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Sunday 25 April 2021
4th Sunday
in Easter

First Reading	Acts 4. 5-12
Second Reading	1 John 3:16-end
Gospel Reading	John 10. 11-18

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

Week Commencing 26 April

Mon 26 April	John Mark 13.5-13
Tues 27 April	John 10. 22-30
Weds 28 April	John 12. 44-end
Thurs 29 April	John 13. 16-20
Fri 30 April	John 14. 1-6
Sat 1 May	John 14.1-14

I AM the
Good Shepherd....

John 10:11



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Notices:

St Nic's Open for private prayer: The church is now open for **private prayer from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday** please continue to follow the covid safe rules when you visit. further details in Church Lobby and at www.stnicolas.org.uk

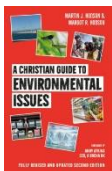
REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL – This is your last chance- If you would like to join the electoral roll or you are already on the roll and have changed any of your contact details please email office@stnicolas.org.uk or call 0118 9669080 for a electoral roll form. All forms must be received by Thursday 29th April.

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 07493 784091 is also there to offer help to the community - Collecting prescriptions and shopping, prayer, a listening ear and recommending other help.



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

Martin and Margot Hodson, who are based within the Diocese of Oxford, are leading authors of works that explore Christian responses to creation. They have one new and one updated book due out on 23 April. *Green Reflections: Biblical inspiration for sustainable living* offers biblical reflections on the environment and our relationship with it.



A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues - updated edition. This covers eight key environmental issues, giving the biblical basis for looking after the environment and helping to integrate environmental thinking into our understanding of Christian faith.

PRAYER

Prayer Chain Requests can be sent to Janice Williams at office@stnicolas.org.uk or 07453 859159

Collect: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Amen.

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 10th 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>

Notices:

Bishop Steven is among the 13 peers appointed to the Lords Select Committee for the environment and climate change. His stance is that: “The leadership we offer to the COP summit must be demonstrably grounded in the trinity of policy intervention, technology solutions and the changing lives of our entire population.” Read more at <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/bishop-of-oxford-appointed-to-lords-select-committee/>



Thy Kingdom Come: 13–23 May Every year Christians across the globe unite to pray for people to know Jesus. There is an abundance of resources online our hope is, that whatever age or tradition we have resources that will spiritually nourish and encourage all. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Rotary clubs of Maiden Erlegh and Reading Thames Zoom Quiz Night



**Saturday
May 22nd
at
7.30pm**

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£15 per team
Maximum 8 people
per team

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