

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



Sunday 25 October 2026

Bible Sunday

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,8-12

Psalm: 119:9-16

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 24:30-35

Hymns

349 Immortal, invisible God only wise

340 I will sing the wondrous story

4 A new commandment

819 When I needed a neighbour

Homegroup week/ Half Term	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 26 th Oct	Luke 13:10-17	2.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 27 th Oct	Luke 13:18-21	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 28 th Oct <i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	John 15:17-end	11am Communion Service
Thurs 29 th Oct	Luke 13:31-end	2pm Over 50s
Fri 30 th Oct	Luke 14:1-6	10am-11.30am Full Hearts Friday 10am -12pm Community Coffee 2pm-4pm SNAC-Knit & Natter
Sat 31 st Oct	Luke 14:1, 7-11	

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

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

³² 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away **Matthew 24:32-35**

PRAYER

COLLECT: God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord of life and truth,
Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to hear, read, mark, learn,
and inwardly digest the Holy Scriptures,
that they may shape our thoughts,
heal our hearts, and direct our steps.
Transform us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may not just be listeners to your Word, but doers also,
living out your love and hope in our communities.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and 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

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

Woodley Food Bank

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 😊



Charity
Art & Craft Fair

FREE ENTRY

Saturday October 24th / 10^{am} - 5^{pm}
Sunday October 25th / 10^{am} - 4^{pm}
Inner Wheel Cafe open all weekend

Leighton Park School
Oakview Centre, Pepper Lane Entrance,
Reading, Berkshire, RG2 7DJ

Rotary
Reading Maiden Erlegh




rotaryartandcraftfair.co.uk

For more information go to <https://rotaryartandcraftfair.co.uk/>

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. Its 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), 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

Biodiversity COP (UN Conference of the Parties). 19-30 October, Yerevan

The first of two UN international meetings concerned with the environment is taking place now in Yerevan, Armenia. This is the 17th Convention on Biological Diversity. In 2022, the meeting devised a framework to restore ecosystems, protect biodiversity and ensure the benefits of nature are shared equitably. One focus this year will be on how to implement this agreement; another will be how that traditional knowledge, practices and the needs of indigenous people and local communities will be included in decision making.

Please pray for these discussions, maybe using this prayer from the Church of England

Dear God,

We thank you for the incredible diversity of life that you have placed in our hands, the trees, seas, mangrove ecosystems, rivers, animals and everything living on this planet.

During COP17, we ask you to guide us with wisdom, humility and an earnest desire to protect your creation.

May the voices speaking for nature and the people who don't always get a chance to be heard find strength. May decision makers go beyond promises and take action so that biodiversity is protected, the ecosystems are restored, and the benefits of nature are equitably distributed.

Especially, may the efforts of the youth, and Indigenous People and local communities to conserve nature be heard and valued by all of us. Teach us to see that creation care is also taking care of one another, particularly of those vulnerable to environmental degradation and climate change.

Lord, help us see that we do not exist apart from nature, but as a part of Your creation. Help us find the strength to become good stewards of the earth through our actions, not only through our words and prayers.

Let COP17 be an event of hope, cooperation, and commitment. And once we go back to our homes, help us take what we have learned here and make a difference in protecting the natural environment for future generations.

Help us to find the courage to speak, the wisdom to listen, and the faith to act.

In Jesus Christ name we pray, Amen

More information:

How to engage with COP in 2026 | The Church of England

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/blog/how-engage-cop-2026>

Find St Nicolas on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @earley_stnics Registered Charity No. 1138037



Is managing money a pain?

Free 'Money Course' - take back control!

Four Saturdays,
starting 7th November

10am, Greyfriars Centre,
Friar Street, RG1 1EH



Scan here to sign up!

Office No:
01189516700

Questions?
CAP@greyfriars.org.uk



- The night Shelter and B4N has been merged this year but instead we are working on a start from Tuesday Dec 1st, 2026, until 21st March 2027.
- Please connect to the “B4N Together in prayer” App. (If you are happy to have your details on the app for all to, see?) Text Hanne on 07923246225. It will be updated as and when needed, it's a what's app, not zoom.
- Please keep praying for us at Faith, for all the volunteers and teams, not to forget the people we serve, the rough sleepers and those in need. Pray for God to work through the situations they are in and for all to know him better as a loving father who cares for them, each and everyone.
- Please find our free colourful brochure about B4N in the foyer or go to www.fcg.org.uk where you can find more information about B4N in general.
- Please Connect to our B4N Facebook page, where the latest news will be updated. The page is called “A Bed for the Night”
- A food wish list on Amazon with an opportunity to buy breakfast food for B4N is available now, this is just a guided list for what we may need.
- A list of food wishes will also be advertised on the B4N Facebook page as and when needed. (The donations marked B4N can then be taken to the B4N office at Faith Christian Group 33 Bolton Road, Reading, RG2 0NH near Morrisons)
- If you want to support or volunteer, please write to hanne@fcg.org.uk or admin@fcg.org.uk and ask for an application form. The form will be sent out to those who request it, ASAP as we have all the 9 venues confirmed. We are looking for about 100 volunteers this year to fill in the skills needed to carry out what is required.
- We have recently updated our application system and as a part of the process we kindly ask everyone to complete the application form and provide details of two references, regardless of whether you have volunteered with us before or not.
- We also request that all volunteers attend the training on one of the 2 training evenings 17th or 18th November at Tyndale Baptist Church, 2-4 Cressingham Rd, Reading RG2 7JE. It will be your choice which evening you prefer.





