

Parishes' News Sheet for ...

St Nicholas' Charlwood & Emmanuel Sidlow Bridge

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4th February 2024

9.30am Family Service at St. Nicholas'

11.00am Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel

Loving Jesus, light of the nations, help us to fulfil our calling and to care for one another in an unselfish fellowship of love; and to care for the world around us in sharing the good news of your love and serving those who suffer in poverty and hunger.

Those who live and work in Longmeadow Villas and Doversgreen Road.

Our Archdeacon Moira Astin, Area Dean The Revd Martin Colton, Assistant Area Dean The Revd Kate Capper, Deanery Lay Chair Les Jackson, members of the Deanery Leadership Team and all who serve on the Deanery Synod.

The sick, the isolated and troubled. Those we have loved but see no more, those who have recently died, and all those that mourn for them.

Over the next few weeks we will be starting to use MailChimp for the church newsletter. There is nothing you need to do and we will keep everyone updated.

Lawrie Perfect's son has asked us to pass this message on. ' I thought I would let you know that that my father is now currently resident at Greensands Care Home in Salfords where he is continuing his recovery from his recent fall. Once he has settled in I am sure he will enjoy a visit from anyone who cares to call by.

Emmanuel Coffee & Chat will be the last Wednesday of the month, **January 31st**. Drop in anytime **between 11.00 - 12.00** for a cuppa and chat – It will be lovely to see you for this special celebration meeting! Paul

'KNIT AND NATTER' at Emmanuel. **Please note that Knit and Natter will be on February 8th - 10.30 - 12.00 noon** the second Thursday of the month.. All welcome, bring a hand craft be it knitting or otherwise, or just come for a chat. It is an opportunity to meet together, have a tea or coffee and alongside crafting, talk with friends. A small voluntary donation towards Church heating and lighting would be welcome. Mary

St Nicholas' Pancake Party 4.00 – 7.30pm Tuesday 13th February. Please join us everyone welcome.

Tea and Chat Tea and Chat at Charlwood Parish Hall will be at **2pm on 20th February and not on the 13th February. Everyone welcome.**

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

Read and download ***The Bridge*** from :
[http//southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)

Churches for Horley Lent Talk with Archdeacon Moira Astin

Archdeacon Moira's title for this year is entitled: 'Off the Beaten Track in Israel'. This talk will take place at St. Barts Church on Tuesday **20th February from 7.30pm**. It is a Churches for Horley event and all are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE: Farnham Maltings play 'The Band Back Together' will be on Thursday 14th March 2024 in Charlwood Parish Hall. More information to follow.

Sunday's sermon has been posted to Revd. Sue's sermon blog which is <https://theirreverentreverend.com> if you would like to read.

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

Lent Course starting on Ash Wednesday (February 14th) at 11 am in the Nicholas Room.

This year we are going to use the Bible Society's The Bible Series Course over 7 weeks.

The Bible Series is a seven-session video series for small groups focusing on key biblical themes. Studying these themes will deepen your understanding of the Bible and its overarching story, and help you engage in great conversation with your small group. **[Get started!](#) - click the link for more info!**

The Bible Series explores the story of the Bible and helps to find answers to life's questions in the Bible, and ultimately in Jesus. No experience or knowledge necessary - please bring a Bible.

Contact Revd Sue for more information.

ST NICHOLAS' Flower Guild Rota - February 2024

4th Sarah Parks-Young

11th Sarah Parks-Young

18th Lent starts 14th

25th Lent

A community group are making a set of three appliqued wall hangings for St. Nicholas' Church. The next sessions are on 26th February, 4th March and 25th March at Julie's house, 9 Chalmers Close, Charlwood at 10am until 12 noon. If you would like to join our group please contact Sarah for more information – 07752 902020



4/2/24 Readings for Emmanuel

2nd Sunday Before Lent

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son

our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; **16** for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Let's gather!

Charlwood Community Events Meeting

Tues 6th Feb, 7:30pm in Pavilion

Please come along to share ideas for
future events, such as village fete,
skittles...

Everyone very welcome

Croydon Episcopal Area

LAY CONFERENCE



SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2024, 9.30AM TO 5PM
St Bede's School, 64 Carlton Road, Redhill, RH1 2LQ

As a lay person, are you looking for a chance to learn, to think, to reflect and to meet other lay people? We hope that you will join us at the 2024 Lay Conference for an opportunity for just that. The theme for the conference is **Magnificat! From Praise to Passionate Action**. We hope that you will have much to take back to your parish and you may even feel encouraged to carry on the discussions there. The day is open to all churchgoers, and we hope you'll attend.

The Keynote Speaker is Dr Elaine Storkey, renowned philosopher, sociologist, theologian, writer and broadcaster. You'll have the opportunity to attend two workshops and the day will be set in a context of uplifting worship.

The cost is £10 (*you will be charged an additional Eventbrite admin fee of £1.55, so total £11.55*), including refreshments/lunch, payable on booking.

To find out more, please view our [Lay Conference Information Booklet](#).

To register, please visit <https://CroydonLayConference2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

Deadline to register: Sunday 11 February 2024.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March, 2024, 11.15am at Horley Methodist Church

The World day of Prayer is a women led, global, ecumenical movement. This year Horley Methodist Church will host and lead the service, with members from all the Horley churches participating.

The service, open to everyone not just women, is titled 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'. It has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine.

If you would like to stay and catch up with friends after the service a Lent lunch of soup, roll and cake will be available for £3.50, with proceeds going to WaterAid. Liz Roberts

My final thought

Jesus commanded us to love God and to love our neighbour. But it is easy to forget! Sometimes we ourselves fall out with people and sometimes we ignore God in our lives. Love is not always easy! It is easy to love people that we really like and those that love us first or in return. It is even easier to love people who are like us. I love watching passengers coming through the arrivals hall at Gatwick - and the looks and exchanges of love that often follow. It is really touching. There are also looks and exchanges of love at departures. These are often much more difficult. It is comforting to know that whether we are coming or going - we can know God's love. We are not always easy to love but thankfully God loves us anyway!

Revd. Sue Lepp

SERVICES

4 th February	9.30am	Family Service at St. Nicholas'
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel
11 th February	9.30am	Parish Communion at St. Nicholas'
	11.00am	Sung Matins at Emmanuel
14 th February	10.00am	Ash Wednesday Service at St. Nicholas'
	8.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Emmanuel
18 th February Lent 1	9.30am	Matins at St. Nicholas'
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel
25 th February Lent 2	9.30am	Parish Communion at St. Nicholas'
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel
3 rd March Lent 3	9.30am	Parish Communion at St. Nicholas'
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel