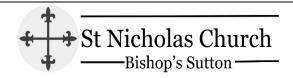
Pew Sheet for Sunday 21st **December 2025**. Feel free to take this sheet home. *The readings and prayers for today's services are printed on the other side*



Welcome to our Christingle Service

The Christmas Quiz, fundraising for St Nicholas, was a great success and saw 10 teams rocking n' rolling to the Christmas no 1s category and puzzling over Christmas customs around the world, inter alia. £500 was raised.

The Ship opened for us on the evening of Tuesday 16th for carols in the pub, raising funds for the Beacon, Winchester night shelter - £280 so far. It was a terrific turn out by generous villagers (from Ropley too).

Services and events this week

Until Tues 23rd Dec – visit the wondrous world of Narnia at St Nicholas. Open daily 9am-6pm. With huge thanks to the hard work, inspiration and creativity of Mel Simm.

Christmas Eve – 9pm Holy Communion
Christmas Day – 11am Lessons and Carols
Sun 28th Dec – 11am Benefice BCP Holy
Communion.

ALSO copies of the **St Nick's Cryptic Quiz** are at the back of the church – hours of entertainment for the family. £5 a copy and cash can be left in the offertory box in the wall.

Looking ahead to January

Sun 4th Jan - 11am Holy Communion BCP Thurs 8th Jan - Tea at 10 with Revd. Amber Sun 11th Jan - 11am Plough Sunday with Matins BCP

Sun 18th **Jan** - 11am Holy Communion (CW) with refreshments

Thurs 22nd Jan - Tea at 10 with Revd. Amber **Sun 25th Jan** – 6pm Evensong



Welcome to our Carol Service. Do stay afterwards for mulled wine and a mince pie.

A huge thank you to all involved in last weekend's **Christmas Tree Festival**. It was amazing! Thank you as well to the pupils and staff of Ropley School for your beautiful Christmas tree. It is now in the Community Room at St Peter's for everyone to enjoy and think about the messages you wrote.

It has been wonderful having **Ropley School** coming into St Peter's this week for the Infant Nativity, Carol Service and Carol Concert. We wish teachers, pupils and families a very happy and refreshing Christmas holiday.

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain on Thursday evening when Carols in the Churchyard became Carols in the Church.

Copies of the **St Nick's Cryptic Quiz** are at the back of church. £5 a copy. Can you do better than those clever folk in Bishop's Sutton?

If you have any unwanted gift sets, biscuits etc from Christmas, please put them on the foodbank shelves. Someone else may enjoy them and we will distribute what is left in January.

Services and events coming up

Tues 23rd Dec - 10am. We will be making 180 Christingle sets for 24th Dec. All welcome.

Christmas Eve - 4pm Christingle at the Crib; 11.30pm Midnight Communion.

Christmas Day - 10am Family Celebration **Sun 28**th **Dec** - 11am Benefice BCP Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Bishop's Sutton. There is no service at St Peter's on 28th Dec.

Sun 4th Jan - 10am Café Church (refreshments from 9.50am); 6pm Benefice Prayer Group

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