

Pews News



26 May 2024 Trinity Sunday

Today's Service:

10:00 Parish Mass with Healing:

Fr Nicholas 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. Junior Church is on half term holiday but there are activities for the children at the back of 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 in the hall afterwards.

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

M		Mark 10:17-27	Walnut Tree Close West Mount
Tu		Mark 10:28-31	Lanfranc Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 10:32-45	
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer 20:00 Pontifical Mass	John 6:51-58	Corpus Christi
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 1:39-49	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
Sat	16:00-18:00 Messy Church @ St Nics	Mark 11:27- end	Justin Annandale Road Artington Walk
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Mass 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Mark 2:23-3:6	Trinity I

Today's Service

10:00 Parish Mass with Healing: President & Preacher: Fr Nicholas Edwards

ProceSSIONAL Hymn 146 Holy, holy, holy!

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Rory Fenner **Readings:** Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Romans 8:12-17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gradual Hymn 145 All hail, adored Trinity

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about

heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Intercessions Cath Anderson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The parish of Woodham.

Those who have asked for our prayers: John Hughes, Fr Adrian, Anne, Celia Chapman, John Busby, Elena Volpi, Brian Darbyshire, Chrissie Paterson and Fred Hutley.

The Recently Departed: Neil Grimes and Derek Marchant.

The Year's Mind: Geoffrey Jones, Rachel Andrew and Lilian Plant.

Offertory Hymn 148 The God of Abraham praise (omit * verses)

***The Ministry of Healing will take place in St George's Chapel
after the administration of Holy Communion.***

Final Hymn 466 Thou whose almighty word

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/7lr51GF-INE>

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week

10 am Parish Mass with Healing

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Reader: Rory Fenner

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas

Coffee: Andy & Cath Anderson

Next Week

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Jill Sandham

Intercessor: Rory Fenner

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd,

David Sharpin

Coffee: Patrick Andrew,

Suzanne Rhydderch

This Week's Notices

Corpus Christi – Thursday 30th May at 8pm

Corpus Christi - the festival of the Body of Christ - is this Thursday 30th May. We will welcome Bishop Paul to celebrate and preach and to consecrate our new nave altar.

Cheese and wine following the service - as is tradition. It would be helpful if you could let the Office know how many we should anticipate at the cheese and wine party after Mass.

Ordination Weekend – 29th & 30th June

On Saturday 29th June at 10:30am, Fr Ali will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at our Cathedral Church. We would very much like to support Fr Ali our Curate in good number at the service there and would encourage you, please to make this a priority in your diary.

On Sunday 30th June at 10:30am, our Ordinand on placement, Clare, will be made Deacon, again at our Cathedral Church. We would very much like to support Clare on that Sunday morning and so there will be no 10am Mass that day but there will be the 830 Prayer Book Communion service if you would like to make your Communion that day in church.

Ukrainian Icons on Ammunition Boxes

16th June – 7th July

Following an exhibition at our Cathedral, we are delighted to host an exhibition in our church from 16th June to 7th July. This is an art project which is both an exhibit and an opportunity to buy these exquisite Icons written by two Ukrainian artists on fragments from ammunition boxes from the war zones in Ukraine. The icons will be on sale and priced between £1800 and £8000. The money raised will be given in support of the frontline medical aid needed in Ukraine. There will be an official launch reception on **Tuesday 18th June from 7pm to 9pm** in church and we shall hear a brief introduction to Icons, their import in worship and their power to direct our prayers as is expressed most clearly in our Orthodox churches. Please do put this in your diaries now.

Each day, as we open church, we should like to offer refreshments to our visitors and wonder if we might be able to sell some cake and tea/coffee. If you would be willing to help man the church and/or make cake for sale, please could you sign up at the back of church - the sign up sheet is on the notice board by the Who's who at the West Wall. Thank you, Fr Neil

Update: There will be public events to accompany the exhibition. **Already confirmed is a talk on Friday 28 June at 1.30pm by a Swiss-born iconographer Verena Watson, about 'The process of**

writing or painting an icon.' The exhibition and the talk are free, but voluntary donations for medical aid to Ukraine will be welcome.

