



ST NICS DURHAM

WELCOME BOOKLET





St
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Durham

WELCOME TO ST NICS!

It's my pleasure to welcome you to our community who are gathered from all around Durham city and beyond and who find their home here as part of our church. We are a community of different ages and backgrounds who seek to share life and grow in faith together.

I 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 community.

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 fill out a newcomers form. A member of the staff team will be in touch with you shortly afterwards to have a chat and hopefully a coffee too. You will also find an opportunity to sign up to our weekly newsletter which is the best way to keep up to date with everything that's going on every week at St Nics.

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



Arun Arora
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We worship together as a church family on Sundays, as well as throughout the week. All our Sunday services are available to stream via our website, as well as on Facebook, Youtube and Vimeo.

SUNDAYS

Our usual weekly Sunday services are:

9.00 - A traditional service, which can include Holy Communion

11.00 - A mixture of the Service of the Word, Holy Communion and All-Age celebrations.

(Children's groups operate during this service)

6:30 - An informal, contemporary service, which every month will include Communion.

Due to covid guidelines we may need to restrict the number of people able to attend these services in person. There may also be times when all of our services are solely online. For up to date information regarding our current service patterns and restrictions please visit our website (stnics.org.uk) or phone the church office on 07838 880238.

DAILY PRAYER

Throughout the week, we stream short prayer services led by members of our congregation. These follow the Anglican liturgies for Morning Prayer and Compline, and can be followed using the Church of England's 'Daily Prayer' app. All the services are live-streamed on our Facebook page, Monday-Friday at 8am and 9pm.

During our daily prayers, we pray for members of our church community. If you would like to be prayed for regularly then please indicate on the Welcome checklist.



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 Zoe our student worker for any more information and updates: studentministry@stnics.org.uk

YOUTH

Our young people, aged 11-16, meet twice a week: on Sundays at 5pm for pizza, bible study, discipleship and fun in our upper hall; and on Thursdays for more fellowship and fun on zoom.

We also have a bespoke youth centre only a short walk from St Nics where our young people can socialise together.

More information can be found on the website, or you can email Catriona and James for more information: youth@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.

Usually, 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.

At the moment, we are running:

Sunday Pyjama Church – 9.15am on Zoom. Weekly resources are posted onto our website.

Monday 6.15pm – Year 5/6 Zoom. We meet for Bible study, fellowship and fun.



Our All-Age
MINISTRIES

THE COMMUNITY OF ST CUTHBERT

The Community of St Cuthbert welcomes any Christian who longs to grow in their discipleship to Jesus and who is prepared to journey with others in a quest for a life-changing faith.

Drawing inspiration from the life of St Cuthbert and centred in the Diocese of Durham, the community of St Cuthbert is united in a common commitment to a spiritual lifestyle. This lifestyle is shaped by five Rhythms of Grace (Prayer, Study, Hospitality, Justice and Witness), and by participation in a Spiritual Support Group, which seeks to deepen discipleship and refocus our way of living.

The five Rhythms seek to grow life-giving habits. These are starting points that can help us to understand who we are, and what we need to do to grow as disciples of Christ.

Our Prior, Rev Dr Richard Briggs, leads our Community; providing us with resources, inspiration and wisdom in our discipleship together.

"I am delighted to welcome you to the adventure of being part of the Community of St Cuthbert. Our community is about living out our Christian faith together, as we grow in knowing and trusting our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a journey for all of us – young and old, beginners or experienced in the Christian life." - Richard Briggs

For more information, head to our website, or contact Richard directly: prior@stnics.org.uk



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

GIVING

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 and indicate your preferred giving pattern on the Welcome checklist.

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.



A loving Church
FAMILY



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everyone