

# Parishes' News Sheet for ...

St Nicholas' Charlwood & Emmanuel Sidlow Bridge

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## ***28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – First Sunday of Advent***

**9.30 am Parish Communion at St. Nicholas'**

**11.00 am Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel**

**6.00pm Evening Prayer by Telephone**

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## Details for **Church By Telephone**

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## PRAYER BOX

Please pray for:

Meath Green Lane and Lonesome Lane.

Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council and the work they do for the community.

The sick, isolated and troubled and those who care for them, especially Pat Hucker, Dee Marshall, Michael Toogood, Jim Butt and Julie King.

Those we have loved but see no more, those who have recently died, especially those that mourn for them.

## LATEST UPDATE

**Advent** – Perhaps instead as we approach the season of Advent, which is like Lent a serious and penitential time, a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and re-welcome Him into our hearts, we might take on some extra Bible study or read some Christian books. (there are plenty available).

While some are spending a fortune on expensive Advent calendars – which clearly miss the point of Advent, we could perhaps, instead of getting things we don't need, give more by remembering the food bank collections at our Churches. This Sunday is Advent Sunday so it would be good to do a reverse Advent calendar which means giving rather than getting. If we can't give something each day of Advent we could do something on the four Sundays of this season.

Mary Gooding

**Emmanuel Crib Service** - My other question - is there anyone who could play a few carols at Emmanuel on Christmas eve afternoon for the crib service? If you could help please let me know. Mary (07847198131)

**St Nicholas' Church – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm Mothers' Union Service** on the occasion of the closure and a celebration of over 120 years of the Charlwood Mothers' Union.

**Christmas Cards** depicting St Nicholas' Church are still available at St Nicholas' on the table opposite the main entrance to the Church. Great quality cards, 5 to a pack – 3 packs for £5. Also available in Nicholas Room after Services each Sunday.

**Volunteer Stewards** – St Nicholas' are looking for volunteers to act as stewards for the church services to greet the congregation and to hand out the required service material. Also dealing with the collection money and other sundry matters. Anyone interested can contact the church wardens or Lorne Cox email [coxlef@gmail.com](mailto:coxlef@gmail.com) phone 01293 862224.

**5<sup>TH</sup> December Family Service St Nicholas’;** Toy Service – Welcare are still unable to handle toys due to Covid, but they would still value your support to enable them to help the families on their books at this time of year. Please if you can bring cash or supermarket vouchers to the ‘Toy Service’ for Sonia Tyndall to pass on to Welcare. Thank you.

***I have also heard rumours that St. Nicholas’ will be appearing on the 5<sup>th</sup> December at our Family Service***

After the next **Family Service** at 9.30 am, on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be serving a **St Nicholas’ day themed brunch** in the Nicholas Room at 10.30 am.

Everyone is very welcome, whether they have been to the service first or just want to come to the brunch, but it would be much appreciated if you could let Sarah Parks Young know if you are coming, so we have some idea of how many to cater for.

Sarah’s email is [spy@abaclays.com](mailto:spy@abaclays.com), telephone 01293 428186 or text to 07752 902020

The menu will include Sticky Sausages in Orange, plus Jelly with Mandarins and gold coins plus other traditional treats. **See you there!**

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

**Prayer & Study** Group

**Nehemiah – building for God!**

A series of **Bible studies** based on the life of one of the Bible’s great heroes! He was called to rebuild the broken walls of Jerusalem and to repair the burned gates of the City. Meanwhile, enemies of the Jews were determined to hinder the work...

Each **Thursday** we send a **letter** and **notes** on-line, which explains the story and its lessons to Group members.

**Why not join us?** Let. **Sonia Tyndall** have your email address on - [soniatyndall32@gmail.com](mailto:soniatyndall32@gmail.com) and enjoy the experience with us this week!

Leader: Rev Michael Toogood

**Tea and Chat:** is now happening regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (14<sup>th</sup> in December, 11<sup>th</sup> in January), at 2pm in the Parish Hall Charlwood.

**Everyone welcome.** Tea and Chat on **14<sup>th</sup> December** will be our **Christmas Party**. A Group of children from **Charlwood School** will be coming to entertain us. **Please join us.** As always a lovely tea is provided with the opportunity to sit and chat with friends, make new friends and enjoy the entertainment from the children at Charlwood School.

**Coffee and Chat:** Please join us for Coffee and Chat at Emmanuel on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November (tea, of course, is also available). Drop in anytime between 11-12 for a cuppa and chat. You will be most welcome. Please note that we will NOT be meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> December, but look forward to seeing you on the last Wednesday in January.

**Coffee & Tea** available every Sunday following the 9.30 a.m. service at St Nicholas'. Do come and join us in the Nicholas room. All welcome.

## **SUNDAY READINGS ETC.**

**28/11/21**

**First Sunday of Advent** – *(Year C Begins)*

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading - Jeremiah 33.14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

<sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts

in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel - Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>25</sup>There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, <sup>35</sup>and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

### **And Finally ....**

On Sunday despite a few set backs we had a lovely service at St. Nicholas' which was led by the Rev. Canon Andrew Cunnington, Vicar of St. Matthews Church in Redhill.

At Emmanuel – How lovely it was to be joined by Rev. Canon Andrew Cunnington on Sunday who led our Service so beautifully. It was particularly lovely to see Father Andrew and have his assistance during our current vacancy as he was Area Dean during our previous vacancy giving us so much help and guidance, prior to Sue being appointed Priest in Charge. Thank you Andrew. Sadly our organist Niky was unwell and so, unable to locate a replacement, accompaniment for the hymns was by backing tracks. Great fun .....I think!

### ***GET WELL SOON NIKY.***

Please contact me if you know someone who does not receive the News Sheet and would like to. Please forward their email address to me as below.

If you would like anything included in a future News Sheet please email me details to wingspeeksbrook@aol.com

*Fran*

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## Services

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am Parish Communion (Advent Sunday) at St. Nicholas'  
11.00 am Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel  
6pm Evening Prayer by telephone

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

2pm Mothers' Union Service at St. Nicholas'

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Family Service (Toy Service) at St Nicholas'  
11 am Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel  
6pm Evening Prayer by telephone

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 am Parish Communion at St. Nicholas'  
(with Bishop Jonathan)  
11.00 am Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel  
(with Bishop Jonathan)  
6pm Evening Prayer by telephone.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

4.00 pm Carol Service at St. Nicholas'  
11.00 am Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel  
6pm Evening Prayer by telephone

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

7.30 pm Carol Service at Emmanuel

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December

4.00 pm Crib Service at St. Nicholas'  
4.00 pm Christingle at Emmanuel  
11.30 pm Midnight Mass at Emmanuel

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 am Christmas Communion at St. Nicholas'

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

No Church Services. By telephone only.