St Nicolas
Church + Centre



Reflect & Remember

All are welcome at this service where we
remember those we love but see no more.

4pm Sunday 1st November
Earley St Nicolas Church, RG6 7JN

**We warmly invite you and your family to join us for a
Service to remember and give thanks for your loved ones
that are no longer with us.**

**You can add the names of the people you would like us to
remember to the sheet in church or you can email them to
office@stnicolas.org.uk**

We will be lighting candles for those we remember.

Refreshments will be served after the Service

GREAT GREEN GET-TOGETHER

HALF TERM EVENT



Do you want to learn about **food growing and sustainability**?
Then come to our event where you can:

- Explore our **roof garden**
- Learn about the Sustainable Development Goals and how you can help us reach them.
- Plant seeds so that you can grow your own food at home.
- Explore a range of **crafts and activities** around sustainability.

Open to all. Families and children of all ages welcome

Wednesday 28 Oct, 12pm-2pm

RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS

Free



The Earley Charity

for people in earley

www.risc.org





Reading Male Voice Choir Trinity Church

Chalfont Close, Reading RG6 5HZ

Sat 7 November, 7pm

Reading Male Voice Choir registered charity in England and Wales 294105



with Charis Luke,
soprano

*Raising funds with Trinity Church
for Kagando Hospital, Uganda*



ticketsource.co.uk/readingmalevoicechoir

TICKETS
£10
+ booking fee
On the door
£12





Christmas Fair

CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES!!!

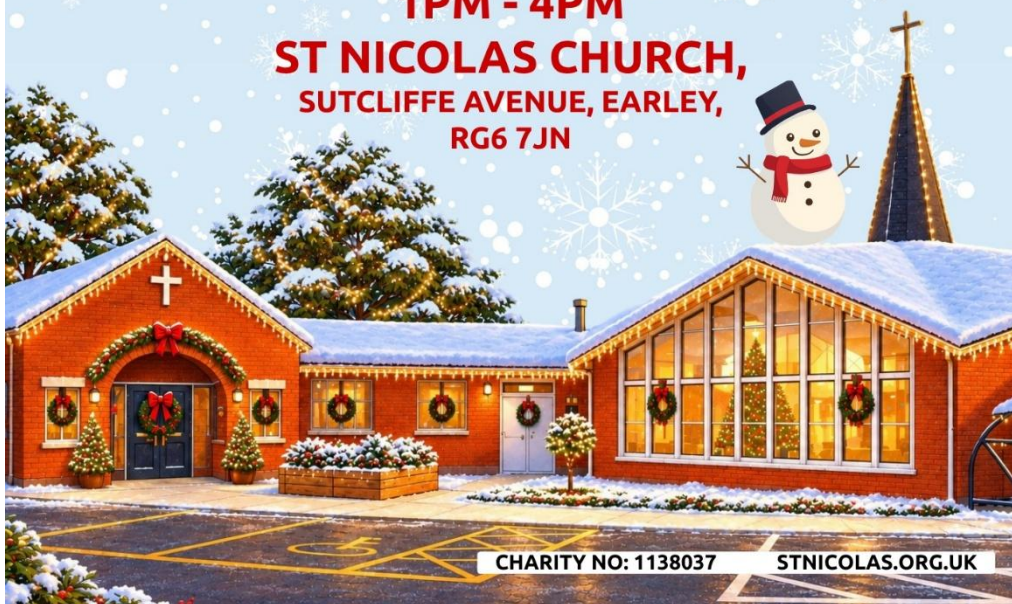
We are excited to invite local small businesses and crafters to be a part of our upcoming Christmas Fair - a vibrant community event.

Sell your Christmas creations and products to the local community.

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

**12TH DECEMBER, SATURDAY
1PM - 4PM**

**ST NICOLAS CHURCH,
SUTCLIFFE AVENUE, EARLEY,
RG6 7JN**



CHARITY NO: 1138037

STNICOLAS.ORG.UK



AutumnFest '26

A seasonal family
activity morning
aimed at primary
school age children
and their grown-ups

PUMPKINS, CRAFTS, TREATS & GAMES

Friday 30th October 10-11.30am St Nicolas Centre, Earley
£8 per family or £4 per child. Parents stay to supervise.



email louise.bisset@oasisuk.org/scan the QR
code/visit [AutumnFest'26](#) to book in.

Reading