

## **SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021: Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**

Celebrant: **Rev Carole George**

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANYONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE MENTIONED IN OUR SUNDAY PRAYERS.**

*Remembering those who are ill and those who care for them:*

Steve Powell, Max Suantah; Lila White, Pauline Prout, Pauline Kilgour, Lynda; Sue & Andy, Colin, Geoff Hardy, Peter.

*Those who have died recently*

Brian Reed, Rodney Law

### **8am SUNDAY SERVICE**

From October we will be reintroducing the 8am said Eucharist, initially on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, the next one taking place today, **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. The frequency of this service will be reviewed after 6 months. The 8am service is a short said Eucharist with a brief sermon. All are welcome to come along and join us at this service – an ideal time if you are busy later in the day.

### **11.15am SERVICE**

We plan to reintroduce the Eucharist to the 11.15am service rota. This will take place in church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month with the first one being **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. All are most welcome to join us.

### **THE SERVICE OF LIGHT**

The Service of Light will be held in St Nicholas Church on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November** at 3.00pm. A time to remember all those we love who have died. Families who have lost loved ones over the last 2 years are invited to send the names of those they wish to be remembered during the service to the Parish Office on 01932 221621 or [office@stnicholaschurch-shepperton.org](mailto:office@stnicholaschurch-shepperton.org) and a candle will be lit for each person

Everyone is welcome to the service and refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards

### **LIFTING OF COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS**

At a recent PCC meeting we discussed the current Covid situation and the lifting of remaining restrictions in church. We agreed that we need to continue to take a cautious approach so that everybody coming into church can feel it is a safe environment in which to worship. So for the time being mask wearing will be encouraged for church, and mandatory for singing, unless exempt, (apart from the choir who are socially distanced from the congregation at all times); hand sanitising will continue, the South transept will be available for those who want to sit socially distanced. The children's area will be reinstated, with parent's/carers being responsible for maintaining a Covid secure environment in that area.

### **TEA/COFFEE AFTER THE 9.30 AM SERVICE**

We have all missed being able to congregate together after the 9.30 service for a time of fellowship and catch up over a cuppa. We are hoping to resume refreshments after the 9.30 service from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November but will only be able to do this if we have enough volunteers to prepare teas and coffees. If this is something you helped with previously - or if you would like to offer to start helping - could you please email Janice at [churchwarden@stnicholaschurch-](mailto:churchwarden@stnicholaschurch-)

[shepperton.org](http://shepperton.org) and she will put together a rota. It is hoped that there will be enough volunteers offering that people will be asked to do this no more than once a month.

## **ZOOMING FUTURE SERVICES**

Our online community is very important to us and is very much part of our regular congregation. Please bear with me as, over the next few weeks, I investigate possible alternative forms of being able to join together for worship online. This may involve continuing to broadcast via Zoom or via a different means. If anybody has knowledge in this area and would be willing to work with me to facilitate this, please drop me an email on [rector@stnicholas-shepperton.org](mailto:rector@stnicholas-shepperton.org) Rev Carole

## **APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL PLACES.**

If you are coming to church in order to apply for a place at St. Nicholas or Bishop Wand schools please identify yourself to the church wardens **each time** you are present so that you may be entered in the attendance register.

Please note that in order to apply under the church attendance criteria both schools require monthly attendance for at least the 12 months prior to the application being made.

## **BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ**

Several of you have expressed interest in the progress of our new Bereavement Cafe. It has been formed under the auspices of the Princess Alice Hospice where we Volunteers were trained two long years ago. The pandemic, while increasing the need for this kind of support, prevented us from opening in 2020 and halted all training sessions at PAH.

St Nicholas Bereavement Cafe is now into its fourth month and PAH has been able to open up its two-day training courses. The next training days are Fridays November 12 and 19. If you are interested in knowing more please ask any one of us. Julia Jelley, Margaret Bennet, Sylvia Carter, Sue Wood or myself, Angie

## **CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE GREENO CENTRE**

~~Information about this event has been removed for security reasons.~~  
We will be distributing festive gift bags during Christmas week, which were so successful last year, delivered by volunteers.

If you would like to support this project, we would be grateful to receive financial donations. Please note, due to Covid-secure procedures, we are unable to accept donated gifts.

We would like to express our thanks to the members of the Shepperton community, the local churches, businesses, community groups and individuals who kindly support this event each year with their generous financial donations. If you would like to donate, or nominate a person to receive a festive bag, please contact; Stephen Gould:

[christmasgreeno@gmail.com](mailto:christmasgreeno@gmail.com) Or Telephone/Leave message: 077 19 875 684

## **CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESSES**

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## **NOTICES**

Please send items for inclusion in the Notices to the Parish Office by Thursday