

Parishes' News Sheet for ...

St Nicholas' Charlwood & Emmanuel Sidlow Bridge

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28th January 2024

9.30am Parish Communion at St. Nicholas'

11.00am Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those who live and work in Horley Road.

Those who organise Tea and Chat and Coffee and Chat, those that come along and any who are thinking about coming.

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.

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 – 6.00pm 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**

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.

Read and download *The Bridge* from : <http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge>

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 – January 2024

28th Katie Kett

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4th Sarah Parks-Young

11th Sarah Parks-Young

18th Lent starts 14th

25th Lent

A community group are making a set of three applied 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



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Presentation of the Christ

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; **3** he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the

LORD in righteousness. **4** Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. **5** Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), **24** and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ **25** Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. **26** It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. **27** Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, **28** Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

29 ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.’

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. **34** Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed **35** so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, **37** then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. **38** At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. **40** The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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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My final thought

This Sunday we will be celebrating Candlemas (also known as the Presentation of Christ in the Temple). Again this is an important Epiphany story of old & young, life and death and what it is to live a life of expectant hope. We live in the light of hope. Jesus is the light that came in the darkness. We remember this as we light candles and thank God for his light.

Revd. Sue Lepp

SERVICES

28 th January	9.30am	Parish Communion at St Nicholas'
	11.0am	Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel
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
18 th February	9.30am	Matins at St. Nicholas'
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist at Emmanuel