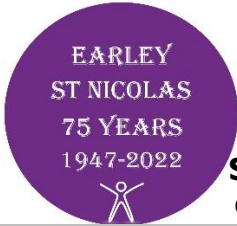


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Sunday 3 July 2022

3rd Sunday after Trinity

First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel Reading

Isaiah 66: 10-14
Galatians 6: 7-16
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Hymn Numbers:

623 Praise my soul the King of heaven
165 Faithful one so unchanging
317 How deep the Father's love for us
237 God forgave my sin

This week	Bible Readings	Activities
Mon 4 July	Matthew 8:18-22	Tea & Tinies 2.30pm-3.30pm
Tues 5 July	Matthew 8:23-27	10am-12pm Board Games Café
Weds 6 July	Matthew 16:13-19	I I am Service
Thurs 7 July	Matthew 9:1-8	Over 50's 2.15-4.15pm – Bingo!
Fri 8 July	Matthew 9:9-13	10am-12pm Community Coffee 2-4pm ST Nic's Afternoon Club
Sat 9 July	Matthew 9:14-17	7pm-9pm Artists for Ukraine Open Evening (see poster)



PRAYER

Prayer Chain Requests can be sent to office@stnicolas.org.uk

Collect: God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.



**God of the past, present and future,
God who was, who is,
and who is to come,
dwell in this place, and in our living,
so that St Nicolas will continue to be
a community of welcome,
worship and witness
to the way of faith, hope and love.
In the name of the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
may it always be so.
Amen**



Please feel free to join our 6pm Prayer group every Sunday on [Zoom](#) Meeting ID 89909944764

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.



Notices

We announced last Sunday that **we will suspend the after church Zoom coffee for the summer after next week.** No one has joined for a number of weeks. If it's no longer needed, that's fine. If anyone would like us to resume in the Autumn, please contact any of the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.



TRAIDCRAFT

On **10 July Pam will be coming for her final Traidcraft stall** before she moves away. But if you can't make that and would like a drive to Marlow, Pam is holding a Tradecraft Open Day at 98 Wycombe Road, Marlow, SL7 3JE on **Saturday 2nd July anytime between 9.00am and 9.00pm.**

On sale will be fairly traded crafts and foods; and even Christmas cards Pam would like to thank you for all your support over the years.

CARE 4 CALAIS

Last chance to Donate to **Care4Calais** items can be dropped off in the small office opposite the Parish Office until Monday. Thank you for the items we have gratefully received.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

The Mothers' Union will be having a **Tea Party on Tuesday July 12th**

at 2.15 in the church. We're delighted to be having **5Ts Brass Band playing.** There will also be the MU drama group in action! Do come along for a fun filled afternoon with cake refreshments. All welcome.



Earley Environmental Group - Fantastic and Freely Fruity – Mon 4 Jul 7.30pm at Maiden Place Community Centre Matt, Ryan and James founded Freely Fruity two years ago. Their main mission was to get more fruit freely available in local communities.

Since it's creation, the Charity has grown and donated over 3 tonnes of organic produce to food banks. It has also planted over 600 fruit trees into schools and communities; they currently operate 3 community orchards and plan many more next year.

Matt heads up the Ecology program in his school; teaching sustainability and ecology to over 360 children. Produce grown onsite also goes to food banks. Come along and find out more and have your questions answered too.

A message from Woodley Foodbank

We hope you're well, and enjoying the warm weather.

This update from us, affirms the stark reality of the Economic Crisis, and world events have impacted everyone.

Sadly, we've seen a sharp increase in those who are requesting our ongoing help.

Given the rising costs of every day life, we are, like many Foodbank's nationally, also experiencing a reduction in donations.

This has culminated in little or no stock on many items that form a food parcel at our store.

It is with this in mind, we make a heartfelt plea once again, for the following items , if at all possible:

Sugar

Coffee

Pasta

Cereals

Pasta Sauce

Spaghetti (dried)

Noodles (incl Pot Noodles)

Tinned Vegetables (all types, incl potatoes)

Tinned pies (Fray Bentos Meat and Veg varieties)

Tinned fish

Tinned fruit

Tinned Soups (Veg and Meat)

Meat meals (tinned)

Custard - tinned and dried

Tinned Desserts

Long Life milk

Juice (cordial and long life)

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Shampoo and Shower Gel

Deodorants (M&F)

Toilet Rolls

We really do appreciate every last item donated, it means so much to those that need it most. Warm regards, Woodley Foodbank



Notices



Rail Pastors

I am sure many of you have heard about the wonderful Street Pastors that we have in Reading. Now, not just on Friday and Saturday nights but since the beginning of the first lockdown weekdays during the day.

Apart from Street Pastors we also have Rail Pastors. Rail Pastors only go out during the day for about 3 hours. Either 10:00 to 1:00pm or 1:00 pm to 4:00pm. We work quite closely with BTP at Reading Station and we visit stations within a couple of stops of Reading. But we do go as far as Slough, Windsor, Newbury and Didcot. We are out there mainly looking for people who might be vulnerable or at risk of harming themselves. Rail Pastors undertake the same basic training as Street Pastors plus additional training from BTP and The Samaritans. We are currently trying to increase the number of Rail Pastors. We would be happy with any level of commitment. If you feel you could manage one patrol per month that would be wonderful if you wanted to do one a week that would be fantastic. What ever you feel you can manage. We operate a very flexible rota system. If you would like more information please contact me . Roger Clark

ReadingRailPastors@gmail.com You might like to what the clip below from BBC South Today who came out to film with us.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-berkshire-44468015>

Space to breathe

Have you experienced the blessing of a quiet time with God and would like to find that again?

