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# JOURNEY OF Faith

**Sunday 27 June 2021**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**First Reading**  
**Second Reading**  
**Gospel Reading**

2 Samuel 1:1,17-end  
2 Corinthians 8:7-end  
Mark 5:21-end

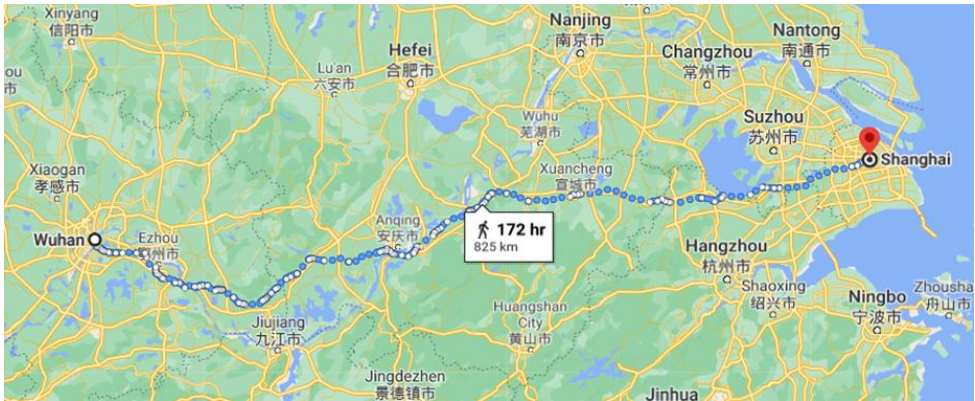
**To phone in and listen to this week's 10am Sunday Service please call  
01184 693023**

**Week Commencing 28 June ....**

<b>Mon</b> 28 June	Matthew 8:18-22
<b>Tues</b> 29 June <i>Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	Matthew 16:13-19
<b>Weds</b> 30 June	Matthew 8: 28-end
<b>Thurs</b> 1 July	Matthew 9:1-8
<b>Fri</b> 2 July	Matthew 9: 9-13
<b>Sat</b> 3 July <i>Thomas the Apostle</i>	John 20: 24-29



## Notices:



### **Our virtual journey Home.**

We have left Wuhan which is 512 miles from Shanghai. This path continues to follow the Yangzi River for a while. This whole area is full of history, some of it used politically and some hidden also for political reasons, sadly 'truth' becomes a complicated mine field. Concerns over the origin of the covid virus are growing as data is removed from international science by Chinese scientist and it's not clear of the actual origin of this disease.

China is concerned about a population decrease and warning women to have more children. The famous 'one child a family' caused a huge number of female Infanticide in the 1960's and 1970's, replaced by selective gender abortions since the 1980's. This has resulted in a population with a gender imbalance of far more men. Chinese women are saying they do not want to have three children as they will lose their jobs as there is no legal protection, and the government is doing things such as making divorce more difficult. Three other news items from China in the last few weeks.

The government has stopped bitcoin mining which was run using cheap electricity from the dams over the Yangzi River, Analysts say Beijing is worried about potential competition for the digital yuan and economic imbalances caused by cryptocurrency though the government says it's also concerned about the environmental costs.

Officials have expressed long term ambitions to exploit Earth-Moon space for industrial development. They have created a space station and landed a Mars rover all within this last year.

China has declared its self a Near Artic State because the melting ice caps will allow the exploitation of new resources.

For this week, please pray for China and its relationship with the rest of the world!

# PRAYER

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

**Collect:** Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*It is Armed Forces Day on Sat 26 June so we pray for those who are currently serving and those who have served in the forces;*

Heavenly Father,  
we commend to your gracious care and keeping  
all the men and women in our Armed Forces at home and abroad.  
Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace;  
strengthen them in their trials and temptations;  
and give them courage to face the perils that beset them;  
and help them to know that nothing can separate them from your love;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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## JPEG's Three Things for June

JPEG (St Nicolas Justice, Peace and Environment Group) would love it if you joined us in prayer for the following items. You might like to tie a ribbon to our prayer tree as a symbol of your prayers. You can click on the links to find out more.

- The G7 met in Cornwall 11-13<sup>th</sup> Pray that just climate finance decisions are made. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/g7-climate-finance-postcard-action>
- Pray for peace and justice in Israel/Palestine. Thank God for the current truce, but what is needed is a just solution that honours all people as people. For more information and to take action go to <https://www.sabeel-kairos.org.uk/>
- Compassionate God, you know our hearts and share our sorrows. We are hurt by the despoiling of the living Earth, which we love. We are angry at the loss we contemplate. We long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear. Turn our grief to active love. Turn our anger to energy for repair of the world Turn our guilt to solidarity and by your forgiveness make us whole with all creation. Andii Bowsher <https://greenchristian.org.uk/show-the-love-prayer-2021/>

## Notices:

If you would like a chat on the phone or to pray with someone or you need a prescription collecting or essential shopping our Pastoral Care Team will be pleased to hear from you. Please contact Jenny on 0118926 8561 or email [care@stnicolas.org.uk](mailto:care@stnicolas.org.uk) or phone Parish Office 0118 9666 9080 and leave a message. Earley Hub [earleyhub@gmail.com](mailto:earleyhub@gmail.com) 07493784091 is also there to offer help to the community- collection of prescriptions and shopping, prayer, a listening ear and recommending other help.



