



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



Sunday 13 Sept 2026 - Trinity 15
Season of Creation

1st Reading: Genesis 50.15–21

Psalm: 103.1–13

2nd Reading: Romans 14.1–12

Gospel: Matthew 18.21–35

Hymns

120 Come down O love divine

327 I cannot tell

237 God forgave my sin

747 There's a wideness in God's mercy

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 14th Sept <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	John 3.13–17	2.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 15th Sept	Luke 7.11–17	10am-12pm Board Games Café 2pm-3.30pm Memory café
Weds 16th Sept	Luke 7.31–35	11am Communion Service
Thurs 17th Sept	Luke 7.36–end	2pm Over 50s 8pm St Nics Pub Night
Fri 18th Sept	Luke 8.1–3	10am-11.30am Full Hearts Friday 10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm-4pm SNAC-Knit & Natter
Sat 19th Sept	Luke 8.4–15	1pm-4pm Meet the Artist

To watch the live stream of our Sunday service please go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/@stnicolasearley1496/featured>

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

Matthew 18.21

PRAYER

COLLECT: Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy God,
whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning,
we gather as part of your community of all creation,
thirsty for your grace.

We give thanks for the gift of water.
May Christ our Lord who is Living Water
refresh us for the work of restoration,
and may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace
until justice rolls down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
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



Delia Turner's Funeral

Delia's Funeral will take place on Thursday 24th September at 10.45am in Church followed by refreshments in the servery and hall. You would be most welcome to come and pay your respects and share your memories of this lovely lady.



It is [Ride + Stride for Churches](#) this Saturday.

Ride+Stride is the major annual fundraiser for Historic Churches Trusts all over the country and all support continues to be much valued as churches face difficult financial circumstances.

Ride+Stride is a nationwide church-crawl where you can visit as many (or as few) churches as you like on Saturday 12th September between 10am and 6pm. You can walk, run, cycle, ride or drive, following your own route and enjoy visiting some of our county's fabulous churches.

Peter Durrant will be doing his annual sponsored walk, (although he won't be doing his ride and stride on the 12th but instead on 26th.) but this will still count. So if you would like to sponsor Peter (**half of any sponsorship is given to Peter's nominated church which happens to be Earley St Nicolas**) please click the link below.

To sponsor Peter please go to Good Hub page -
www.goodhub.com/go/peter-d

We wish Peter every success with his walk and thank you to all who sponsor him!

Lifestyle Survey

As part of our journey to becoming a Gold EcoChurch we're inviting everyone in the congregation to get involved in thinking about how our lifestyles reflect our concern for Creation. After the service this Sunday, we would be hugely grateful if you could take the time to fill out a lifestyle survey for us – something we hope to do every year in Creation Season so that we can measure how things change. It's easiest for us if you can fill it out online

at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/eWxZrCCQf1> but paper versions are available in church.

It's completely anonymous and you've got until 27 September to fill them in. If you have any questions, please ask Wendy or Emma.



♥ full hearts friday ♥

Playgroup for parents, carers and their small people

0-4's
£2 per family

We'll be inside the lounge and church this season. Come on in!

Garden activity weather dependant!

Crafts & activities, toys, books, songs, story, snacks & friends!

Fridays 10-11.30am
St Nicolas Church
Earley RG67JN



St Nics Pub Night- Thursday 17th Sept 8pm at the The George Pub, Loddon Bridge Rd, Earley, Reading RG6 7EN. Come along for a chat and a drink. The third Thursday of every month. For more details, please contact Eleanor 07879 820367, Everyone welcome.



THE HISTORY OF READING SOCIETY

1500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN READING - A COOK'S TOUR

Talk by John Dearing

Wednesday 16 September 2026



John, our Vice Chair will talk about his book, *How the Good News Came to Reading* (2025). Then take us on a whistle-stop tour from 4th century beginnings through the founding of Reading Abbey, the Reformation, the Evangelical and Tractarian revivals and into the present day. Books will be on sale.

Abbey Baptist Church, Abbey Square
(rear of the Central Library in Kings Road)

7pm for a 7.30pm start

£2 for Non-Members All are welcome

www.historyofreadingsociety.org.uk





Ridgeline Trust Therapeutic Garden



SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
2PM - 4.30PM

OPEN GARDEN!

FREE ENTRY TO OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDEN!

LIVE MUSIC

APPLE PRESSING

HOT & COLD DRINKS

DELICIOUS CAKES



PLANTS FOR SALE (a small selection!)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

FREE DISABLED PARKING AT THE GARDEN

FREE PARKING AT HAMILTON SCHOOL

WELL BEHAVED DOGS ON LEADS WELCOME

25 WHITEKNIGHTS ROAD, READING, RG6 7BY

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Reading University Learning Garden

A new 'living laboratory' has been created to support environmental education for school children, students and the wider community, on our Whiteknights campus, and you're invited to come and see it.

Located within an historic walled garden in the Harris Garden, the space has been restored and rejuvenated as part of our Centenary celebrations to grow the University's legacy for the next century.

Although the garden won't typically be open to the public, we'll be throwing the garden gate open for a special open day on **Saturday 19 September**.

University staff will be on hand to answer questions and bring the garden to life, and Freely Fruity and the Tree Council will be running activities and sharing how they contributed to the space.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome. **Drop in anytime between 11:00-15:00, with no need to book.**

Discover more: <https://rdg.ac/4yIIlgd>



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer
care better for everyone, whoever and
wherever they are

Place: Earley St Nicolas Church and Centre, Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley RG6 7JN

Date: Friday 25th September 2026

Time: 10am-12pm

Contact: office@stnicolas.org.uk

Come and join us for a cuppa,
homemade cake and a good chat,
all whilst raising funds for
Macmillan Cancer Support!
We look forward to seeing you!



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CANCER SUPPORT**



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