



St Nicholas Newsletter

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A Season of Remembering

This time of year is a time for remembering. At about All Saints' Day we remember those whom we love but have died. Then at Remembrance we remember those who have died in conflict to keep us safe and free. These are significant dates for us and it is good to set aside time to remember. And, one way or another we will be doing that at St Nicholas this year ... just how is not clear yet as, at the time of writing, we have just entered Tier 2 (High Alert) in Essex but the Church of England is still working through the implications for churches.

So, what do we know? At St Nicholas we will be having a Memorial Services on Sunday 1st November as we remember our loved ones who have died. We should be able to have some people in Church itself (all safely distanced and wearing masks) and we will live-stream the service on Facebook, and the recording will also be put onto our website so that you can watch it later if you don't have access to Facebook.

What we don't know is precisely how many people will be able to attend but we do need to be very careful about numbers to keep people safe.

Similarly, we will have an Act of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday (the following Sunday, 8th November) which will include the Two Minutes Silence at 11:00. Again, we are not yet clear what regulations and advice we will have to follow.

If you would like to attend either of these

services in person, please let me know by email to rev.richard.jordan@gmail.com and let me know how many people would be in your 'bubble'. That way we should be able to arrange seating to get most people into church. Please put "Remembrance Day at St Nicholas" or "Memorial Service at St Nicholas" into the subject (I will be trying to organise this for three churches so please be clear!). If you would like to attend both services please send two emails so that I can keep them separate. If you would like us to remember someone by name in the Memorial Service please include their name in the email.

I will then let you know, by replying to your email, what the arrangements will be.

I do hope that you will be able to join us, if not in person then least on-line.

To join us live on-line please sign up to our Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/hrr.churches.

The recording will stay on Facebook for some time so that you can catch up. We will also upload it to our website at

<https://hrr-churches.org.uk/prayer-and-reflection/> shortly after the service.

Oh yes, and of course in between All Saints and Remembrance Sunday some of us will be remembering Guy Fawkes ... but we will leave that up to you!

Donations

As for so many people, charities and businesses these are financially worrying times. At St Nicholas we are hugely grateful to those who

have maintained their regular giving to the church or have made special donations. But we have been struggling and now even more so because we have not our regular Sunday collections in our church services and have not been able to hold our fund-raising events, nor are we going to be able to for at least the next few months.

We do understand that we are not alone and many will be struggling financially and not able to think about supporting St Nicholas.

If however you are able to make a contribution it would be much appreciated and help to keep up the work and maintenance of the Church.

You can donate by cheque, bank transfer or credit card. The details are on our website at www.hrr-churches.org.uk/donations/

Many thanks for your help, whether financially, practically or in joining in pray.

God bless.

Richard

Richard Jordan, Priest in Charge of Hullbridge, Rawreth and Rettendon

Welcome to our October/November edition of St Nicholas Newsletter. In this Covid-19 situation it was thought this would be an easy way to keep in touch with you all and keep you up-to-date with the situation regarding St Nicholas Church.

Church Services

We hold Morning Prayer each morning and Compline each evening. Our Eucharist/Holy Communion service is on Sunday mornings. These are held at the following times.

Morning Prayer - 8.00am

Compline/Night Prayer - 8.00pm

Eucharist/Holy Communion - Sunday .
10.00am

You can now download the order of service for Eucharist/Holy Communion that we will be using in Ordinary Time from our webpage: hrr-churches.org.uk/prayer-and-reflection/

You will also find the Collects and Readings there for each Sunday too.

A booklet of Daily Prayers has also been added - these will be the basis of our intercessions at Morning Prayer and Compline (used flexibly). But they are also written so that you can use them on your own if that is better for you. You can also download these from the same page.

Memorial Service 1st November

All are welcome to our Memorial Service on Sunday 1st November where we remember our loved ones that have died.

If you are going to attend please email Richard at rev.richard.jordan@gmail.com saying how many you will be bringing in your 'bubble' not forgetting to put ***Memorial Service for St Nicholas*** in the subject heading.

