



**Welcome to Guildford St Nicolas  
Parish Church**

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**Children are welcome here**

Please do not worry about them making noise or moving around – you are here and are welcome. Junior Church meets in the hall and returns later to tell us what they've been up to. Children are also very welcome to use the area at the back of the church.

## **Making yourself comfortable**

Toilets in the Parish Centre are available throughout the service. Please join us for refreshments in the hall afterwards.

## **Services This Month**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 10:00 Narrated Mass for Ascension with First Communion**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10:00 Sung Mass – *Pilgrims at Walsingham***

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 Sung Mass**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 20:00 Corpus Christi Mass & Benediction**

**08:30 Prayer Book Mass on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**13:00 Roman Orthodox Divine Liturgy each Sunday**

## **This week's services, readings & intentions**

M		John 15:9-17	<b>Matthias the Apostle</b>
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	John 16:5-11	<i>Caroline Chisholm;</i> <i>Rogation Day</i>
W	09:00 Morning Prayer	John 16:12-15	Rogation Day
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 24:44-end	<b>Ascension Day</b>
F	09:30 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	John 16:20-23	Dunstan
Sat		John 16:23-28	Alcuin
Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Narrated Mass for Ascension with First Communions <b>13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy</b>	John 14:1-14	<b>Ascension</b>

## Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) President & Preacher: The Rector

**10:00 Parish Mass (CW) President & Preacher: The Rector**

*Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray*

**ProceSSIONAL Hymn: 333** All my hope on God is founded

**Readings:** Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

1 Peter 3:13-22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Gradual Hymn: 466** Thou whose almighty word

**Gospel Reading:** John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will

ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

## Intercessions



Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of West Africa  
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and Property Team and their supporting staff that God will be with them in their duties.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Greta, Graham, Holly and Anthony.

The recently departed: Eileen Hodgson

The Year's Mind: Peter Wansey (priest), Ada Greenaway and Olive Lorimer.

**Offertory Hymn: 265** Lord of beauty

**Communion Hymn: 275** Blessed Jesu, Mary's son

**Organ Voluntary:** Extract from Organ Symphony – C Saint Saens

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## Live Streaming Links

Our YouTube livestream: <http://youtube.com/@SaintNics>

10 am Mass: <https://youtube.com/live/ucTWvrGiQGc>

Our Facebook livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/saintnicolasguildford/live/>



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## This Week / Next Week

**This Week** 14 May

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

*Readers: David Sharpin*

*Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson*

*Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Sally Lowe*

*Chalice Assistant: Catherine Ferguson*

*Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines*

**Next Week** 21 May

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Narrated Mass for Ascension  
with First Communions

On Duty @ 10 am

*Reader: Louis Roberts*

*Intercessor: Caroline Coleman*

*Sidespeople: David Greenwood,  
Gill Williams*

*Chalice Assistant: Jana Phillips*

*Coffee: Cath Anderson,*

*Suzanne Rhydderch*

## This Week's Notices

### Opening the Church on Weekday Mornings

The PCC has decided to resume the practice of having the church open on weekday mornings, but with a minimum of two people in the building at a time. Philip Hooper is drawing up a list of people prepared to help, from which to prepare a rota. He would welcome any volunteers as the more who put their names forward the more often we can open the church [phone 01483 537789 or email philiphooper491@gmail.com]

### Curry & Questions

For our next Curry & Questions on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, I would like to set up questions by topic and tables based on those topics. Please would you submit the questions you would like to explore (1 or 2) on matters of faith? eg, how do we read the Bible? What does the church say about a particular topic?  
*Fr Neil*

### Accommodation Wanted

Two of our church family are looking for accommodation locally - one would like an ensuite room in a house and one a room in a house nearby. If you are able to help or know someone who could, please contact the parish office for more details.

### Garden Help Required

Whilst the council mow the grass (although we think they are observing 'No Mow May'), the rest of the church garden needs regular maintenance. Our previous head gardeners are now no longer in a position to help, so we are looking for a new team of people who enjoy weeding, pruning etc. Guidance will be given to the willing but inexperienced! Please contact the parish office if you can help, either regularly or occasionally.

