

Pews News



21 January 2024 Epiphany III

Today's Services:

10:00 Parish Mass with the Ministry of Healing &
Junior Church: Fr Nick Edwards

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 taking place in the hall this morning and they will rejoin the service at Communion.

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 in the hall afterwards.

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

M		Mark 3:22-30	Vincent of Saragossa Stakescorner Road Testard Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 3:31-end	The Firs, The Mount
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 4:1-20	Francis de Sales The Piccards The Ridges
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 19:27-end	Conversion of Paul The Valley Turnham Close
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Mark 4:26-34	Timothy and Titus Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
Sat		Mark 4:35-end	Walnut Tree Close West Mount
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 School Sunday Mass with Junior Church 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Mark 1:21-28	EPIPHANY IV

Today's Service

10:00 Parish Mass: President – Fr Nicholas Edwards; Preacher: Fr Alistair

Processional Hymn 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Wendy Gabriel **Readings:** Genesis 14:17-20

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Revelation 19:6-10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gradual Hymn All praise to you, O Lord

All praise to you, O Lord, who by your mighty power
Did manifest your glory forth in Cana's marriage hour.

You speak, and it is done; obedient to your word,
The water reddening into wine proclaims the present Lord.

Oh, may this grace be ours: in you always to live
And drink of those refreshing streams which you alone can give.

So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see
The marriage supper of the Lamb, the great epiphany.

- Hyde W Beadon, 1812-1891

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that

had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Offertory Hymn 273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Intercessions led by Linda Sharpin

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of South India (United)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Shamley Green

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: Helen Joyce Coppinger, Philip Charsley, Peggy Fletcher, Sylvia Jenner and Ernest John Richard Chown (priest).

Mass Setting (choir): St Anne's Mass – James MacMillan

The Ministry of Healing will take place in the Lady Chapel after the administration of Holy Communion

Anthem: The Spirit of the Lord, *The Apostles* – Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath appointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Closing Hymn 298 May the grace of Christ our Saviour

Voluntary: How brightly shines the Morning Star – *Raymond H Haan*

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: https://youtube.com/live/_jsWYYP8wrw

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



This Week / Next Week

This 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

Next Week 28 January

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am School Sunday Mass with
Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Members of our school community
will be taking roles in the service

This Week's Notices

Monthly Lunch – this Friday

Our first Monthly Lunch of the year is this Friday with the usual delicious home-cooked meal and excellent company, all raising money for the church and the good causes we support. Do come along and invite your friends. This will be the last lunch until the end of April as our weekly Lent Lunches start on Friday 16th February. At these we shall be raising money for the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund.

Toastie Tuesday

We are really looking forward to our new Junior age activity starting on Tuesday 30th January. We want to buy new games for them to play, so if you would be willing to make a contribution, please see Fr Neil, Nicky or Patrick.

Funeral Service for Rosemary Crow

Rosemary's funeral will take place here at St Nicolas' on Thursday 8th February at 1pm, followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please let the parish office know if you plan to attend so that the family can make the catering arrangements. 01483 564526 / parishoffice@saintnic.com

URC Walking Group

My name is Trevor Jones and I run a monthly walking group for the Guildford URC which non-members of the church can also join. We usually have a morning walk on the 4th or 5th Monday of the month, starting around 10:00, somewhere accessible by bus and ending with an optional pub lunch. Because of low numbers we have to have a preliminary discussion by email to choose a date and walk (usually 3 to 5 miles) suiting the most people, which can sometimes be on a different day of the week. If anyone at St.Nics would like to join the group and receive emails about walks then please let me know at my email address: htjones.raildev@gmail.com with the subject line "GURC walks". Your email address may get shared with other walkers unless you ask

me to keep it private. Our next walk is fixed for Monday 22nd January, currently has 6 people expected to come, and is likely either to be based on the Seahorse at Shalford for a walk in the Chantry, or based on Compton for a walk to and from Puttenham, but the details are not yet decided.

