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**Sunday 18 April 2021**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
**in Easter**

<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 3.12-19
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 John 3.1-7
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke 24. 36-48

**To phone in and listen to this week's 10am Sunday Service please call  
01184 693023**

**Week Commencing 19 April ....**

<b>Mon</b> 19 April	John 6. 22-29
<b>Tues</b> 20 April	John 6. 30-35
<b>Weds</b> 21 April	John 6. 35-40
<b>Thurs</b> 22 April	John 6. 44-51
<b>Fri</b> 23 April	John 15. 18-21
<b>Sat</b> 24 April	John 6. 60-69



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## Notices:

### St Nics is reopening 😊

The church is now open for **private prayer from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday**. We are also pleased to advise that we will be re-opening for **Sunday 10am in person service from Sunday 25th April**, but don't worry if you are not able to attend, we will **still be live-streaming** it. **Places will be limited** and I will be sending an email out on Monday with details of how you can book your place. As always we will be adhering to the government guidelines, so **whenever you come into the Church please ensure you:**

1. **Check in using the NHS app, if you are unable to use the app you must complete a track and trace slip and post it in the box provided**
2. **Use hand sanitiser** on entering and exiting the building
3. **Wear a mask**, unless you are exempt on medical grounds
4. **Socially distance from anyone else that might be in Church**, unless you live with them or they are in your support bubble
5. **Refrain from socialising with anyone whilst in Church**
6. **Sanitise any hard surfaces you touch with the sanitising spray and paper provided.**
7. **Do not touch any of the books on the shelves or hymn books**

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**REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** - Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council. If you would like to join the electoral roll or you are already on the roll and have changed any of your contact details please email [office@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolas.org.uk) or call 0118 9669080 for a electoral roll form. All forms must be received by Thursday 29th April.

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### **Bishop Steven's Blog: COME AND EAT – THE EXHAUSTED PROPHET**

click on the link below to listen to the first in a short series looking at Holy Communion, beginning with the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19, the exhausted prophet.

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/come-and-eat-exhausted-prophet/>



# PRAYER

Prayer Chain Requests can be sent to Janice Williams at [office@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolas.org.uk) or 07453 859159

**Collect:** Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

We praise you and we bless you,  
our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,  
for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us.  
Equip your Church with the gifts to fulfil our calling  
that we may love as you loved,  
serve as you served,  
and willingly follow wherever you lead.  
Amen.

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## JPEG's Pray for Three Things in April

JPEG (St Nicolas Justice, Peace and Environment Group) would love it if you joined us in prayer for the following items. You can click on the links to find out more.

- 'Hope will Rise'. Easter - a time to especially pray for the Holy Land in its pain and struggles. Sabeel=Kairos UK are hosting an Easter service on April 10<sup>th</sup> 4 pm. For details and to book: <https://www.sabeel-kairos.org.uk/easter-service-2021-uk-time/>
- The diocese of Oxford has publicly announced its divestment from fossil fuels, <https://twitter.com/oxforddiocese/status/1375144310849601538> as has the Baptist Union, <https://brightnow.org.uk/news/baptist-union-overwhelmingly-votes-for-divestment-from-fossil-fuels/>. Thank God for these and other moves.
- Pray that the government would quickly reconsider its cut to overseas aid. The cuts are resulting in some of the world's poorest losing half of their funding, eg Lebanon is set to lose 88%, whilst the Yemen has had cuts of 60%. <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/overseas-aid-cut-world-poorest-countries-b1813105.html>

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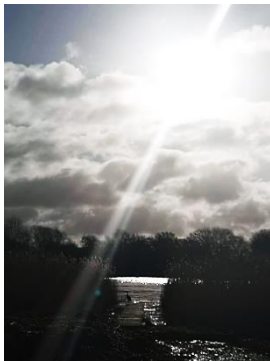
**Pastoral Care at St Nicolas** - If you feel like a chat on the phone or wish to pray with someone please give us a call. We are also able to help with essential shopping, collecting prescriptions.

Contact **Jenny Bryce 0118 926 8561** or **Parish Office 0118 966 9080**.

**Earley Hub** [earleyhub@gmail.com](mailto:earleyhub@gmail.com) 07493 784091 is also there to offer help to the community - Collecting prescriptions and shopping, prayer, a listening ear and recommending other help.

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**St Nics Needs You!** As we are working towards getting the Church back up and running we are looking for volunteers to join the cleaning rota. If you are handy with the vacuum cleaner and duster and can spare a couple of hours a month we'd love to hear from you. [Office@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:Office@stnicolas.org.uk)



**St Nic's Virtual Journey** to Jerusalem during Lent was a happy joyful time to be together during Lockdown. It was a fun time that allowed us to bless each other even though we couldn't meet.

With the support and encouragement of JPEG would you like to join in with a similar virtual long-distance walk around the world? Joining in this virtual 'walk' will be a great way to get to know other better in the church and connect with others in our community who understand the importance of God's creation. It is also

quite shocking to realise how small our world in and at the rate we walked to Jerusalem we should be in Glasgow by August.

Why Glasgow? World leaders are meeting in Glasgow in November this year for COP26. It is a crucial time for all our futures. What better time to pray and talk to others about why we think God's creation is important!

COP26 with its emphasis on climate change, social justice and pollution is a focus for many of JPEG's activities this year.

It would be wonderful if you could join in – every part kilometre and mile makes a difference! But please keep COP26 in your consciousness and prayers as we approach this crucial time in November. To register your interest contact Liz Kerry or the Parish Office. [office@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:office@stnicolas.org.uk)