

# Pews News



**28 January 2024 CANDLEMAS**

## **Today's Services:**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector  
10:00 School Sunday Mass with Junior Church:  
Rector

## **Welcome to Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**

**Rector: Fr Neil Roberts Curate: Fr Alistair Milne**

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## **Welcome to our School**

We are so pleased to have you here from our school this morning. Children are always welcome here so please do not worry about them making noise or moving around. Junior Church is taking place in the hall this morning and they will rejoin the service later.

## **Making yourself comfortable**

Kneelers can be found in the narthex or under the back pews. Toilets are in the Parish Centre. **Refreshments will be served in church after the service.** Thank you to everyone who made cakes.

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

M		Mark 5:1-20	
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Healing Prayer Circle Service	Mark 5:12-end	Charles
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 6:1-67a	John Bosco
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 6:7-13	Brigid Annandale Road Artington Walk
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Mark 6:14-29	Beech Lane, Buryfields Bury Street
Sat	16:00 Messy Church @ St Nics	Mark 6:30-34	Anskar Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) <b>13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy</b> 18:30 Deanery Confirmation Mass	Mark 1:21-28	<b>EPIPHANY V</b>

## Today's Service

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): The Rector

**10:00 Parish Mass School Sunday with Junior Church:  
President & Preacher: The Rector**

*See separate Order of Service*

### Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Safeguarding Team at Church House

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

The Recently Departed: Rosemary Crow.

The Year's Mind: Phyllis Beryl Kennedy, Frances Mary Jones, Dion Murray-Jones and Roger Howland.

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## Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/bjb-jMX-XKI>

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



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## This Week / Next Week

**This Week** 21 January

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am School Sunday Mass with  
Junior Church

**Next Week** 28 January

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

6:30 pm Deanery Confirmation  
Mass with Bishop Andrew

## **This Week's Notices**

### **Confirmation Mass next Sunday**

Next Sunday, 8 candidates are being confirmed by Bishop Andrew at 6:30pm in a Choral Mass. This is a VERY significant day in the life of our parish and it is of paramount importance that we are able to support our candidates and to demonstrate to the Bishop that our church is alive and growing. I urge you to make this a priority. To this end Mass will be offered at 8:30am and the main Parish Mass will be at 6:30pm to welcome the Bishop and confirm our candidates. There will be the usual St Nicolas' hospitality following this important service. *Fr Neil*

### **Altar Movement**

The Quire Altar is being moved to its new location under the mosaic of St Helena and the True Cross on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The church will therefore be closed during the day on the Monday and Tuesday.

### **Toastie Tuesday**

We are really looking forward to our new Junior age activity starting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:parishoffice@saintnic.com)

### **Music**

We are in a position where the organ is becoming acutely unreliable and we may need to exclusively use our beautiful new piano until Lent, when we plan to do this anyway for the season.

### **Electoral Roll Revision**

Our Church Electoral Roll is being revised by the PCC beginning on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February and ending on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**What is the Electoral Roll?** In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in elections, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the parochial church council (PCC). Being on the Electoral Roll doesn't make you a "member" of the church; simply regarding St Nicolas' as your spiritual home does that.

**Do I have to join?** You can, of course, be a full and active member of St Nicolas' without joining the Roll. Being on it doesn't entail signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the church show its

strength. Representation on the governing bodies of the church (synods) depends on the number on the Electoral Roll.

**Do I qualify for the Roll?** To apply for the Electoral Roll you must be aged 16 or over, be baptised and be a member of the Church of England. You must either live in parish or have attended St Nicolas' regularly for at least 6 months.

**Why join the Electoral Roll?** Joining the Electoral Roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to St Nicolas' community and to the vision of the church. But it also opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church of England. By joining, you become entitled to participate in the government of the church and to vote at the APCM, where the elections take place for the PCC and the parish's representatives on the deanery synod.

In addition, those who live outside the parish but are on the Electoral Roll enjoy all the rights and privileges that go with being resident in the parish (eg baptisms and weddings).

Numbers are important in the present climate in which the Church of England needs to be aware of the commitment of its people. Church morale is affected by statistics and while it would be wrong to inflate the significance of the Roll it would be a missed opportunity to ignore it.

Joining the roll is an important statement of witness and a step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in our local area and across the Diocese. **If you're a regular at St Nicolas', you should be on the electoral roll! Application forms are at the back of church – please return to the Parish Office.**

**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/>






# 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**

For more information contact Nicky, [missionenabler@saintnics.com](mailto:missionenabler@saintnics.com)  
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# 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](mailto:families.worker@guildfordurc.org.uk)  
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# THIS WEEK

**28<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

## **Sunday**

### **CANDLEMAS**

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

**10 am** School Sunday Parish Mass with Junior Church

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

## **Monday**

## **Tuesday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Tuesday Group – Quiz – two team

**11 am** Healing Prayer Circle Service

## **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

## **Saturday**

**4 pm** Messy Church @ St Nics

## **Sunday**

### **EPIPHANY V**

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

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

**6:30 pm** Deanery Confirmation Mass

### **Parish Office**

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

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# Looking Ahead

## **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**4 – 6 pm** Messy Church @ St Nics

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February EPIPHANY V**

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

**6:30 pm** Deanery Confirmation Mass  
followed by refreshments

## **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

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

## **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

**9:30 am** School Candlemas Service

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February EPIPHANY VI**

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

**10 am** Parish Mass

## **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February ASH WEDNESDAY**

**12 pm** Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

**8 pm** A Joint Service for Guildford Town Centre  
@ St Mary's

### **LENT GROUP**

**FRIDAYS 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 1:30-2:30pm**



### **YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**11:30 – 13:30 Lent Lunches**