

Pews News



14 January 2024 Epiphany II

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): The Rector

10:00 Parish Mass: The Rector

18:30 Service for the Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity

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. There is no Junior Church this week – it's their party this afternoon! There are toys etc for children at the back of the church.

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

M		Mark 2:18-22	Nether Mount New Pond Road
T	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 2:23-end	Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 3:1-6	Antony of Egypt, Charles Gore Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
T	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 3:7-12	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Amy Carmichael Priory Court Rivermount Gardens
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Mark 3:13-19	Wulfstan Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Sat		Mark 3:20-21	Richard Rolle Sandy Lane Scholar's Walk
Next Sun	10:00 Parish Mass 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	John 2:1-11	EPIPHANY III

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Processional Hymn 55 Hail to the Lord's Anointed!

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Iain Ferguson **Readings:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Psalms 139 Response: **How wonderful are your works, O Lord**

Revelation 5:1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Gradual Hymn 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Offertory Hymn 353 Dear Lord and Father

Intercessions led by Donald Thompson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Aldershot deanery – military chaplains

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

The Recently Departed: Vera Robinson and Rosemary Crow.

The Year's Mind: Mervyn Spenser Underhill (priest), Beatrice Clee, Albert Hoare, John Farmer, Elaine Turner, Max Adrian and Roy Anderson.

Anthem: There shall a star from Jacob come forth, *Christus* – Felix Mendelssohn

Closing Hymn 200 Jesus calls us!

Voluntary: How brightly shines the Morning Star – *Stanley E Saxton*

Live Streaming Links

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

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

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



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On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Iain Ferguson

Intercessor: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Sally Lowe

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Pauline May

Next Week 21 January

10 am Parish Mass with Junior
Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Wendy Gabriel

Intercessor: Linda Sharpin

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew,

Angela & Francesca Goodwin

Coffee: Lloyd Dunkley, Debs Tizard

This Week's Notices

Faculty Application

We have heard from the Chancellor's office that we have approval to relocate the Quire Altar to the area below the mosaic of St George of Lydda and St Helena on the west wall of the north aisle, the removal of the altar rails and the introduction of a moveable altar and celebrant chairs. We are awaiting a date for this to take place.

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 **this 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.

Recycling

There have been changes to the things we are able to recycle and you will see new labels on the bins.

- Toothpaste tubes will no longer be collected, but toothbrushes etc will be.
- Unfortunately we can no longer recycle medicine blister packs.
- Please make sure that soft plastics labeled as being “recycled at supermarkets” only are placed in that bin – if you can take direct to Tesco yourself, please consider doing so.

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/>



SONGS
STORY
FOOD
GAMES
CRAFT
FUN

Messy Church

THIS IS A FREE EVENT. DONATIONS ARE WELCOME.

FLIPPIN' GOOD FUN

at St Nicolas Church, Bury Street, GU2 4AW

Faith based fun as we start thinking about Lent and, of course, pancake day. Followed by pancakes for everyone.

SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 4-6PM

*Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer for the duration of this event

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For more information contact Nicky on families worker@guildfordurc.org.uk www.saintnics.com



Toastie Tuesdays

For school years 3-6

Tuck shop (all food items 50p each)

Last Tuesday of every month
5 - 6:30pm
at
Saint Nicolas Church, Bury Street

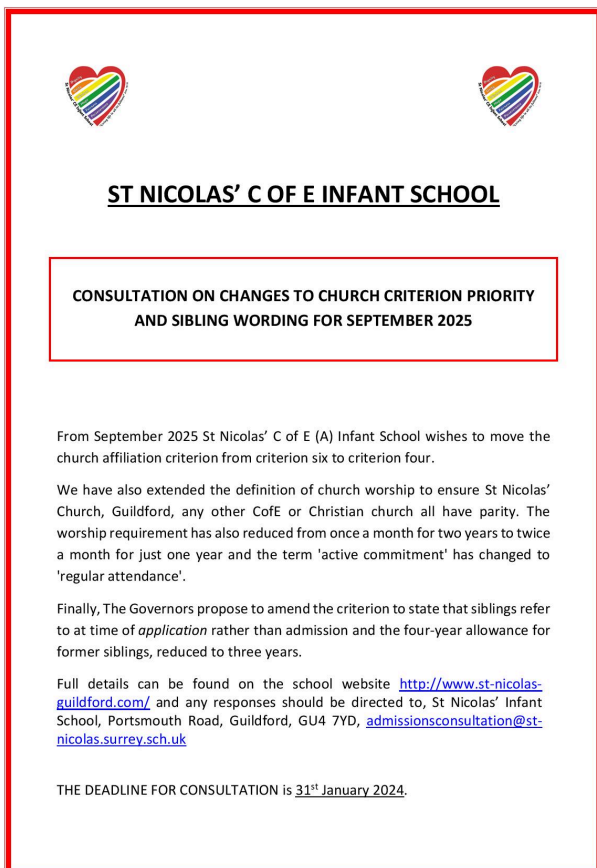
Board games
Computer games

Crafts

For more information contact Nicky, missionenabler@saintnics.com www.saintnics.com

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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.

Parish Office

Tuesday 13:30 – 18:00
Thursday 08:30 – 18:00
Friday 13:30 – 15:30

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THIS WEEK

14th – 21st January 2024

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

6:30 pm Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group

“My Favourite Opera” – guided discussion

Wednesday **10 am** Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

7 pm Confirmation Class in church

Thursday **10 am** Morning Prayer

7 pm Beer & Banter in the hall

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

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

EPIPHANY III

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Looking Ahead

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

Thursday 8th February

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass
followed by fish & chips

Friday 9th February

9:30 am School Candlemas Service



YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Thursday 18th January 19:30 Beer & Banter

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