace and wisdom
to perceive what things we ought to do,
and the strength to faithfully fulfill them.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that in our daily work,
our homes, and our vocations,
we may be instruments of your
healing, justice, and peace.
We ask this for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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:



Gardening at St Nics
this Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm
Do come and join Liz for a bit of weeding and planting in the St Nics Garden if you are able.



Baptism this Sunday
We are delighted to be baptising little Kara this Sunday during the 10am service. We look forward to welcoming Lianne and Ryan and all the family!

St Nics Whatsapp

During the Summer Fair we set up a Whatsapp group for all involved so we could communicate in a quick and easy fashion. We've noticed that the group has continued to be used and wondered if this would give us the opportunity to set up a St Nics Whatsapp for anyone who would like to join. If this is the case then we would also be looking for someone to act as the Group Admin. Please let the Mark, Churchwardens or the Parish Office know if you are interested office@stnicolas.org.uk



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**A PRESENTATION ON THE OXFORD DIOCESE'S
JAMAICAN PARTNER IN WORLD MISSION PROJECT**



SPEAKER: REV. POLLY FALCONER

**VENUE: ST JOHN & ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, ORTS ROAD,
READING , RG1 3JN.**

TIMETABLE: STARTING AT 19.30 ON 23 JULY 2026

A SELECTION OF CARIBBEAN FOOD C/O

POLLY FALCONER

**FOLLOWED BY A TALK ON THE OXFORD DIOCESE'S JAMAICAN
PARTNER IN WORLD MISSION PROJECT.**

PLEASE CONFIRM ATTENDANCE AND FOOD PREFERENCE:



**VEGETARIAN/VEGAN/GLUTEN FREE PREFERENCE OR ANY
ALLERGIES BY 17.7.2026 ; CONTACT ADDRESS:**

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**FREE TO ATTEND WITH ANY DONATIONS TO GO TO THE
OXFORD DIOCESE JAMAICAN PARTNER IN WORLD MISSION.**

**CAR PARKING AVAILABLE ADJACENT TO THE VENUE
AND STREET PARKING ; ALSO BIKE RACK SPACES
AVAILABLE.**

NOTICES:



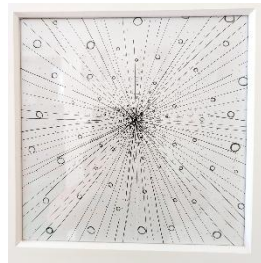
Artspace in St Nics July Exhibition - Adelle Antony first exhibition with us is called 'Time and Eternity' and 'Held in Time'.

'Time and Eternity' is based on a series of paper chains using paper ephemeral. Things like old note book pages belonging to her grandparents, sweet wrappers and other

mundane personal material are used to express the transcendental nature of the present.

'Held in Time' are prints to show the continuity of time, and asks you to stop and be present.

Our 'Meet the Artist' is 1pm - 3pm Saturday 11th July in the Coffee area of the St Nicolas Centre.



The Cowshed

Little Black Dress Sale - 14th July | 6pm - 8:30pm ✨

Next month we're bringing you a fabulous Summer & Cruise Wear theme! 🍊🌴

Whether you're heading off on holiday, setting sail on a cruise, attending a summer wedding, or simply refreshing your wardrobe, we've got plenty of stylish bargains waiting for you.

- 👗 Summer dresses & occasion wear
- 🌴 Holiday & cruise outfits
- 👜 Accessories, shoes, jewellery & more
- ✨ Everything £30 and under
- ✨ Sustainable shopping
- ✨ Supporting local families in crisis
- 📍 Rubra 2, Mulberry Business Park, Fishponds Road, RG41 2GY

Bring a friend and bag yourself a summer bargain! ❤️

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL

GREEN FAIR 2026

SATURDAY
1ST AUGUST
10AM TO 3PM

FREE
ENTRY

MAIDEN ERLEGH
NATURE RESERVE
(BEECH LANE END)

HOMEMADE CAKES



PLANT STALLS



GIFTS & GOODIES



GARDEN GAMES

MEET ONE OF THE
NEWLY NAMED



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Portrait of Bishop Steven unveiled at leaving lunch

The traditional portrait of the departing Bishop of Oxford was unveiled at Church House Oxford this week.

The painting of Bishop Steven was shown for the first time to members of Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance and Oxford Diocesan Board Education staff at a lunchtime event to mark his retirement.

The portrait was painted by Duncan Shoosmith, the 2019 winner of the Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year competition.

You can watch a time-lapse video of the portrait taking shape by clicking the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGzSvtX-bnU>



Common Ground: The aftermath of Hurricane Melissa

Episode four of Bishop Mary's Common Ground podcast series is now available to listen to. Following the devastating impact of Hurricane Melissa on Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, Bishop Mary Gregory speaks with the Revd Canon Janet Binns, who recently visited the islands and witnessed both the destruction and the remarkable resilience of local communities and her own friends and family.

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

Everyone Welcome!



BOARD GAMES CAFÉ

🕒 *Every Tuesday 10am - Midday*



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