



St. Nicholas' Church

THAMES DITTON

1120 – 2017

Welcome to our new curate



Dear Friends

We will have a new face that I hope you will come to recognise around Thames Ditton – Sarb Klair will be

joining us as our new curate from July. A curate is a vicar in training, and Sarb will be with us for the next 3–4 years to learn the ropes, so that he can then go and run a church for himself.

The Diocese of Guildford only takes around 12 curates each year, so we are very fortunate to have been chosen as a training parish given there are 180 parishes in the Diocese. I hope you will see Sarb not just at church, but out and about in the village, taking assemblies at our local schools, leading services at our care homes, and attending various community events. Sarb is good company and very much a people person, so do please feel free to introduce yourself and say hello.

Sarb has been attending theological college for the past two years at Ridley Hall, Cambridge but previously lived in Godalming. He's married to Karen, and they have three adult children, Jamie, Laura and Hannah, and a Tibetan terrier. Sarb worked in financial services for more than 25 years, so working at St. Nicholas' is going to be quite a change. However, I am sure the welcome Sarb will receive here will quickly allow both Sarb and Karen to settle in, and feel at home.

It is very exciting to have Sarb joining us, and I know he will help us continue to grow in numbers as a church, to grow in our faith, and to assist us as we seek to serve the community of Thames Ditton.

Sarb will be actively involved with children's ministry in his new role



Sarb Klair, will be joining us in July as our new curate (vicar in training)

and will be helping to continuing grow our children's work, such as our family service (first Sunday of the month) and our 4 o'clock church (second Sunday of the month, in the church hall), featuring our puppets.

There is something fun and engaging about having a Bible story acted out through puppets. Our two main puppet



characters, Broccoli and Dec, (above) talk about life's ups and downs, in a way that is funny, but also surprisingly poignant. The puppets are proving to be a real hit not just with the children, but with the adults too. Why not come along and see for yourself. If you are interested in having a go, you are very welcome; you might end up joining the puppet team too!

God Bless,
Andrew.

CHURCH CALENDAR June–August 2017

Services listed are correct at the time of going to press.

For the latest information please consult the church noticeboard, website or contact the Parish Office, 020 8398 9641, stnicparishoffice@btinternet.com to receive weekly news by email.

EVERY SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion

10am services on a monthly rota:

1st Sunday: Family service (informal)

2nd Sunday: Holy Communion (traditional)

3rd Sunday: Morning Worship (informal), with children's groups

4th Sunday: Holy Communion (traditional), with children's groups

5th Sunday: Morning Worship (informal)

10am 30 July: Choral Matins

And especially for children:

Children's groups, 10am, 18 June (Father's Day) and 6 July.

Tots Praise at 9.30am on Thursdays, 8 June and 13 July – a lively service in church with songs, stories, prayers and fun for under 5s and their carers.

4 o'clock church – a fun Sunday service and tea for children and their carers on 11 June and 9 July.

St. Nick's Family

