

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



Sunday 4 October 2026

Trinity 18

1st Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalm: 80.8-16

2nd Reading: Philippians .3.4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-end

Hymns

66 Be thou my vision

15 All heaven declares

521 My song is love unknown

329 I danced in the morning

	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 5th Oct	Luke 10.25-37	2.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 6th Oct	Luke 10.38-end	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 7th Oct	Luke 11.1-4	11am Communion Service 7pm-9pm Scriptural Reasoning
Thurs 8th Oct	Luke 11.5-13	2pm Over 50s
Fri 9th Oct	Luke 11.15-26	10am -12pm Community Coffee 2pm-4pm SNAC-Knit & Natter
Sat 10th Oct	Luke 11.27-28	7.30pm Reading Spring Gardens Brass Band Concert in Church

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

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

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

Matthew 21.42-44

PRAYER

COLLECT: God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God,
you have planted us as your vineyard
and entrusted us with your grace.

Forgive us when we claim for ourselves what belongs to you,
and when we fail to bear the fruits of your kingdom.

Turn our hearts to your Son, Jesus Christ,
the rejected stone whom you have made our chief cornerstone.

Build our lives securely upon him,
that we may be faithful stewards of your love and glory.

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

We will be welcoming the family of little Luca this Sunday as he is baptised during the 10am service, There will be 50+ friends and family attending so do please give them all a wholehearted St Nics welcome.



FAIRTRADE
INTERNATIONAL

This Sunday come and purchase **your Fairtrade goods from Richard Cocks stall** which will be in the Servedy after the **10am service**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Macmillan Coffee morning and for everyone who donated. I can confirm that **we raised £276.47 for this brilliant charity. If you would still like to donate then please scan the QR code. Thank you again!!** 😊



St Nics Gardening this Saturday 3 October 9.30am-12.30pm Any help in doing some light gardening in the St Nicolas Community Garden would be gratefully received. No tools or experience required. We would love to plant some bulbs in the St Nics garden ready for next Spring, if you would like to donate towards the cost of purchasing the bulbs please could you make a donation online and mark it BULBS or if you prefer to use cash please pass any donations to the Churchwardens Jane & Denise or our Treasurer Wendy. Thank you 😊

Bishop Mary on 'Being Human in the Age of AI'

The Bishop of Reading will deliver this year's Winder Lecture – 'Being Human in the Age of AI' – at St Michael's Church in Warfield next month. Bishop Mary will examine the rapid growth of artificial intelligence, the challenges and opportunities it presents, and what it means to be human in an increasingly digital world.

The free event is on Sunday 8 November at 6.30pm. It will include a question-and-answer session with Bishop Mary and will be followed by refreshments. No booking is required.

[Find out more.](#)

This Saturday Meet the Artist 2pm-4pm

My Journey of Discovery through ICU

By Emma Major



Paintings and poems about my Journey
through ICU in March 2025

**Exhibition: October 2026
In the Art Space at St Nicolas
Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley, Reading.**

Meet the Artist: 2pm Saturday 3rd October

Season of Creation at St Nic's

EcoChurch Green Tip:

Early Autumn is the best time to sow wildflower seeds. It's when plants naturally shed their seeds when lingering warmth and (hopefully) the arrival of rain help many of them germinate and get a head start to flower earlier the following year. Some need to be out in the cold winter to break their dormancy. The Wildlife Trusts sell seedballs from a company that currently has a 50% sale ([seedball.co.uk](https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/best-plants-bees-and-pollinators)). If you are looking for the best plants to choose for pollinators, check out <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/best-plants-bees-and-pollinators>.

Joyous Harvest Festival!

Thank you for your donations at Harvest Festival! Along with the donations from Loddon and Hawkedon Schools Julia and her brilliant team of helpers sorted and then delivered a huge amount of food and toiletries to Woodley Foodbank which they were both delighted with!





DIALOGUE
SOCIETY

SCRIPTURAL REASONING



“Scriptural Reasoning is a welcoming space where people of different faiths meet to read, reflect, and build lasting friendships through dialogue.”

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Wednesday 7th October

7.00-21.00 pm

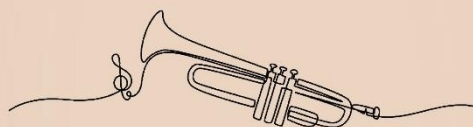
St. Nicolas Church, Earley

If you'd like to join, please email us
reading@dialoguesociety.org





AUTUMN CONCERT



SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
19:30 PM
£12

ST NICOLAS CHURCH
SUTCLIFFE AVENUE
EARLEY, READING
RG6 7JN



ORANGES FOR JUSTICE

*Fair Food
Stronger
Communities*

**Monday
12 October
7.30pm**

Oranges for Justice + Film Screening

Meet Dani from Oranges for Justice, one of the Refill Shop's suppliers. Dani will introduce the UK-based Community Interest Company, which imports ethically sourced oranges from Calabria in Italy, while supporting marginalised migrant workers and a fairer food system.

The talk will be followed by a screening of **The Pickers**, a hopeful film about the people and movements working towards a fairer, more humane food system.



RISC 35-39 London St. Reading RG1 4PS Free

info: events@risc.org.uk



www.risc.org.uk

Charity **Art & Craft Fair**



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



Wednesday Afternoon Group

**"A safe space to deepen your
relationship with God in
creative ways"**

**Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the
month in the St Nicolas Servery**

**You can bring lunch to share at 12.45pm
Or join the session 1.30pm - 3.30pm**

Everyone Welcome

**To find out more speak to Bernie or Ruth Choi
Or email them bernieandruth@gmail.com**

**Planting the word of God in our hearts
Journeying with the Holy Spirit
Sharing together**

