

1st March 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent



10.00am: Parish Sung Eucharist

Flowers in Church

We have been unable to have flower displays in church whilst the interior restoration work is ongoing. We will be able to have floral displays brightening up the church again from Easter Sunday. If anybody would like to sponsor a floral display in church for Easter Sunday or later in the year – maybe in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a particular event in your life – do please contact Sarah in the parish office and she will be able to facilitate this.

Bereavement Café Monday 9th March



Join us for a warm and friendly chat and some light refreshments in the Parish Centre from 2.30pm and on the second Monday of every month 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Little Fishes



Temporary Venue News

We hope you will be able to join us for some fun, playtime and songs at the next meeting of “Little Fishes Carer, Baby and Toddler Group” every Wednesday at our **temporary** venue: **SHEPPERTON CRICKET CLUB EVERY Wednesday morning 10.00am-12.00pm.**

No need to pre-book, just turn up.

Church Square, Shepperton, TW17 9JY



Our Vision Statement

St Nicholas is a Christian community seeking to be welcoming and inclusive to all, transforming lives through the love and teachings of Jesus Christ

Our Mission Statement

St Nicholas Church is here to encounter the love of God, share the good news of Jesus Christ and respond to the needs of our neighbours

RIP Rev Elizabeth Greenwood and Bobbie Goodman

It was with a heavy heart that I shared the news with you last Sunday that both Elizabeth and Bobbie had died that week.



Bobbie died peacefully at home in her 100th year.

Elizabeth's death was very sudden and came as a huge shock to all of us.



We give thanks for the lives of two very faithful and devout servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Funeral details for both Bobbie and Elizabeth will be announced in due course.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Listed Places of Worship Scheme

The Listed places of Worship scheme is a government run scheme whereby places of worship could claim back a VAT refund for repairs carried out on their buildings – a 20% refund on repair costs.

The Government announced last year that they would only be extending the scheme for one more year and it would end on 31st March 2026. However, it was announced this week, that the pot of money allocated to the scheme by the Treasury had run out and no further applications for refunds would be considered. The scheme closed early on 18th February 2026. This has had a huge and immediate impact on us here at St Nicholas, as it means that it will no longer be possible to claim the Vat refund we were expecting to on the costs of the current interior restoration project. For us, this amounts to an extra £16,000 that we now need to find in order to cover the full costs of the project. I am confident we will find the additional money – partly because we have to, but I also have faith in the unending generosity that often comes from unexpected quarters. We will need to continue fundraising and tightening our belts as much as we are able to over the coming year.

St John Fisher Church World Day of Prayer - You will be most

welcome to join us for this year's World Day of Prayer Service, written by a committee of Christian women from Nigeria. Wheelchair access and disabled toilet are available. There will be similar services on the day across the country and around the world. It is an opportunity for people from different Christian denominations to come together in prayer, reflection and music, and both men and women are welcome. The service at St John Fisher Church will include a talk by Eileen Murray from Aid to the Church in Need, a Christian charity which gives practical and spiritual help to Christians around the world who are persecuted or oppressed for their faith. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the recently refurbished hall at the back of the church. For further information about the World Day of Prayer, see their website at www.wwdp.org.uk.

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Nursery Manager - Laleham Church Playgroup are seeking a Nursery Manager to join their team of Early Years Professionals. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in Early Years education with relevant experience as a Manager/Deputy Manager and have a genuine love for working with children from 2-5years old, being part of a team and supporting the Christian ethos of the Playgroup. As the Nursery Manager, you will play a vital role in creating a nurturing and stimulating environment within a Christian Playgroup that supports all the development of young children, socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually, linguistically and spiritually. We are a term time only Nursery (38 weeks a year), with sessions running from 8.15am until 1pm. Requirements include Relevant Level 3 or above in Childcare/Early Years ; Experience as a leader within a setting; A committed Christian; Great understanding of safeguarding, SEND and the EYFS

Administrator

Laleham Church Playgroup are also seeking an administrator to join their team. The ideal candidate will ideally have some knowledge or experience of Payroll related duties including HMRC submissions. Other duties will include maintaining the income and expenditure of the playgroup, preparation of annual accounts for PCC, maintaining the live register of children for Surrey County Council. Some experience of Payroll/HMRC Software would be preferable. Some experience of Excel Spreadsheets an advantage, good communication skills, organisation skills & good time management. This role is very flexible and will be carried out around other commitments & in your own time. The hours will be 3 hours per week over 48 weeks of the year.

Home Communion



We have a dedicated team here at St Nicholas who are able to offer the sacrament of Holy Communion to those who are housebound and not able to come to church. If you, or somebody you know, who is unable to come to church through illness or mobility issues, do please contact Rev Carole by email: rector@stnicholaschurch-shepperton.org and we can arrange for you to be included in the monthly visiting rota.

Parish Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday : Office Closed
 Wednesday & Thursday:
 10.30am to 3.30pm
 Friday: 10am to 12 noon

Parish Office:
 01932 221621

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Next Week In Church

**** The Church will be closed from Monday to Saturday for the duration of the restoration project ****

Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday in Lent

10.00am: Parish Sung Eucharist

Parish Centre Diary

Monday 2nd	9.00am-3.00pm	Church Square playgroup
Tuesday 3rd	9.00am-3.00m 7.30pm-9.00pm	Church Square playgroup Lent Group
Wednesday 4th	9.00am-3.00pm 7.00pm-8.00pm	Church Square playgroup Pilates
Thursday 5th	9.00am-3.00pm 5.45pm-8.00pm 8.15pm-9.45pm	Church Square playgroup Pilates Clarinet Group
Friday 6th	9.00am-3.00pm 7.30pm-9.30pm	Church Square playgroup Group Meeting
Sunday 8th	From 9.00am	Coffee Morning

Restoration Appeal Donations

If you would like to donate towards the cost of the interior repairs to the church:

- Bank transfer to the church bank account:

St Nicholas Church Council
Sort code: 20-90-56
Account: 30774715
Ref: "Restoration"



- By scanning the **QR code**.
 The QR code can also be found in each pew

All cash and cheque donations can be placed in the green envelopes available on Sunday. If you are a UK taxpayer, do please consider gift- aiding your contribution. There is no extra cost to you, but we can claim an extra 20% in gift aid from HMRC. All donations will be very gratefully received.

Keep in touch! Please send notices through by Wednesday

