

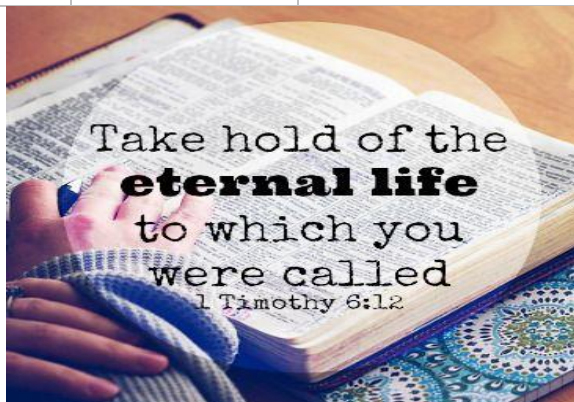
Open to God. Open to one another. Open to the community.

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Stewardship Sunday	Sunday 7th November 2021 3rd Sunday before Advent
First Reading	Exodus 35:4-10,20-29
Second Reading	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel Reading	Mark 1:14-20
Hymn Numbers:	352 In Christ Alone 62 Be still for the presence of the Lord 339 I will offer up my life 834 Will you come and follow me

This Week	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 8 November	Luke 17:1-6	2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 9 November	Luke 17:7-10	10am-12pm Board Games Café 2.15pm MU Meeting in Church
Weds 10 November	Luke 17:11-19	11am Wednesday Service
Thurs 11 November	Luke 17:20-25	2.15-4.15pm Over 50's 7.30pm PCC Meeting
Fri 12 November	Luke 17:26-end	10am-12pm Community Coffee Morning 2pm- 4pm SNAC
Sat 13 November	Luke 18:1-8	





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

Collect: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Stewardship Prayer

Lord of all Creation,

We praise and thank You for everything we are.

All we have is Your gift to us.

Through Your love for us, You gave us the greatest gift of all:
Jesus Christ.

Filled with Your love, we respond to Your call to be disciples of Your Son.

Unite us as a community of Your disciples.

Open our hearts and minds to Your abundant grace
so that we might become good stewards of Your gifts.

As stewards, teach us to
receive Your gifts gratefully,
nurture them responsibly,
share them generously,
and return them to You *with increase*,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JPEG's Three Things for November

JPEG (St Nicolas Justice, Peace and Environment Group) would love it if you joined us in prayer and action.

1. Let us continue to pray for God's world, for the outcomes of COP 26, for those who are already most directly affected by climate change, and for commitments to become actions.
2. The situation in Palestine is getting worse, not better. Let us pray for those seeking peace, both Palestinian and Israeli, that they might be given courage and hope to continue.
3. The PCC is currently trying to work out how we might as a church move towards net zero. Pray for them and for all of us in the need to make (sometimes uncomfortable) changes to our lifestyles. May we have both hope and courage as we move forward knowing that God's love can never be negated.

Notices:



The MU Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 9 November at 2.15pm** We are delighted that Jane Olney will be our guest speaker. Jane will be speaking on "Life in the community as a District Nurse". So do come along for a really enjoyable afternoon.



2021 Poppy Appeal – We are selling poppies in the server, so please donate if you can. If you aren't out and about, you can donate online at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal> Every poppy really does count, as donations were massively down last year due to the pandemic.



Earley Environmental Group 2022 Calendar NOW ON SALE AT ST NICS! - Pages show scenes of the local woods and lake, as well as wildflowers, birds, fungi, animals and insects found in Earley. **I have left a display copy in the welcome area and if you would like to purchase one they are £5 and available from the Parish Office or see a Church Warden after the Sunday Service.**

Café Theologique are delighted to present this series, organised in partnership with the Bishop of Reading and based on the popular [Café Scientifique](#) model. There is no need to book to attend. All events are from 7.30-9pm. Most events are recorded.

Online events are on [Zoom](#) (Zoom ID: 994 1078 8443, passcode: 511541).

Monday 15 November, Robert Covolo, Is there a Theology of Fashion? (on [Zoom](#))

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.

