



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



Sunday 6 Sept 2026 -Trinity 14

Season of Creation

1st Reading: Isaiah 55.12–end

Psalm: 96

2nd Reading: Colossians 1.15–20

Gospel: Matthew 8.23–27

Hymns

198 For the healing of the Nations

4 A new commandment I give unto you

786 Wake O Wake

819 When I needed a neighbour

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 7th Sept	Luke 6.6–11	2.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 8th Sept	Luke 6.12–19	10am-12pm Board Games Café 2pm Mothers Union AGM
Weds 9th Sept	Luke 6.20–26	11am Communion Service
Thurs 10th Sept	Luke 6.27–38	2pm Over 50s
Fri 11th Sept	Luke 6.39–42	10am-12pm Community Coffee 2pm-4pm SNAC-Knit & Natter
Sat 12th Sept	Luke 6.43–end	

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

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

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' ²⁶ And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

Matthew 8.23–27

PRAYER

COLLECT: Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth, you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glorious God,
the whole of creation proclaims
your marvellous work:
increase in us a capacity
to wonder and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent
as good stewards of the earth,
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



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The theme for the Season of Creation 2026 is living water, based on Ezekiel 47:1-12. God's life-giving water flows from the temple of God, growing deeper, restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems.

The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

"In the Season of Creation, we turn again to Christ, through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together. In his incarnation, death, and resurrection, God's love is revealed not only for humanity but for the whole created order. To care for creation is therefore an essential expression of Christian discipleship and an integral mark of the Church's mission: to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. As we follow Christ, we are called to share in his reconciling work, seeking justice, healing, and hope for the earth and for all who dwell within it."

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable
Dame Sarah Mullally,
Archbishop of Canterbury

Gardening at St Nics
this Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm

Please come and join us
Everyone welcome

Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley

St Nicolas
Church + Centre



ECO CHURCH
AN A Rocha UK PROJECT

Gardening at St Nics this Saturday 5th September.

St Nicolas grounds group will be preparing for the autumn tidy up and hope to plan planting of bulbs for spring.

THE GOOD APOCALYPSE GUIDE

16 September 2026, 7-8.15pm

Join Green Christian to hear Alex Evans
talking on The Good Apocalypse Guide
and being Christian in
these challenging times.



GreenChristian
Responding to the Cry of the Earth

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/the-good-apocalypse-guide-and-being-christian-in-these-challenging-times-green-christian-talk/>

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30 SMALL CLIMATE ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO FEEL POWERFUL THIS MONTH!

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Avoid fast fashion.



Grow veggies.



Ride a bike.



Eat less meat.



Compost.



Use public transport.



Plant trees.



Repair something.



Garden.



Wash clothes in cold water.



Use LED bulbs.



Monitor carbon footprint.



Buy second hand.



Use reusable items.



Avoid plastic.



Switch to an ethical bank.



Switch to an ethical super.



Pick up rubbish.



Mend clothes.



Write to a politician.



Buy local.



Upcycle or rehome items.



Join clean-ups.



Amplify solutions.

NO!



Buy nothing.

Join a climate group.



Reduce energy use.



Sign



Be a climate optimist.



Take quick showers.

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SEASON OF CREATION 2026

PRAYER

Living Water

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, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honor the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. 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.





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Up to £32,000 per annum depending on experience and qualifications

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- Are you gifted and enthusiastic about building youth work to make life-long disciples of Jesus Christ?
- Can you help us to become a truly intergenerational church and work with our local partners to enrich the community?

If so, we'd love to hear from you!

For an informal chat, phone Rev. Claire on 07519861040 or Richard on 07815633098

Full job description, person specification, parish information and application form <https://www.stjohnandststephen.org.uk/st-john-and-st-stephens-reading-youth-minister-post>

Or email our PCC Secretary at secretary.stjands@gmail.com

Closing Date: 12 noon 08.09.26

Interviews: 16.09.26

(We are happy to hold out longer, however, for the right candidate)

St John and St Stephen's Church
121-147 Orts Road, RG13JN

www.stjohnandststephen.org.uk

There is an occupational requirement that the post holder has a Christian faith, under Part 1, Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010. An Enhanced DBS check will be required.





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at The Cowshed

8 SEPTEMBER
6 – 8.30 PM

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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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