



ST NICS DURHAM

WELCOME BOOKLET





St
Nics
Durham



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PRIOR

WELCOME TO ST NICS!

St Nics is currently between vicars, so it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our community! I am the Prior of the Community of St Cuthbert, which is based at St Nics, and on behalf of the whole staff team at Nics: we are looking forward to getting to know you.

Our church community is gathered from all around Durham city and beyond – people of different ages and backgrounds who seek to share life and grow in faith together.

We hope that you will soon feel at home here—whether as part of our services (either in person or online), as a member of one of our small groups, through one of our social events, or through getting stuck in and finding a place to serve as part of our church.

You will find lots of information on our website (www.stnics.org.uk) including resources for families, youth, and students as well as lots of useful material on prayer, our podcast, and opportunities to catch up on past services.

There's also an opportunity to find out more about the Community of St Cuthbert, where we meet together as small groups to support one another practically and spiritually.

If you haven't done so already, please do go to our website and look around. We have a monthly Newcomers Tea on a Sunday at 4pm where you can come along and meet other new people and several staff members, and chat about what life at St Nics is like. Look out for dates, which usually include the first Sunday afternoon of every month – more often in the Autumn. Also on our website you will also find an opportunity to sign up for our weekly newsletter, which is the best way to keep up to date with everything that's going on every week at St Nics.

We look forward to getting to know you in the weeks and months ahead.

SUNDAYS

We worship together as a church family on Sundays, as well as throughout the week.

One service every Sunday is available to stream via our website, as well as on Facebook and Youtube – it is often our 11am service unless that features a lot of children's participation.

Our usual weekly Sunday services are:

9.00 - A positive and uplifting traditional Church of England service, that often include Holy Communion

11.00 - A lively contemporary service that varies between a Service of the Word, Holy Communion and All-Age celebrations, with children and youth groups operating as part of the service.

6:30 - An informal and reflective service, that includes Communion once a month.

DAILY PRAYER

Throughout the week we hold short prayer services led by members of our congregation. These often follow the Anglican liturgy for Morning Prayer which can be followed using the Church of England's *Daily Prayer* App. Services are live-streamed on our Facebook page, Tuesday-Friday at 9am. There is also daily prayer on a Monday lunchtime at 1pm.

During our daily prayers, we pray for members of our church community. If you would like to be prayed for regularly as part of the church community then please get in touch.



Our Weekly SERVICES



STUDENTS

Right in the heart of a university city, we love welcoming students into our church every year! As a student community we meet on Thursdays during term at 8pm, for worship and bible study, and we run various social activities throughout the year.

If you're a student and would like to get involved, head over to stnics.org.uk/students, or email Edmund our student worker for more information and updates: studentministry@stnics.org.uk



YOUTH

Our young people, aged 11-18, meet twice a week: on a Sunday and Wednesday night. Younger Youth (school years Y7-Y9) meet for Bible study and fun during the 11am Sunday Service. Our Older Youth (Y9-Y11), meet for pizza and Bible study at 5pm before heading to the 6:30pm service together. On Wednesday nights, all our young people meet for games and time together.

We have a wonderful youth centre only a short walk from St Nics. More info can be found on the website so you can email Hannah, our Youth Missioner, for more info: youth.hannah@stnics.org.uk

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

If you have children between the ages of 0-11, then they are welcome to join in with our thriving children's ministry.

Our 11am Sunday service includes family elements and as well as opportunities for the children to join our Sunday school groups. Once a month we also have an all- age celebration.



Our All-Age
MINISTRIES

THE COMMUNITY OF ST CUTHBERT

The Community of St Cuthbert is where we work out together, in small groups, what it means to love the Lord our God with heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. It welcomes any Christian who longs to grow in their discipleship and who is prepared to journey with others in a quest for a life-changing faith.

Find more information on our website, and get in touch about joining a group.



GIVING

We aim to always be a loving, welcoming and generous church family, doing God's work together, and together loving our community.

Giving is part of our discipleship. As we seek to serve Jesus, we consider how we will use the things He has given us, such as time, skills and money.

Having a building that we can meet in, paying people to fulfil particular roles and providing resources for different activities all have a financial cost. This money comes from us, the church family, all contributing what we can. Together, we provide the financial resources we need to operate as a church.

We encourage our community to give via Direct Debit in a Gift Aided way wherever possible, but there is also a Donate button on our website. Please see the website for further details.

GET INVOLVED!

We believe everyone has gifts to offer and skills that will help our community grow. Whether you have previously belonged to a Christian community or not, why not take this opportunity to explore all we offer here and consider what God may be calling you to offer during your time with us. Finding an activity or area of service with which to get involved is a great way to begin to feel settled, grow in your discipleship, and get to know some other people in our community.

Please indicate an area of involvement on the Welcome checklist.

CHURCHSUITE

We invite everyone who wishes to join our community here at St. Nics to sign up to Churchsuite. This is our admin platform that helps us keep everyone informed and contactable. If you are happy to be added to this database then please fill in the appropriate section on the Welcome checklist.

NOTICES

Make sure you never miss a church social or service information either by contacting the church office (office@stnics.org.uk) or indicate your preference on the Welcome checklist.

We email our weekly notices to update our church family on everything that is going on.

We look forward to meeting you, and hope that if St Nics is the right place for you then you will soon feel involved and at home here.

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A loving Church
FAMILY



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everyone