Parking

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

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/>



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

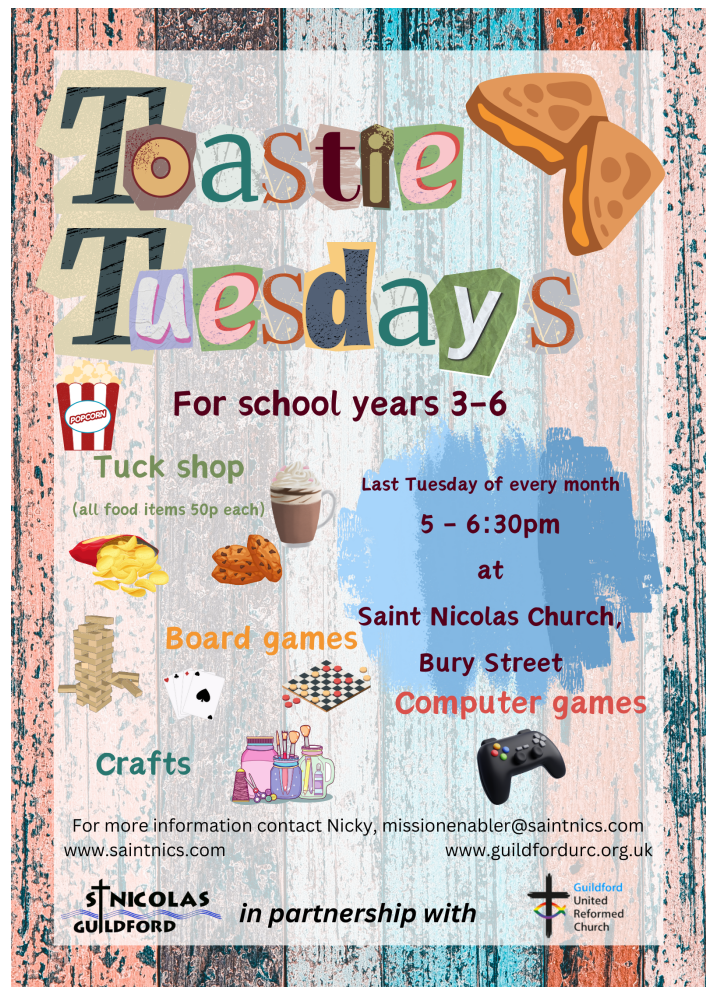
Faith based fun as we start thinking about Lent and, of course, pancake day. Followed by pancakes for everyone.

**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
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Toastie Tuesdays

For school years 3-6

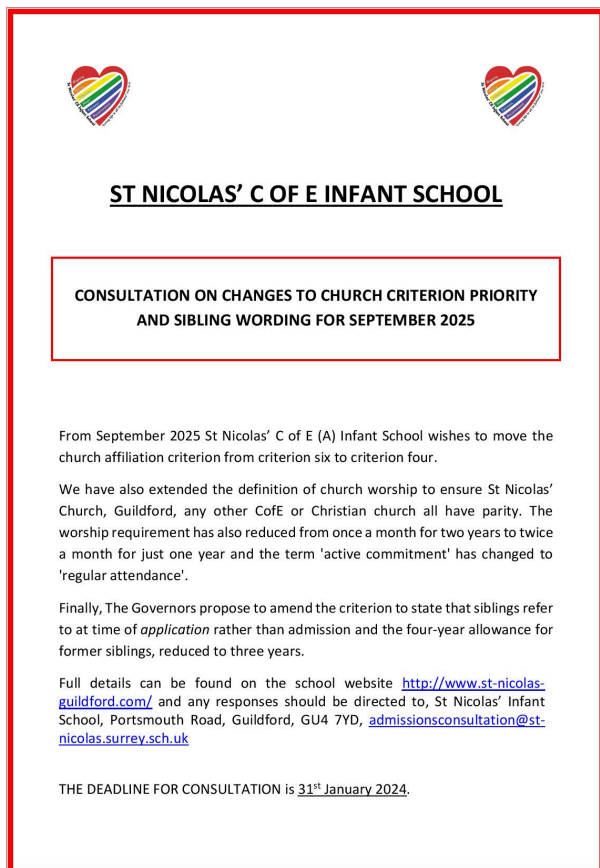
Tuck shop
(all food items 50p each)

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

Board games
Crafts

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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 CoE 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.



BINGO NIGHT

**FRIDAY 2 FEB
FROM 7:30PM**

EMAIL LAURA TO GET TICKETS
PSA@ST-NICOLAS.SURREY.SCH.UK

£14

**FISH AND CHIP
SUPPER
INCLUDED**

**ST NICS CHURCH
BURY STREET**

**LICENSED BAR ON NIGHT
(CASH/CARD)**

THIS WEEK

21st – 28th January 2024

Sunday EPIPHANY III

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday 10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group
“Parks in the UK” – individual contributions

Wednesday 10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday 10 am Morning Prayer

Friday 10 am Morning Prayer

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

11 am Mass

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch in the hall

Saturday

Sunday EPIPHANY IV

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday Parish Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Parish Office

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

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Looking Ahead

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

Sunday 11th February NEXT BEFORE LENT

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass



YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

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

Friday 16th February – Friday 22nd March

11:30 – 13:30 Lent Lunches