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A graphic with a dark background. The text 'BLESSED ARE the Peacemakers' is written in a white, handwritten-style font. Below the text is a white laurel wreath.

Sunday 18 July 2021
7th Sunday after
Trinity

First Reading	2 Samuel 7:1-14
Second Reading	Ephesians 2:11-end
Gospel Reading	Mark 6:30-34,53-end

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

Week Commencing 19 July

Mon 19 July	Matthew 12: 38-42
Tues 20 July	Matthew 12: 46-end
Weds 21 July	Matthew 13: 1-9
Thurs 22 July <i>Mary Magdalene</i>	John 20:1-2, 11-18
Fri 23 July	Matthew 13:18-23
Sat 24 July	Matthew 13:24-30

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*“Come away to
a deserted place
all by yourselves
and rest a while.”*

Mark 6.31

Notices:

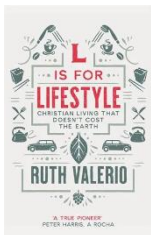
**Join us for
Morning Prayer
at St Nicolas Earley
9am Mon-Weds
Everyone Welcome**



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 0118 926 8561 or email care@stnicolas.org.uk or phone Parish Office 0118 966 9080 and leave a message. Earley Hub earleyhub@gmail.com 07493 784091 is also there to offer help to the community- collection of prescriptions and shopping, prayer, a listening ear and recommending other help.

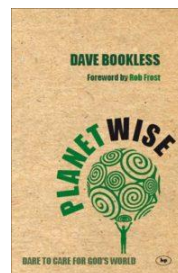


Summer Reading Ideas:



[L is for Lifestyle](#) by Ruth Valerio – an A to Z of tips, information and actions to enable us to live more lightly on the earth, updated in 2019.

[Planetwise](#) by Dave Bookless - the compelling biblical case for caring for the planet God made for his glory and his people's enjoyment. Also, Dave's [God Doesn't Do Waste](#), about the messiness in our lives and a God who can take it and recycle it into something of infinite worth.



[Changing the Climate](#): Applying the Bible in a climate emergency. A resource for families and churches. Debbie, David and Jamie Hawker. See this [review](#) for details.



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

Collect: Creator God Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

St Benedict

JPEG's Three Things for July

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.

1) Please pray for the pilgrims of Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) reaching Reading on 29th July and for the organisers of all the events: for the service with Bishop Olivia and Alok Sharma in the Minster on 31st July and for Emma's role with the artwork on display and with her poetry on 30th July
Please see poster in this sheet.

2) For the people of the West Bank and Gaza as they face ongoing daily oppression and injustice from the occupation of their lands.

3) For the Christian Aid Global Hunger Appeal.

May we be reminded to pray for all these situations and also be prepared to be part of the solution.

Notices:

Thought for the week: *“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”— John Wesley*

Cuts to UK Aid

Our thanks to everyone who took a moment on Tuesday to write to their MP about the last-minute vote to approve a cut £4bn from the UK foreign aid budget. The cut has been condemned by many, including Bishop Olivia who spoke on BBC radio just after the vote. [Listen to what she said here.](#)

What can I do? Contact your MP asking for a clear plan back to the 0.7% commitment. There is also the Christian Aid 0.2% pledge and donate 0.2% of your salary to the world's poorest. Go to:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate/0.2-pledge-aid-budget#aid-budget>

Feeling anxious and or nervous about getting back out again?

Keep yourself and others safe:



Get tested if you have Covid-19 symptoms



Get both doses of the vaccine for maximum protection



Continue to wear a mask indoors if you want to



Be respectful of other people's space

Test. Isolate. Vaccinate.



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Our Virtual Journey Home



Thanks to everyone sending me their mileage from holiday rambles and walks. We left Japan at a speedy rate on Wednesday and it seems a good idea to spend a couple of days visiting a few Pacific Islands all suffering the effects of rising sea levels and in the North melting permafrost soils. Please see [‘Climate Change: Ade on the Frontline’](#) episode 1 of 3 about *‘The Solomon Islands and Australia’* if you haven’t see it already!

It’s also a good time to remember the gyre of marine plastic rubbish, a slowly circulating island of plastic bits in the Pacific Ocean covering about 1.6 million square km. There are two but it gets complicated, and scientists are working out what is happening and its effects on creation.

Thank you for following our virtual journey around the World.
Please pray for our Gods Creation as you read and find out more.

Liz Kerry



G7 to COP26 Relay

Reading Climate Justice Events

All are welcome

Walker's Welcome

Wednesday 28th July
Wesley Methodist Church
4.30pm

The Pilgrim's Picnic and Procession

Friday 30th July
Meet at Wesley Methodist
Church at 12pm

Blessing of the Boots with the Bishop of Reading

Saturday 31st July
Reading Minster 10am



Creative Climate Workshop

including speakers from the
University of Reading.
Thursday 29th July
Abbey Baptist 7pm

Sanctuary with Emma Major and YCCN



Friday 30th July
Reading Minster 8pm

Sung Eucharist with Canon Brian Davis 'Care for Creation'

Sunday 1st August
Reading Minster 10am



**Young Christian
Climate Network**

yccn.uk | @YCCNetwork

<https://www.yccn.uk/>

Notices:

Revd Liz Jackson has a plan to provide practical help and support for Hongkongers arriving in Reading, and she's asking people across the diocese for help.

Feeling supported can make a huge difference when people first arrive in the UK. So how can we offer a warm welcome and practical support for new arrivals to the area? Revd Liz is leading an initiative to provide online structured language learning and employment skills training for Hongkongers arriving in Berkshire.

Working together with the Chinese church in Reading, over 300 people have registered with Revd Liz in recent weeks. But with just 16 volunteers so far, the team are currently only able to work with 89 students.

Can you offer just two hours of your week as a teaching assistant? You'll be working with a lead tutor, so you don't need formal teaching skills. Find more information and register on our website and make a difference wherever you live in the diocese.

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/support-people-from-hong-kong/>

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Notices:



Woodley Foodbank (which covers Earley too) looks forward to a full reopening, and a step towards a pre COVID state.

They've seen demand for their assistance increase, but donations decrease, sadly to the point that their stocks are at an extremely low level.

The following items are in extremely short supply:

Long life milk
Juice (Orange / Apple) - non fresh
Biscuits
Cooking oil
Meat meals, tinned pies (meat and vegetable)
Spaghetti
Noodles
Rice
Tinned fish
Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Potatoes
Soup - All varieties - including 'Mug Shots'
Custard - Both tinned and packet
Deserts - Rice puddings etc
Bathroom products - Toilet roll, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, shower gels, shampoo

They do have plenty of stocks of pasta, pasta sauce and cereals, so would ask that these are avoided if possible. Please drop donations into the basket in the Church lobby.

As always, we cannot thank you enough for your unwavering support. We really could not provide the assistance to those locally in need, without you.

Best wishes, The Woodley Foodbank Team