

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



Sunday 1 November 2026

All Saints & All Souls

1st Reading: Revelation 7.9–end

Psalm: 34.1–10

2nd Reading: 1 John 3.1–3

Gospel: Matthew 5.1–12

Hymns

62 Be still for the presence of the Lord

15 All heaven declares

79 Blest are the pure in heart

190 For all the saints

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 2nd Nov	Luke 14.12–14	2.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 3rd Nov	Luke 14.15–24	10am–12pm Board Games Café
Weds 4th Nov	Luke 14.25–33	11am Communion Service 7pm–9pm Scriptural Reasoning 8pm Men's Curry Club
Thurs 5th Nov	Luke 15.1–10	2pm Over 50s
Fri 6th Nov	Luke 16.1–8	10am–12pm Community Coffee 2pm–4pm SNAC–Knit & Natter
Sat 7th Nov	Luke 16.9–15	

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

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

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴
 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ 'Blessed are
 the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger
 and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ 'Blessed are the
 merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for
 they will see God. ⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called
 children of God. ¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for
 righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 5:3-10**

PRAYER

COLLECT: God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all generations,
We thank you for the vast cloud of witnesses
who have gone before us
—both the famous names of history and the quiet, ordinary saints
who showed us how to love, pray, and endure.
As we navigate the unique challenges, rapid changes,
and uncertainties of this year of 2026,
~grant us their same courage, resilience, and imagination.
Ground us in your truth when the world feels unstable,
and fill us with hope for the future.
Transform our daily lives so that we might reflect your light,
and bring peace to a world in need.
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



Calling all Decorators!

We are looking for volunteers to help paint the Artspace on the weekend on th 28th and 29th November so if you are freed and handy with a paint brush or roller please speak with Mark.

EcoChurch Green Tip

The UK's hedgehog population has declined by 30% in the last ten years. Please consider signing Greenpeace's petition to stop the toxic pesticides that are contributing not only to their decline but also harming bees, butterflies and birds:

<https://action.greenpeace.org.uk/defend-nature-wildlife>.

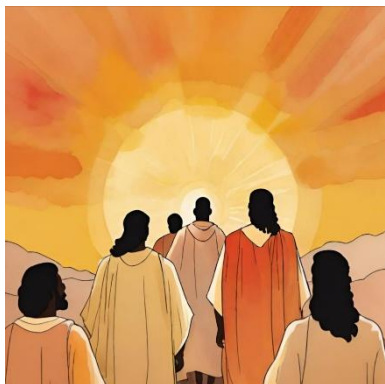
Also, if you have pumpkin lanterns this Halloween, please don't leave them out on the ground afterwards where hedgehogs will try to eat them but be poisoned. Put them up somewhere high so birds can still enjoy them.



WhatsApp group

Do you have WhatsApp on your phone? Then why don't you join the St Nics WhatsApp Group. We will be using this to remind you of upcoming services, events and news. All you need to do is email the office with you phone number and we will add you

to the group office@stnicolas.org.uk



Wonderful Artwork!

A huge thank you to Emma Major who is sharing her brilliant art with us, at the top of this Sunday sheet, and every week going forwards. Each image will relate to the where we are in the Church Calendar and the week's Gospel reading, so do please take your time to see how it resonates with you.



We warmly invite you to join us for a Service to remember and give thanks for your loved ones that are no longer with us. We will be lighting candles for those we remember.
Refreshments will be served after the Service



Pumpkin Festival - Wokingham Horticultural Association

There will be an opportunity to purchase craft items from the Store, buy raffle tickets and homemade cakes, tea or coffee.

When: Saturday 31 October from 13:30 - 16:00

Where: WHA Trading Store, Ormonde Road, RG41 2PL

Contact: 0118 979 2897

Cost: £1 Adults, Free Children

No Booking required



Reading Düsseldorf Churches Interchange: **facilitating personal relationships and understanding**

Reading Düsseldorf Churches Interchange seeks to enable and foster personal friendship, understanding, learning and mutual respect among Christians of all denominations in Reading and Düsseldorf.