Notices:

Oakwood Forest Church in the St Nicolas Community Garden this Saturday



Oakwood
Forest
Church

Location:
Community Garden
at St Nicolas Church
Sutcliffe Avenue
Earley, RG6 7JN

Samwain Winter's Arrival Saturday 6th November at 4pm



The community garden at St Nicolas Church on Sutcliffe Avenue in Earley is fully accessible to everyone whether you use feet or wheels, whether you need to stay seated or like to jump and run.

For more information visit: oakwoodforestchurch.wordpress.com

Notices:

Islamic Art Meets British Flowers

As part of the Reading International Festival, you are cordially invited to come and hear about this beautiful and fascinating book.

An art exhibition and talk by Hadil Tamim and Adrian Lawson



In a harmonious juxtaposition of two cultures, ***Islamic Art Meets British Flowers*** combines the formal structure and discipline of Islamic pattern-making with British flowers and the architectural forms of Reading to create a stunning series of artworks.

Sunday 7th November 4.30-6.30pm
St Nicolas Church, Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley, RG6 7JN

More details from Lindsey Sharpe: kairosreading1@gmail.com

We will be **live streaming this event from 5pm on Sunday** so go to St Nicolas Earley You Tube channel to watch

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzCk9R6uw2oCkxq8f9ljAzw>

Hadil & Adrians's beautiful book, which tracks how these amazing paintings came about, is available to purchase from the Parish Office for **£15.99**

Notices:

Thank you for continuing to donate to Woodley Foodbank. The items they are currently short of are:

sugar, coffee, olive oil and pasta sauce

If you are able to add one of these items to your shopping this week it will be gratefully received.

As always you can drop it in the basket in the church lobby and one of our lovely volunteers will transport to the Foodbank.

If you or anyone you know require a food parcel you can: Call 07806 658995 to arrange a delivery or to pick up from Woodley Baptist Church Mon - Fri 10am-12pm.



St Nicolas **Over 50s Club**

Start Your Christmas Shopping

The Over 50's Club will be having a **Chocolate sale on Thursday 11th November** at 2.15pm in the welcome

area so come and get your chocolates for Christmas! Yummy 😊

Dates for you diaries in November



Fri 19 Nov 10am-12noon Children in Need Coffee Morning in the welcome area. Join the fun and raise funds for Children in Need.

Thurs 25 Nov 2.15pm-4.15pm Over 50's will be having a talk from 2 local bee keepers along with a sale of local honey and others honey based products.



Sat 27 Nov time TBC Get in the Christmas spirit and make your Christmas Wreath and help to make the St Nicolas Christmas Crackers for Christmas Day

Watch this space for more upcoming events.....



Let's show the 211 Care leavers in Reading that we care

There are over 200 care leavers in Reading. That is over 200 children who aged out of the care system and often on Christmas Day will be by themselves and not have any gifts. We want these care leavers to be blessed on Christmas Day with a stocking full of gifts to show they are not forgotten. Brighter Futures for Children (Previously Reading Children's services) are keen to work alongside us with this but as you can imagine it's not an easy task. Christmas is not an easy time for many care experienced children. Not able to 'go home' or not feeling comfortable/able to return to their fostering home and feeling that invitations from friends are just out of sympathy - many chose to stay alone on Christmas Day waiting for it to be over.

Here at **St Nicolas** we have pledged to supply **25 filled stockings** to this campaign and we would like to invite you to help us fill them with the items below. **We are still short of fluffy socks or fidget pops, unisex stationery and pens, fairy lights and batteries. So if you can donate please help make this Christmas a good one for the young people leaving Care in Reading.**

Please deposit your items in the box at Church. If you would like more information or would prefer to make a monetary donation please contact the Parish Office office@stnicolas.org.uk or call 0118 9669080. Thank you.



MAIDEN PLACE ART GROUP



*Are you recently retired, have spare time on your hands,
enjoy painting or are looking for a new hobby?
Then come and join our friendly amateur art group*

**We meet at Maiden Place Community Centre
on Mondays from 1:30pm – 3:30pm**

All levels of skill welcome including beginners

No tuition given but helpful advice/comments available if required

Fees currently £30 per term - no sessions during school holidays

**If you are interested please come along for a free,
no obligation, taster session**

Contact : G. Osman tel 01189872880/07808277869

Spring session starts on 10th January 2022