Remembrance Day - 8th November

All are welcome at our Remembrance Day service on Sunday 8th November.

If you are going attend please email Richard at rev.richard.jordan@gmail.com saying how many you will be bringing in your 'bubble' not forgetting to put ***Remembrance Service for St Nicholas*** in the subject heading..

We will be adjusting the time of the Remembrance service to accommodate the 2 minutes silence.

Seats at both of these services will be named and organised to accommodate people.

Christmas Bazaar - 28th November

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 we will not be able to hold our Christmas Bazaar this year.

This is very unfortunate as not only is it an enjoyable day socially it also raises funds to help run St Nicholas church which, along with other fundraising events held throughout the year help to keep us afloat but other events have also been cancelled and funds are running low.

If you feel you would like to make a donation it would be much appreciated and you can do so by cheque, bank transfer or credit card. The details are on our website at www.hrr-churches.org.uk/donations/

Bereavement Group

We will be meeting on the last Thursday of each month at St Nicholas from 2-3pm. All distancing measures will be in place but sadly we won't be able to have refreshments. For more information contact Pat on 07790 460026 or Helen on 07880 728560.

Rawreth Ladies Club Meetings

The meetings have been suspended due to Covid-19 for information as to when they will re-open contact Sue Merton Tel: 01268 561703

Rawreth District Council

For up-to-date information, contacts and telephone numbers visit their website:

www.rawrethparishcouncil.co.uk/ or contact the Clerk Hayley Bloomfield Tel 07773 952455. or e-mail clerk.rawrethparishcouncil@btinternet.com

Village Hall Bookings

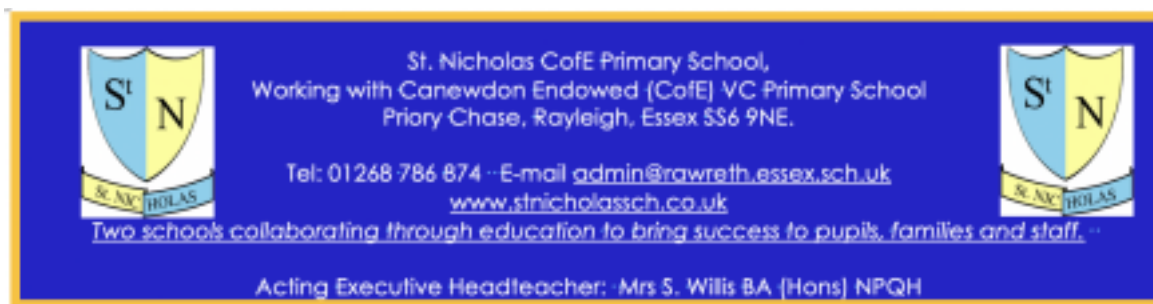
For Village Hall bookings contact Dave Collins Tel: 01268 734933 or e-mail daveicollins40@gmail.com

Newsletter

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Likewise if you do not wish to receive a copy of the Newsletter please forward your email address to me and I will take you off the circulation list.

Christine



October 2020

Dear Friends,

It is amazing to have the school open and to hear the buzzing of the children learning. It is great to be back to our new normal.

I hope you're all still managing to cope in these unusual times; it remains challenging for everyone, but I am excited to say that we are looking forward to welcoming visitors to our school on Saturday 7th November. These tours are for parents/carers who have children due to start school in September 2021. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer visits during in the school day, but we hope that by holding them in small groups on a Saturday it will give people the 'feel' of our wonderful school.

I look forward to writing again soon.

Mrs S Willis

Acting Executive Headteacher

Pet Service

At our Pet Service held on Sunday 3rd October 4 well behaved pets came along. Unfortunately it was a really wet afternoon so horses from the nearby stables couldn't join us.

Below are photo's of the pets that braved the weather although one or two didn't like getting wet!!

Christine