Perhaps you know the benefits of spending time in a quiet space, and would like some guidance?

A chance to step aside from our busy lives and be refreshed and restored at St Nicolas Church, Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley.

All welcome

Dates: Saturday 21st May 10am-12pm

Saturday 23rd July 10am-12pm

Saturday 17th Sept 10am-12pm

Saturday 26th Nov 10am-12pm



For more information, please contact Rev April Beckerleg 07951 119271 april@stnicolas.org.uk

FIZZ & Sing

Love to Sing?

Looking for a new hobby?

JOIN THE
BARBÉRETTES FOR AN
EVENING OF SINGING
AND BUBBLES!

Wednesday 6th July 2022

7.45pm - 10pm

St Nicolas Church, Earley

Contact Jo on 07917 205605 for more
details or just come along!!





*because
we're
worth
it!*

**Usual first Wednesday of the month,
at 8pm on Weds. 06 July 2022.**

Rajmoni Restaurant, Maiden Place, Lower Earley

Come along and enjoy the welcome!

ca. £28 for a poppadum, 2 courses, 2 drinks & tip.

Contact David Pooler for details

☎ 0741.379.5050 ✉ dave@poolers.co.uk

**Ladies Pub Night
on Thursday
7 July at 7.30pm at
Three Tuns, 191
Wokingham Road
RG6 1LT. Come and
join the ladies for a
chat and a drink on
the first Thursday of
every month. For
more details please
contact Eleanor**

07879 820367 we'd love to see you there 😊



St Nics Art Space

Many thanks to those who agreed to have a portrait made as part of the Jubilee celebrations in June. You were so brave!



The paintings were well received by the wider community. People understood it was to celebrate the need to stay together after our hard lessons learnt during the pandemic. Of the important of knowing, caring and respecting each other. That we are all heroes! It was delightful seeing the children and parents in the nursery pointing out their teachers, and someone

from the memory café responding happily to the faces smiling at him. The portraits of people belonging to the church are in the office. If you would like to, please take yours. If you want, a donation to the church can be given the normal way. The remaining pictures will be removed in a couple of weeks and painted over.





The next exhibition will be 'Artists for Ukraine'. The pictures should be online this weekend on the Facebook page 'Art Space in St Nicolas'. They will be a chance to join in a Secret Auction to make sealed bids for the paintings.



On Saturday 9th July 7 - 9 pm we are having an open evening to launch Emma's new book 'Light in Hope' and open the Secret Auction. It will be a chance to meet people interested in the plight of refugees as well as artists. Hope to see you then! All monies from the Artists for Ukraine exhibition paintings will go directly to DEC Ukraine Appeal.



Our community has been through a challenging time lately. Among the many unsettling effects of coronavirus, a considerable number of people are still lonely or depressed. In response to this need and the opportunity, Reading Interfaith Group is organising a free fully inclusive community picnic, to relax, socialise, make new friends and for everyone involved to feel valued.

We are looking for offers of entertainment, games and activities you would feel able to bring and share. (Please bear in mind that as we are a fully inclusive organisation, so everything we provide at our events has to be free.)

I do appreciate you taking the time to read this and hope very much you will be able to join us.

Our Mission

- To enable members of different faiths to learn about and experience each other's beliefs, practices, and traditions.
- To acknowledge each other's differing spiritual paths
- To challenge misinformation and prejudice.
- To promote friendship through interfaith dialogue and hospitality locally and nationally.
- To support interfaith initiatives organised in the Reading area by faith and community leaders.

Website <http://www.rifg.uk/> Subscribe to our

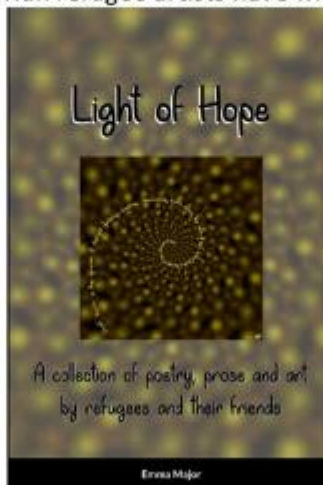
Newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/bc21c95d2f6a/reading-interfaith>

Artists for Ukraine in Earley

For the whole of July, Art Space in St Nicolas is supporting an exhibition of paintings given by local Artists for a donation to DEC Ukraine Appeal.



Please come and see the exhibition either during office hours at the centre or attend the special **open evening 9th July 7 – 9 pm** when not only will these paintings be sold through a secret auction, but there will be a book launch of **'Light of Hope'** in which Syrian refugee artists have written about their work in





Dates from the Building of St Nicolas

- 1935** Land bought by St Peter's PCC
1944 May Plans to establish new church to mark St Peter's centenary (14 May)

The area around what is now St Nicolas was growing and would get bigger after the war. Plans put on hold until the end of the war

- 1945 Sept** Appeal to erect temporary building launched at Harvest Thanksgiving (30 Sept)
- target £1,000
'Plasterboard hut' offered by the Ministry of Works
Also got local residents involved
Money came in but licences to erect the hut were difficult to obtain
- 1946 Feb** Hut found to be too damaged, but £700 raised
Attempts to get volunteers to build a hut failed
- May** New hut offered from South Lake
Licence obtained
- July** Hut delivered in pieces to the new site (2 July)
Work on erecting and fitting out proceeded throughout the year – note that at this time, just after the end of the war, raw materials were in short supply
- Dec** Building complete (inspected by PCC 10 Dec)
First service – Carol service, 22 December at 3pm

1947 June Official opening on St Peter's Day (29 June)

Naming of the Church - From the original Chapel of St Nicolas (12th Century), part of the Manor of Earley St Nicolas, which stood in Whiteknights Park (now the University)

