



NOTICES

1. **WELCOME TO ST NICHOLAS:** we are delighted you have joined us for worship, especially if you are worshipping here for the **first time**, or the **first time in a long time**.

2. **ANNUAL MEETINGS TODAY:**

11am – Meeting to Elect Churchwarden (this meeting is open to all on the Church Electoral Roll (ER) and all who live in the parish)

11.15am approx. – Annual Parochial Church Meeting (only for those on the ER)

BOTH MEETINGS WILL BE IN CHURCH. COFFEE WILL BE SERVED IN CHURCH AFTER THE 9.30am SERVICE, AHEAD OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

3. **CHURCHWARDEN & PCC CANDIDATES:** nominations have been duly received and the nomination process is now closed.

4. **NEXT COMMUNITY SOUP LUNCH** is on Thursday 12th May, 12.45pm for a 1pm lunch. To book your place call Selina in the Parish Office (02084670196) or via our ticketing page: <https://bit.ly/382bIGW>

5. **SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE UKRAINIAN CRISIS:**

the Disasters Emergency Committee have a giving page through which you can support the relief and rescue work with those affected by the conflict in Ukraine. Simply scan the QR code below to go directly to their giving page. Thank you so much to all who have so generously donated.



6. **JUBILEE SERVICE:** there will be a special service to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sun 29th May at 10.30am. We will be joined by our church school for this very special service.

7. **DO YOU RECEIVE THE WEEKLY E-NEWS?**

the e-news mailing is our main communication outreach to our church household. If you don't receive it and would like to, please just scan this QR code with your smartphone camera.



If you've accidentally unsubscribed, you will need this QR code to re-join the mailing list.

WELCOME

AN **INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING** COMMUNITY OF FAITH
SEEKING TO **KNOW & SHARE** THE LOVE OF GOD

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Sunday 8th May

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am Said Eucharist (BCP)

9:30am Parish Eucharist

11am ANNUAL MEETINGS

3pm Baptisms: Louie Walters & Evie Palmer

THE WEEK AHEAD *Morning Prayer, Mon-Thurs, 9am in church*

MON 9th 18:00 Rector in Zoom meeting

TUE 10th 09:00 Rector in St Nick's School

10:30 Knitting Group

12:30 Deanery Chapter Meeting

18:00 Wedding Prep @ Rectory

WED 11th **OFFICE CLOSED (11TH -16TH)**

10:00 **Said Eucharist (BCP)**

THU 12th 10:00 Rector in Diocesan Meetings

12:45 Community Soup Lunch

FRI 13th *Rector's Rest Day*

Church Cleaning Team

19:30 Choir Practice

Sunday 15th May

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8am Said Eucharist (BCP)

9:30am Parish Eucharist

11am Matins

A Safe Church

The care and protection of everyone in our church community is the responsibility of all those who participate in the life of St Nicholas.

If you are concerned about someone who is at risk, or you feel someone is presenting a risk to others, please contact

our **Parish Safeguarding Officer** (details below)

Our commitment is to:

- Promote a safe environment and culture
- Have safe recruitment policies
- Respond promptly to concerns
- Care pastorally for victims/survivors
- Respond to those who may pose and present a risk

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Susie Hemming-Clark 07790 689 028

Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collects (Gathering Prayers)

Common Worship:

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



Book of Common Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel / second reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

+Glory to you, O Lord.

+ At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

In our prayers

Those who have asked for our prayers:

Angela Anderson	Johnny Baker	Isabelle Burman
David Butler	Idris Davies	Brigitte Davies
Graham Bushell-Wye	<i>(brother of Lesley Gambrell)</i>	
Neil Goodhand	<i>(son-in-law of Mary Williams)</i>	
Betty Hughes	<i>(member of the Knitting Group)</i>	
Isaac (age 4)	<i>(Rita Hones' friend's grandson)</i>	
Audrey Lawrence	<i>(mother of Susie Hemming-Clark)</i>	
Vena Lewis	<i>(mother of Selina Lindsay)</i>	
Norrine Redfern	<i>(friend of Wendy Lowdon)</i>	
Michael Sim		
Vee Stylianou	<i>(friend of Anna Barlow & others at St Nick's)</i>	
Brenda Whitaker	<i>(mother of Susan Wilson)</i>	
Alison Wilton	<i>(sister of Andrew Wilton)</i>	

In our longer-term prayers:

Valerie Burn	<i>(Friend of Justine Grant)</i>	
Duncan Burns		
Betty Court	Joanna Friel	Maria Petrovan
Brenda Pocha	Tim Shields	Sir Roger Sims
Ann-Louise Whittaker		

Home Communicants:

Elizabeth & Peter Heath	Liz Clifford
Anna Slowey	Alexandra Abels
Shirley Strong	

The departed:

Anita Anderson	Alan Bellingier
Steve Bill	Edna Cogswell