### Recycling in the Narthex

**Medicine blister packs:** sadly we have had to withdraw this box. We were taking them to Superdrug, but they will no longer accept larger quantities – they will take donations from individuals so we would encourage you to take them to the pharmacy in Superdrug where they have a collection box.

**Soft plastics:** this bin gets full really quickly (which is great) but as we have to take this to Tesco for recycling, we would appreciate that, if you shop there, you could take it there yourself. Please note the plastic should be clean – cat food pouches that have not been washed out are not pleasant after a few days! Also tetrapak milk/juice cartons are not soft plastic but can be placed in your green recycling bin at home.

## Save the Date : Summer Fayre

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm in the church and parish centre. More details will follow soon.

## Salvation Army Foodbank



If you are able to support The Salvation Army foodbank- please select items from the following list.”

Tinned potatoes - Tinned Veg - Tinned Soup/Cup-a-Soup -  
Baked beans - Long life milk - Small bottles of squash -  
Tinned meat (including minced beef, chicken casserole etc) -  
Pasta sauce/ Curry Sauce/ Pasta bake sauce - Tinned Tomatoes/ Pasata -  
Crisps - Biscuits - Breakfast bars - Jam/Peanut butter - Tinned  
Custard / Tinned Rice pudding - Pot Noodles/ InstantNoodles - Toilet  
Roll - Shower Gel - Shampoo - Deodorant Men & Ladies - Washing  
up liquid - Cleaning Spray - Washing tablets/ powder - Disposable  
blue cloths

There is a box near the font at the back of church for your donations.

## Our Good Cause for May is Oakleaf Enterprise



Based in our parish, in Walnut Tree Close, Oakleaf, the charity's aim is to transform the lives and futures of adults managing their mental health and help them secure the skills,

confidence and training needed to return to the workplace. They offer work-related training and employment support, with courses in IT, upholstery and gardening; wellbeing activities and courses designed to build confidence, physical health and wellbeing whilst reducing isolation and loneliness; and access to counseling sessions. They also run Safe Haven, a crisis centre open from 6-11pm every day. Read more about their work on their website <https://www.oakleaf-enterprise.org/>

Donations can be made in the wallbox in the narthex or ask to use the card reader.

## Support

To support either the Good Cause or St Nicolas' Church, please make a bank transfer using the details below and use the reference 'Good Cause' or 'St Nicolas'. Thank you.

PCC of St Nicolas      Sort Code: 60-09-21      Account No: 59904003

We are members of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry. The service allows you to:

- Give One-Off amounts by Credit/Debit cards and Apple/Google pay wallets
- Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit
- Sign up to inflation-linked giving annually
- Enhance your gift by having Gift Aid at 25% added to your giving
- Give securely and donate anonymously, if you prefer

Scan the QR Code which will take you direct to our page on their website

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/guildford-st-nicolas-guildford/>

Existing contributors can now easily activate their account and manage their account online too <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/my-pgs/>



You are invited to **Coffee Concert** comprising a host of interesting and engaging fauna !



## *A Musical Zoo*

A sequence of songs on the subject of animals by Schubert, Brahms, Mozart, Schumann, Faure, Ravel, Samuel Barber, Holst, Richard Strauss, Britten, Flanders and Swann, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Cole Porter, Tom Lehrer, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and Noel Coward.

Performed by David Greenwood and Gillian Lloyd

**Saturday 20 May at 11am**

**St.Nicolas' Church, Bury Street, Guildford**

**Admission Free**

**Donations invited in support of the Cheryl  
King Trust**

**There will be Coffee and CAKE !!**

# THIS WEEK

**14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**Sunday**

**EASTER V**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Parish Mass with Junior Church

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

**7:30 pm** Surrey Hills Concert

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**9 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Tuesday Group – *Dominoes*

**Wednesday**

**9 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Café Play

**Thursday**

**9 am** Morning Prayer

**Friday**

**9:30 am** Morning Prayer

**from 10:30 am** Coffee in the Hall

**11 am** Mass

**Saturday**

**11 am** Coffee Concert

**Sunday**

**ASCENSION**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Narrated Mass for Ascension with First Communions

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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**Parish Office**

Tuesday 13:30 – 18:00 \* Thursday 08:30 – 18:00 \* Friday 13:30 – 18:00

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