

Pews News



7 January 2024 Epiphany

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): The Rector

10:00 Parish Mass & Junior Church: The Rector

Welcome to Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

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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 is back this week and the children will be coming back at the end of the service to tell you what they have been doing.

Making yourself comfortable

Kneelers can be found in the narthex or under the back pews. Toilets are in the Parish Centre. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

This week's services, readings & intentions/parish streets

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| M | | Mark 1:4-11 | Baptism of Christ Guildford Park Ave Guidlford Park Rd |
| T | 10:00 Morning Prayer | Mark 1:21-28 | Guiltdown Ave Guiltdown Rd |
| W | 10:00 Morning Prayer | Mark 1:29-39 | William Laud Henley Fort, High St Hitherbury Close |
| T | 10:00 Morning Prayer | Mark 1:40-end | Mary Slessor Lawn Rd, Ludlow Rd |
| F | 10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass | Mark 2:1-12 | Aelred, Benedict Biscop Madrid Road Mareschal Road |
| Sat | | Mark 2:13-17 | Hilary, Kentigern, George Fox Millmead, Millmead Terrace |

Next Sun 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) John 1:43-end
10:00 Parish Mass

**13:00 Romanian
Orthodox Divine Liturgy**

EPIPHANY II

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): The Rector

10:00 Parish Mass with Junior Church: The Rector

Processional Hymn 52 O worship the Lord

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: John Varney **Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalms 72 Response: **All nations shall fall before you, O Lord, our God.**

Ephesians 3:1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gradual Hymn 48 Bethlehem, of noblest cities

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the

rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Intercessions led by Catherine Ferguson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parish of Christ Church, Crookham

Those who have asked for our prayers: Greta, Graham Henderson, Holly Gregory, Anthony Drake, Chrissie & Gordon Paterson, Fr Adrian, Joyce, Barbara Nicholls, Rosemary Crow, Lena Harding and Anne.

The Recently Departed: Ruth Green and Vera Robinson.

The Year’s Mind: Betty Haes, Roma Read, John Garwell (priest), Edith Agnes Jones and Cynthia Clee.

Offertory Hymn 36 The first Nowell

Anthem: Saw you never in the twilight? – 15thC French carol, *arr. Charles Wood*

Closing Hymn 47 As with gladness men of old

Voluntary: Canon trio on How brightly shines the Morning Star – *Waldemar Bloch*

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/116d4fTg4XU>

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week 7 January

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: John Varney

Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: David Greenwood, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Angela & Fran Goodwin

Next Week 14 January

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Iain Ferguson

Intercessor: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd

Sally Lowe

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Pauline May

This Week's Notices

Ruth Green

Ruth's funeral will take place at 11:15am this Tuesday, 9th January at Guildford Crematorium. The family would welcome any of Ruth's friends who would like to attend.

Junior Church Party

There will be no Junior Church at 10am next Sunday as we are holding our party in the afternoon. Please let us know if you will be coming – for catering and other(!) purposes.

Email parishoffice@saintnics.com or speak to Nicky or Cath.



Can you help?

We rely so much on volunteers and much of what we do wouldn't happen without them. As this new year begins, there are a couple of aspects of our church life that need your support and we ask if you might be able to help.

We have a team of people who help to keep the church open on weekday mornings from after Morning Prayer (about 10:30am) until 12 o'clock. Many people like to be able to pop in to light a candle, look around the church or simply sit and take in its beauty. Might you be free to help? If so, please have a word with Hilary.

We have a great team of volunteers who man our popular Friday coffee shop, but could always do with more. You would be teamed up with somebody and wouldn't have to make the cakes (although if you are a keen baker, it would be much appreciated!). Do speak to Andy or Cath or contact the parish office if you would like to get involved.

Parking

The 2-hour parking bays on Bury Street, outside the Caleb Lovejoy cottages, will be suspended from 7th January until 7th February due to the building works opposite.

Beer & Banter



The next session will be on Thursday 18th January in the parish centre at 7:30pm. Beer & Banter is a men's group based around social gathering (and beer!) to talk about life, the world and the universe – and God! Beer and nibbles are provided for a modest donation of £5. Do ask Fr Neil if you want to know more or just come along on the evening.

Our Good Cause until Lent is the Al Ahli Hospital, Gaza Appeal



The Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, owned and supported over many years by the Episcopal (Anglican) Diocese of Jerusalem, continues to serve the whole 'family' (Ahl) of human beings in Gaza. It provides a vital

service in an increasingly desperate situation. The hospital is committed to providing 24/7 health services for all people in need of medical care.

Read more about the appeal on The Jerusalem and The Middle East Church Association website: <https://www.jmeca.org.uk/get-involved/donate/current-appeals-0/al-ahli-hospital-gaza-appeal> and please support this very good cause. Donations can be made in the wallbox in the narthex or please 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/>



ST NICOLAS' C OF E INFANT SCHOOL

CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO CHURCH CRITERION PRIORITY AND SIBLING WORDING FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

From September 2025 St Nicolas' C of E (A) Infant School wishes to move the church affiliation criterion from criterion six to criterion four.

We have also extended the definition of church worship to ensure St Nicolas' Church, Guildford, any other CofE or Christian church all have parity. The worship requirement has also reduced from once a month for two years to twice a month for just one year and the term 'active commitment' has changed to 'regular attendance'.

Finally, The Governors propose to amend the criterion to state that siblings refer to at time of *application* rather than admission and the four-year allowance for former siblings, reduced to three years.

Full details can be found on the school website <http://www.st-nicolas-guildford.com/> and any responses should be directed to, St Nicolas' Infant School, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, GU4 7YD, admissionsconsultation@st-nicolas.surrey.sch.uk

THE DEADLINE FOR CONSULTATION is 31st January 2024.

THIS WEEK

7th – 14th January 2024

Sunday

EPIPHANY

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Simple Paper Craft for all*

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

7 pm Confirmation Class in church

Friday

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop in the hall

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

EPIPHANY II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

3 – 5 pm Junior Church Family Party

Parish Office

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

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Looking Ahead

Sunday 14th January EPIPHANY II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

3 pm Junior Church Family Party

Sunday 21st January EPIPHANY III

10 am Parish Mass with the Ministry of Healing & Junior Church

Sunday 28th January EPIPHANY IV

SCHOOL SUNDAY

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

Saturday 3rd February

4 – 6 pm Messy Church @ St Nics

Sunday 4th February CANDLEMAS

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

6:30 pm Deanery Confirmation Service

followed by refreshments



YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Thursday 18th January 19:30 Beer & Banter

Friday 26th January 11:30 – 13:30 Monthly Lunch