Established in a time of great difficulty in the late 1940s, the Reading Düsseldorf Association (RDA) is the overall twinning link between our two cities. Now over 75 years old, it affords wonderful opportunities to explore many aspects of life and culture that we have in common. It is as strong today as ever and has many thriving aspects.

Reading Düsseldorf Churches Interchange (RDCI) is one of these aspects and has been in place for over 50 years. RDCI has developed strong links between Christians in Düsseldorf and Reading and, among other activities, presently runs week-long exchange visits twice every three years, with programmes based on a topical theme. Participants stay in one another's homes, visit places of interest, share meals, discuss hot topics, attend worship and enjoy one another's company. In between exchange visits there are local social events and an annual service, and we also keep in touch with Reading and Düsseldorf members online.

Our most recent visit to Düsseldorf was from 22 to 29 August 2026 for a full week of visits and discussions at a wide range of churches and other notable sites.



RDCI participants visiting the University Botanical Gardens in Düsseldorf.

The most recent visit to Reading was in July 2025, when the theme was 'Migration'. The programme is on our website at [Reading Düsseldorf Churches Interchange/welcome](https://www.readingdusseldorfchurches.org/welcome).

RDCI welcomes new participants. Anyone interested in participating in RDCI, and possibly also in an exchange visit, is encouraged to make contact to learn more. Hosting our guests is a rewarding though by no means required element. **Local organisers and contact information are to be found at** www.readingdusseldorfchurches.org/contactus

Everyone's interest and involvement are most welcome - please just contact any of us.



Christmas Fair

**CALLING ALL LOCAL CRAFTERS &
SMALL BUSINESSES!!!**

We are excited to invite local small businesses and crafters to be a part of our upcoming Christmas Fair - a vibrant community event.

Sell your Christmas creations and products to the local community.

**For further details please contact us on:
office@stnicolas.org.uk**

SAT 12TH DECEMBER

11AM - 3PM

ST NICOLAS CHURCH

**SUTCLIFFE AVENUE, EARLEY,
RG6 7JN**



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Men's Curry Club



*because
we're
worth
it!*

**Usual first Wednesday of the month,
at 8pm on Weds. 04 November 2026.**

Rajmoni Restaurant, 11 Maiden Place, Lower Earley
RG6 3HA

Come along and enjoy the welcome!

ca. £30 for a poppadum, 2 courses, 2 drinks & tip.

Contact David Pooler for details



0741.379.5050



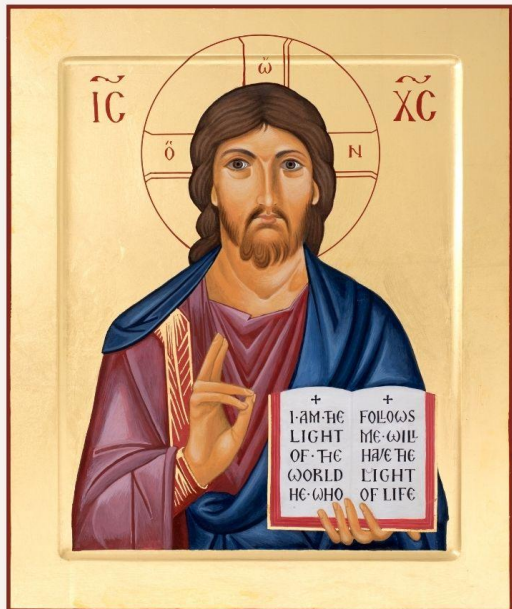
dave@poolers.co.uk



WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

What is an icon?

**An informal
conversation with
iconographer
Catherine Lomas**



ALL ARE WELCOME

starts 1.30pm

Earley St Nicolas Church & Centre,
Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley RG6 7JN
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