

St Nicholas Church Newsletter

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Dear All,

Firstly, we would like to introduce ourselves to you, as the new Church Wardens. We are Alison & Lee Coppiters. Whether you come to Church regularly, occasionally or rarely, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions about anything related to St Nicholas Church.

Services are held at 8am and 10.30am every Sunday, apart from any month with 5 Sundays, when they alternate between St Nicholas and St Barnabas, Istead Rise on the 5th Sunday.

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) are your representatives and meet regularly with Rev Simeon to enable the Church to

run smoothly and to provide mission.

Pew Notice Sheet – this is sent out weekly to the congregations of both Churches. If you have anything you would like included, please email us.

Christmas Card competition



We are holding a competition to design this year's Christmas Card. This is open to everyone – entries are to be A5 portrait, suitable for scanning and reproducing and the closing date is Friday 16th October. Entries should be marked with name (age and school attended if under 16) and a contact number. Entries can be dropped off at Church

or into the Church's post box (on the rear of the Church Notice Board on the path leading to the front door).



We need you! We like to be able to provide a Christmas Card with all our Christmas services on it for every dwelling in the Parishes of Betsham, Bean, Southfleet, New Barn and Northfleet Green. If you are able to deliver some of these, please send us a message stating which roads you can deliver to – Many hands make light work!



Calling all Cleaners – the Church's team of

Cleaners (Marigolds) would benefit from some more volunteers. Further details available from Joan Gould (07870 500735)

Review of Sunday Club – Attendance at Sunday Club has been very low, and so we have decided to pause this. As an alternative, we will be holding Family-focused Worship on the 1st Sunday of each month. All welcome.

Christmas Giving – Each year the Church allocates some money for good causes. For example we have supported families at Bean and Sedleys School, Street Pastors and The Sanctuary in Gravesend. Additional suggestions are welcomed as are donations, either by cash or by bank transfer with the reference Xmas giving.



Macmillan

Coffee Morning – we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in Church on Friday 2nd October 10am-4pm. Donations of cakes and attendees most welcome!

St Nicholas Day/Toy Service Patronal Festival Sunday 6th December – we collect new toys for distribution via the Salvation Army.



Next

year is the 700th Anniversary of the Church and there will be a programme of Special Events. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved, please contact us.

Christingle – we have decided not to hold a Christingle Service this Christmas as Sedley's is going to hold their own on Tuesday 15th

December. They will be making their Christingles in school on Monday 14th December and would welcome help on that day. Please let Alison know if you can help.



All Souls Service to remember loved ones. This will be at St Nicholas at 3pm on Sunday 1st November. If you would like your loved one remembered by name in the service, please contact Joan Gould. (07870 500735)



Remembrance Day Service

This will take place on Sunday 8th November at 10.30am with a service in Bean at 2pm.