

Newsletter Sunday 22nd April 2018 4th Sunday of Easter

A Warm Welcome to St. Nicolas:

We are so glad you have joined us. If this is your first time here please introduce yourself to one of our host team who would love to welcome you personally.

8:00am Holy Communion

Leader: Margaret Yates

Readings: Acts 3:12-19
Luke 24:36b-48

10.00am Holy Communion

Theme: God's Choice

Preacher: Will Hunter Smart

Leader: Will Briggs

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Mark 4:30-34

There is no Benefice Evensong
Service this week

6.00pm

Contemporary Worship

Theme: Sabbath-Shaped Discipleship 2

Preacher: Will Briggs

Leader: Gill Briggs

Readings: Exodus 16:22-36

Children and Youth

StNicsKids and Pathfinders start in church for the beginning of the 10am service and then go to the church hall and St Nicolas House for their groups.

Ages 0 - 3: Sparklers (Upper hall)

Age 4 - Reception: Comets (Upstairs balcony)

Years 1 - 5: All Stars (Lower hall)

Years 6 - 8: Pathfinders (St Nicolas Hse)

The Firm (Years 9 -13) meet in the Upper hall at 7.30pm following the 6pm contemporary evening service.

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

This Week: 23rd – 27th April 2018

Monday

7:30 pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

10:00 - 11:15am Foundations (a group for women) in the upper hall for informal Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Pre-schoolers are also very welcome!

Wednesday

10:00 am Daybreak - a group for parents with young children

Thursday

10 am - 12 pm Charity Coffee Morning – Eight Bells for Mental Health

10:30 am Mid-Week Holy Communion Service in Side Chapel

Friday

6:30 pm Junior Choir Practice in the Church

7:15 pm Adult Choir Practice in the Church

7:30 pm TGI (Years 6-9)

Dates for your diary

APCM on Wednesday 25 April at 7.45pm. All are welcome to our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church Hall where we will elect new members to the PCC. This year there are 6 vacancies for the PCC and 1 vacancy for the Deanery Synod positions. We will also elect our 2 Church Wardens. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact the office for a nomination form or speak to Will Hunter Smart for more details. NB To be on the PCC or vote you need to have signed up for the electoral roll.

Benefice Evensong – Summer Pattern at 6pm Our Benefice Evensong has moved to a summer pattern of meeting at 6pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Normally the 1st Sunday will be Choral Evensong and the 3rd Sunday will be Evensong. Following recent discussion by the Evensong planning group and at both St Nic's and St Mary's PCCs, we have decided that the service should remain twice a month rather than returning to a weekly pattern. In April, there will also be a service on the 5th Sunday (29th April). For a full programme please see the Benefice Evensong cards now available.

Regular Monthly Churchyard Gardening will take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month, from 10am to 12noon, April to August (Except July 14 will jump back a week to 7 July.). Please come and join us. Belinda Bowrey & Viv Staunton.

For your information

Please collect the APCM documents at the back of church, or the back of the hall. There are 3 sets of documents and you will need to bring them along with you to the APCM. Documents can be emailed to you if you prefer. Libby Lake (libby@st-nics.org).

Foodbank - St Nicholas Church, has helped to feed many people by providing 473.8kg of food and toiletries over the past year, since March 2017. They are enormously grateful for our sustained support saying they truly could not offer the level of support that they do without generous people like the St Nic's family. So Thank you! They **urgently need:** •Washing powder •Fruit juice (long life) •Sponge puddings, •Hot chocolate - **Low Stock:** •Shaving gel •Deodorants. Mandy.

Newbury Friends Together – Coach Outing to Woburn Safari Park. There are places available for this trip. If you would like to come along and join us on this safari adventure the coach will be leaving from the Wharf at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 23 May and returning at approximately 4.00pm. The coach will take us through the animal enclosures at Woburn. This is a unique opportunity to watch the wild animals in their natural habitat. There is also a foot safari where you can explore additional animal enclosures. Cafes and picnic areas too. Prices – Adults £19.99, Seniors £17.49, Disabled concessions £12.99 and Carer concessions £12.99. In addition, the coach cost is £10. For further details please contact Chris James at chrissey554@gmail.com or Christine Indge at christinein@talktalk.net.

Caring for Creation 28 April at St John's & St Stephen's Church, Reading from 10.30am. A time to explore how Eco Church is supporting churches' mission. Hear how Christians in other parts of the world are caring for creation. FREE. Lunch provided. Registration essential. For more info please contact 01235 851763 or <http://bit.ly/2EkyaGO>.

Coffee morning in aid of Hope for Africa, Lesotho church. Many thanks to all who attended and contributed to the coffee morning which raised £327.67. This will fund the youth conference they are planning for June. Over the last few years these conferences have had a profound effect on the development of the young people in the church offering them encouragement and a chance to hear motivational speakers. All 5 churches come together and grow together. With much appreciation Vivien Staunton.

Appreciation from the West Berkshire Homeless Team. Thank you for the amount of £764.43 donation which was realised as a result of your generosity during the Good Friday Service at St Nics. Thank you all for attending and supporting this cause. May the Lord richly bless you. Marina Abraham.

Term Card Just to let you know that the Summer Term Card will be available from next Sunday 29 April.

Prayer Support The prayer support team are available at the main Sunday services to pray with anyone who has prayer needs, always confidentially. Please come at any time during the service or after taking communion. In addition, again confidentially, the team pray regularly for people on a long-term sick list and run a prayer chain when emergency requests arise. If you have any particular needs that you would like the team to pray for, either write your request on the paper provided by the prayer box on the welcome desk, or email prayer@st-nics.org.

Coffee Morning Vacancies. We have two Thursday coffee morning vacancies on 3 May and 7 June 2018. If you would like to raise money for a charity then please contact the church office, 47018. Thank you.

The Women's Breakfast

Saturday 28th April at 8.30am
In St Nicolas Church Hall

Guest Speaker: Pam McKellen

**One step in front of another
...a story of pilgrimage...**

Matthew 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"

Do join us, we'd love to see you there. No charge, but donations welcome.

Please ensure that items for the
Newsletter reach the office by
10am Thursday Morning
No more than 80 words please!

Sunday 29th April

5th Sunday of Easter

8:00am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Worship
6:00pm Contemporary Worship (Hall)
6:00 Benefice Evensong

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