

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

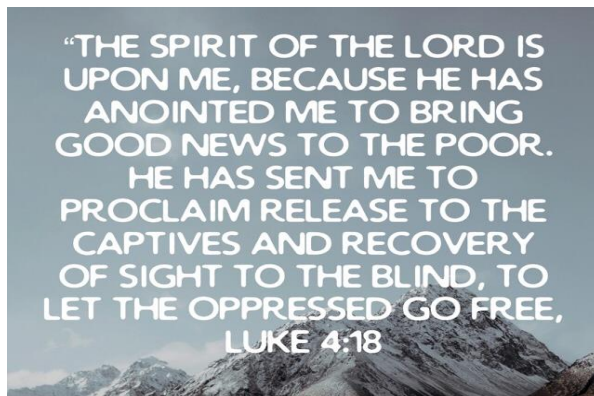
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		Sunday 23 January 2022 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Reading	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Luke 4:14-21
	Hymn Numbers:	105 – Christ whose glory fills the sky 62- Be still for the presence of the Lord 362 – Inspired by love and anger 382 – Jesus Christ is waiting

<i>This Week</i>	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 24 Jan	Mark 3:22-30	2.30-3.30pm Tea & Tinies
Tues 25 Jan	Matthew 19:27-end	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 26 Jan	Mark 4:1-20	11am Wednesday Service 7.30pm-9.30pm Open Door Retreat (in Church)
Thurs 27 Jan	Mark 4:21-25	2.15-4.15pm Over 50's
Fri 28 Jan	Mark 4:26-34	10am-12pm Community Coffee & Refresh Café 2pm- 4pm SNAC
Sat 29 Jan	Mark 4:35-end	



PRAYER

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

Collect: God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one,
We pray to you for the unity of Christians,
According to your will, according to your means.
May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering
caused by division,
To see our sin, and to hope beyond all hope.
Amen.

THE ARCHBISHOP
OF CANTERBURY

‘Do not let your
hearts be troubled’ *John 14:1*

Facebook Live Bible study with Archbishop
Justin Welby and Professor David Ford

If you missed the facebook live Bible study with Archbishop Justin Welby and Professor David Ford on Monday click [here](#) to watch.

Notices:



An Open Door Retreat – starting January 26th

Would you like to join us?

What is it?

“Behold, I am standing at the door knocking.

If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share his meal side by side with him”.

The Open Door Retreat is an opportunity to make a retreat that is both on one’s own and with others; it is done in an everyday context without going away anywhere! Over 9 weeks, we reflect on God’s love especially as we see it in Jesus; we set aside time to be with God, to meet with Jesus in a deeper way and to open more of ourselves to the Spirit’s influence.

What is expected of me?

Each of us would have to be able to commit to giving half an hour a day to prayer on the materials given each week. We would also commit to coming to the weekly meetings and sharing something of our own experience in prayer.

Dates and Times

We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings 7.30 – 9.30 in church, January 26th – March 30th with the following exceptions:

On Feb 26th there will be a break for half term

In the week starting February 28th, because of Ash Wednesday, we will meet on a different night, agreed in the first session.

How to book:

If you are interested, please let Steve or Margaret Brown know (emails below). The group size is limited to 12, so booking is essential. You are very welcome to do it for a second (or third) time if you wish. Our experience is that each time you do it, it is very different.

Notices:

How can we navigate well through this Epiphany season and beyond, when the call to joy can seem a daily challenge?

Bishop Steven shares his reflections on the Jubilate in Covid times. Click on the image below to read Bishop Steven's blog :



Part Time Supervisor

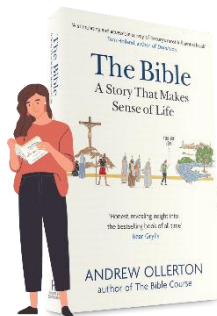
Saturdays- Whitley

Do you want to work together to help others?

The shop is busy and vibrant and serves the local community with great quality pre-loved items at really good prices. Would you like to join the team sorting stock, pricing it – merchandising and helping with the window displays?

For an informal chat about this role, or to request an application form (CVs not accepted), please phone Megan on 0118 951 2336 or via email to hr@ccam.org.uk. Or go to www.ccam.org.uk for more details.

The closing date for applications will be 31st January. Interviews will be held in the week commencing 31st January



6th National Big Church read will be through *The Bible: A Story That Makes Sense of Life*. Releasing 24th January 2022 click [here](#) to find out more. If you want to purchase your copy from Quench, please note their opening times at Holme Grange Wokingham are 10am-5pm Tues-Sat from now until the 19th Feb. You can place orders over the phone on **0118 977 6715** or visit

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 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.



Traditionally, January and February are tough months for many, with demand continuing at a high volume for our services, so any donations are gratefully received.



Current needs are as follows:

Long life milk

Cooking Oil

Meat meals (tinned)

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned pies (Fray Bentos - meat and vegetable)

Dried Spaghetti

Tea

Coffee

Sugar

Juice - long life

Bathroom Products - deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste

Biscuits

Cereals

Tinned fish

Thank you for your continued support.

It is never taken for granted, and with every donation however large or small you are truly making a massive difference to someone in need.

Stay safe, stay well

Regards

The Woodley Foodbank Team

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



Care for Creation

acting together for the environment



New year, new habits?

It's never too late to begin new eco-habits... they don't have to involve huge changes. In fact, it's good not to be too ambitious! You're more likely to stick with something that feels achievable, and many of us making small changes all adds up. Here are some top tips:

1. **Connect**

Connect with others so you are encouraged in your green journey, perhaps via our [Facebook Group](#) or A Rocha UK's [Wild Christian](#) community.

2. **Try a bit of vegan (or vegetarian) living**

Look at [Veganuary](#) and [Meat Free Mondays](#) for recipes that will help you try a more plant-based diet, whether for a full month or just a day a week.

3. **Get a group together...**

[Time for Living the Change](#) is a multi-faith programme suggesting climate friendly behaviour changes you can pledge to take as an individual or group for January and beyond. [Suggested resolutions](#) include making at least half your meals veggie, using public or active transport to get to work at least three days a week, and replacing your home lightbulbs with LEDs.

4. **Reduce...**

Perhaps pledge [not to buy any new 'stuff'](#) for a month (or the year – Jen Gale of Sustainable(ish) is repeating her 2012-13 Make Do and

Mend Year with [Nothing New in 2022](#) and inviting others to join in).

5. Be mindful

When you do need to purchase items or choose bank accounts, etc., do some research. An [Ethical Consumer magazine](#) subscription can be helpful to identify ethical options. When buying books consider the [ethical rankings](#) of the suppliers.

6. Go wild

Join in the RSPB's or [Big Schools'](#) or [Big Garden Birdwatch](#) from January 28-30 and/or join BBOWT's [Team Wilder](#) and add your actions to their map.

7. Get out and about

Simply getting outside more helps us appreciate the natural world. Try a seasonal [Woodland Trust](#) scavenger hunt with children, or without! If you garden, take some tips from this BBC Gardener's Question Time [Sustainability Special](#).

8. Take time to pray and reflect

Here are some resources to help: [Pray and Fast for the Climate's](#) monthly prayer points, [Greening the Lectionary](#)

9. Be Plastic Free

Our January addition to [Be The Change](#) resources for schools and children's groups is Be Plastic Free. This concentrates on single use plastics. The materials include guides for teachers or group leaders, classroom activities, take-home materials for children and a poster.



BE THE CHANGE