



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



**Sunday 18 October 2026**

**Luke the Evangelist**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 16:6-12a

**Psalm:** 147:1-7

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:5-17

**Gospel:** Luke 10:1-9

**Hymns**

334 I heard the of Jesus

798 We have a gospel to proclaim

583 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

652 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

|                            | Bible Readings | Activities                                                                  |
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| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | Luke 12.13-21  | <b>2.30pm Tea &amp; Tinies</b>                                              |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Luke 12.35-38  | <b>10am-12pm Board Games Café</b><br><b>2pm -3.30pm Memory Café</b>         |
| Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct  | Luke 12.39-48  | <b>11am Communion Service</b>                                               |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct | Luke 12.49-53  | <b>2pm Over 50s</b><br><b>7.30pm St Nics Pub Night</b>                      |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct   | Luke 12.54-end | <b>10am -12pm Community Coffee</b><br><b>2pm-4pm SNAC-Knit &amp; Natter</b> |
| Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | Luke 13.1-9    |                                                                             |

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

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

<sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. **Luke 10:2-6**

# PRAYER

**COLLECT:** God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord of the harvest,  
you send out your people to every town and place  
to pave the way for your coming:  
give us grace to travel lightly and to trust you boldly;  
that as we step out into your world,  
we may carry your gift of peace,  
minister your work of healing,  
and joyfully declare that your kingdom has come near;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

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## 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](mailto: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

**Thanksgiving Service for baby Ember Saturday 21st November 1pm all welcome, please RSVP to Eleanor or Bethany if you are able to attend.**

### Eco Church Green Tip

Leaving the dead flowers and plant heads standing throughout the winter is an easy way to support your local wildlife. The seed heads offer a food source for birds at a time of the year when it's difficult to find much food for them. Moreover, larvae and insects use the stems as hiding places for themselves and their eggs. Lastly, the dead plant and seed heads also help to protect the soil beneath them from the cold and windy weather conditions. The RSPB recommend the following for their seedheads for wildlife: Teasel, Echinacea, Phlomis. Opium poppies, Sedum, Eryngiums, Alliums, Heleniums, Ornamental grasses, Rudbeckias.



Woodley Foodbank have advised that they are currently short short of rice in pouches, tinned veg and tinned

puddings so if you are able to add any of these to your shopping this week we would gratefully receive them into the basket on the church lobby. Thank you 😊



**Earley Environmental Group 2027 Calendars on sale from the Parish Office now!** They are £6 per calendar and have amazing photos of local wildlife and plants. Come and get one before they sell out!



**St Nics Pub Night- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 7.30pm 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.

# ORANGES FOR JUSTICE

I'll be placing another order with Oranges for Justice this year.



Oranges for Justice is a Community Interest Company run by volunteers. It imports fruit to the UK by working with a co-operative in Calabria, Southern Italy. It's aim is to bring dignity and hope into the lives of the co-operative workers. Find out more at

<https://orangesforjustice.co.uk/>

Organic oranges, lemons, clementines and avocados will be available, and the fruit we ordered last year was really good.

The cost will depend on how much of each fruit we order so there is a range of prices:

- oranges £3.83 - £3.50 per kilo
- lemons £3.95 - £3.70 per kilo
- clementines £3.95 - £3.70 per kilo
- avocados £7.15 - £6.80 per kilo

If you would like to place an order, please contact Wendy ([wendy@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:wendy@stnicolas.org.uk)), stating the approximate weight of fruit you would like.

**Orders in by 25 October please,** to be delivered in the week commencing 7 December.

Wendy Neale

## An invitation to all our Friends and Supporters.



Dear Friends,

Over the last few years, watching or listening to the news has become troubling for many of us as divisions between nations ~ and even within nations ~ have become deeper and more troubling.

The Reading Interfaith Group has worked for decades to bridge divides. On the 25th October~ to celebrate United Nations Day ~ we will be holding a meeting across all faiths to discuss 'Friendship Across Divides'. We will begin with a short film about two young people who did just that: formed a friendship across a faith divide.

We're hoping that all those interested in making friendships across what is being touted as divisions will come along so that we can all talk to each other ~ and enjoy a 'bring and share' tea to finish off our talking.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone you think might like to join us.

In peace and friendship

From all the trustees of Reading Interfaith Group

DATE OF MEETING : 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026

VENUE : QUAKER MEETING HOUSE,  
CHURCH STREET, READING

TIME: 3 to 5 pm.

Our Reading Interfaith Group events are free and everyone is welcome.



**REINSPIRED**  
**QUIZ**  
**NIGHT**

+ Raffle and Heads  
and Tails game

**Saturday,**  
**Nov 21**

at St Nicolas Church  
Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley  
7:00pm

**£10**

per person.  
Teams of 8  
Bring your  
own drinks  
and snacks



For registration & further information email  
**[marketing@reinspired.org.uk](mailto:marketing@reinspired.org.uk)**



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## Earley Environmental Group Events

**Saturday, 24th October: Wild About Reading: North Earley and Bulmershe Green Corridor Walk, start time 1:30pm, estimated finish time 4:30pm.**

Start: Sol Joel Park car park, off Church Road (What3Words: ///safely.units.silk). A flat, circular walk starting and finishing in Sol Joel Park Carpark, off Church Road, Earley, organised and led by Earley Environmental Group for the Wild about Reading Weekend. Distance: 4mi / 6.4km. National Grade: Easy.

PLACES ON THE WALK ARE LIMITED TO 20, so if you wish to join the walk, please text 07557 432878 with your full name to reserve a place. For more details see: Website:

<https://www.lvra.org.uk/Webpages/walks.html>

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October: Fungi Walk in Maiden Erlegh Nature Reserve, 2.30pm to 4.30pm approx.**

Meet at the Interpretation Centre, Instow Rd. Come and improve your fungi identification skills in the woods of the reserve, led by Edwin Trout and Henry Thompson. If attending, please let Charlotte know by emailing [nature@earleyenvironmentalgroup.co.uk](mailto:nature@earleyenvironmentalgroup.co.uk)

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## Eco Afternoon Comes To Woodley - St James Church

Drop in anytime and learn practical ways to live more sustainably, there will be stalls available to explore, family activities, workshops, a recycling corner plus more. Whether you're looking for simple ways to reduce waste, save energy or learn more about environmental initiatives, there's something for all ages. Cakes and refreshments available to purchase.

When: Saturday 17 October from 14:00 - 16:30

Where: St James Church, Kingfisher Drive, Woodley RG5 3LH

Cost: Free

Booking required: No

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# Memory Café



Join us for tea, chat and light recreation in a friendly atmosphere! The cafe is particularly designed for people who live with some form of memory loss and their carers, but everyone is welcome!

***Third Tuesday of every month!***

**2:00 - 3:30pm in the St Nicolas Centre**

**20 October, 17 November, 15 December**

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