You may know Hadil Tamim from her work with refugees at RISC. Just to let you know that Hadil will be showing the art work for her recent book: Islamic Art Meets British Flowers this weekend 26/27 June 2021 11am- 6 pm as part of the **Whiteknights Studio Trail** at 32 Shinfield Road. Please

note that this is a last-minute venue change. Apparently there will also be tea and cake being sold in support of a gardening charity. For more details and a list all artists and the display venues go to <http://www.studiotrail.co.uk/>

### Calling all children and young people in and around Reading!

Make a piece of art telling the government, industry, shops, transport, schools or whoever what you want them to do to protect the environment and the climate.

We want children and young people to be heard!

Use drawing, painting or mixed media, size A3.

The art will be displayed at the Minster in the centre of Reading, with a Grand Opening by the Mayor of Reading, the Bishop of Reading and local children's author Holly Webb.

We have space for 800 pieces of art, so encourage your school or group to get involved.

We also plan to take some of the work to Glasgow for COP26.

See the website or email [reading@greenchristian.org.uk](mailto:reading@greenchristian.org.uk) for more info.

### For the Future - Act Now

Make your

**ART  
CALL  
OUT**

for the climate!

Free entry: Ages 6 - 18

Show at: **Reading Minster**

Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Aug - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2021

See: [www.futureactnow.wordpress.com](http://www.futureactnow.wordpress.com)

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## **An Open Bible Trust Conference on David and his Son**

Please join us on Saturday June 26, 2021 on Zoom for 1, 2 or all 3 sessions

**Session 1: 2.00 - 2.45:**David - A man after God's own heart: Sylvia Penny

God's Covenant with David: W M Henry Please use this Zoom url at 2pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81456082475?pwd=YXVDeEIPNy9tejI0MStmTm4wMHFpUT09>

**Session 2: 3.00 - 3.45:** David's son Solomon. the son of promise: Sylvia Penny

Israel after Solomon, up to the end of the OT: Michael Penny

Please use this Zoom url at 3.00 p.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82103083321?pwd=TFE3bjgvT09nUGlnSUNOZjJQNU5lZz09>

**Session 3: 4.00 - 5.00:** Messiah, Son of David in the OT: W M Henry

Messiah, Son of David in the NT: Michael Penny. Please use this Zoom url at 4pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81149095863?pwd=SzI0TWI4N0I2eVBMdjIwaVBPYTduJT09>



From Oxford Diocese..... Did you know that 100% of the largest 12 social media companies with the most worldwide active users track your location data? 72 million data-points will be collected on a child before they turn 13 years old and, in 2019, 76.04% of the most popular web pages for mental health information contained third-party trackers for marketing purposes. We are allowing our children and grandchildren to be the subject of a vast social and economic experiment: the strip mining of their personal lives for commercial gain. The Twisted Toys campaign videos, out this week, share these shocking statistics in a powerful new way. Go to <https://twisted-toys.com/> to find out more.



### **Have you seen the Arborfield horses yet?**

They are beautiful life-sized iron-resin horse statues at Arborfield Green. They were commissioned by Crest Nicholson and designed by Amy Goodman a sculptor and portrait artist, the three sculptures commemorate Arborfield's rich history as the home of the Remount Depot and Horse Infirmary of REME during WWI and WW2.

The sculptures pay tribute to the fallen horses that passed through Arborfield during this time. They are located at Arborfield Green off Biggs Lane.





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# Learn Traditional Taijiquan

## Beginners' Introduction to Taijiquan

4<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
09:00 – 10:00

6<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
09:00 – 10:00



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# The Wokingham Recovery College course schedule for July

The college provides educational workshops and training programmes designed to support your wellbeing and aid your mental health. All sessions are free and available to anyone over 18 living in the Wokingham Borough. For more information go to <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/health/health-services-and-advice/wokingham-recovery-college/> or phone 0118 989 0707

## JULY COURSE SCHEDULE

### Hearing Voices Group

1, 15 and 29 July | 11am

### Recovering Together

5 and 19 July | 1.30pm

### Becoming More Resilient

6, 13 and 20 | 1pm

### Music and the Mind

8 July | 10am

### Improving Self Esteem

14 July | 2pm

### Managing Low Mood

23 and 30 July | 10am

### Friends and Family Support Group

28 July | 1.30pm

### Money Matters

29 July | 11am



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