Monthly Lunch

The next Monthly Lunch is this Friday, 31st May. Served from 11:30am–1:30pm – home cooked two course lunch with good company for good causes.

Bible Study

Our next Bible Study Group follows this Friday's Monthly Lunch. It will be led by David Greenwood. The story of David and Bathsheba is one of the most powerful tales in the Hebrew Bible. It is the harrowing story of the fall of one of the most attractive figures in the Bible, David, into sin and the consequences that flow from that fall. It is about the abuse of power and the speaking of truth to that power. It is also a profound statement about the nature of repentance and the justice and mercy of God. It is also a cracking page turner! If you wish to prepare, the relevant passages are 2 Samuel 11 and 12 and Psalm 51.

Gardening

The garden at church is in need of some attention - cutting back, weeding etc. We invite you - and your gardening equipment(!) - to lend a hand on Saturday 15th June from 2pm. Hopefully it won't take more than a couple of hours if we have a good number of people. Direction will be given and tea and cake provided.

Good Cause

Christian Aid is our Good Cause for the May and June. The focus is the inhumanity of poverty, especially in places like Burundi where Christian Aid has worked for nearly 30 years. Together with its partners, Christian Aid is focused on supporting people to push back against this inhumanity to build a better life. One of the ways is by providing community-based training so that families can come together to set up small businesses and support one another financially. With this support, more families are building reliable and diverse incomes that bring them food security, better health, safer homes, increased resilience and hope.

Your donations can be made in the wallbox in the narthex, by using the card reader or by making a donation into our bank account using the reference 'Good Cause'. Many thanks.



Salvation Army Foodbank

The foodbank needs your donations please – tinned meats, meals and vegetables; jars of sauces; rice pouches and instant noodles; breakfast cereals; sauces; tea and coffee; crackers, biscuits and crisps; puddings, jams and custard; toilet rolls,

washing up liquid and cleaning sprays; shampoo, shower gel, handwash, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

If you are able to support The Salvation Army Foodbank, there is a box near the font for your donations.

Support

To support St Nicolas' Church, please make a bank transfer using the details below and use the reference 'St Nicolas'. Donations to our Good Cause can also be made direct, using the reference 'Good Cause'. 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 & 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/>



Guildford URC and St Nicolas Church

HOLIDAY CLUB

THE NEXT LEVEL

29th July - 2nd August
9:30am - Midday
at
Guildford United Reformed Church
83 Portsmouth Road

For children aged 5-11

Faith based fun including
Crafts - Games - Stories - Songs
as we bring computer games to life!

For more information or to book your place please
email familiesworker@guildfordurc.org.uk or visit
www.guildfordurc.org.uk

or
www.saintnics.com

Guildford United Reformed Church **ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD**

£15 for the week

Messy Church

Pentecost

Join us for family games, crafts and music followed by a birthday supper (and cake!) as we celebrate the birthday of the Church

Free of charge, no need to book

Saturday 1st June 4-6pm

At St Nicolas Church, Bury Street, GU2 4AW

Guildford United Reformed Church **ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD**

Booking Forms at the back of church

Looking Ahead

Thursday 30th May CORPUS CHRISTI

8 pm Pontifical Mass with Consecration of Nave Altar

Saturday 1st June

4 - 6 pm Messy Church @ St Nics

Sunday 2nd June TRINITY I

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

Sunday 9th June TRINITY II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30 am Joint Service at Guildford URC with Beavers & Cubs Parade

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Thursday 30th May

20:00 Mass for Corpus Christi followed by cheese & wine

Friday 31st May

11:30 – 13:30 Monthly Lunch

13:30 Lunch & Learn: The story of David & Bathsheba. (2 Samuel 11 & 12 & Psalm 51) led by David Greenwood

Tuesday 18th June

19:00 – 21:00 Icon Exhibition Launch

Friday 28th June

11:30 – 13:30 Monthly Lunch

13:30 Lunch & Learn: Talk by Verena Watson on 'The process of writing or painting an icon'

Saturday 6th July

Church Summer Fayre

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 19th November

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 4th June

Tuesday 15th October

THIS WEEK

26th May – 2nd June 2024

Sunday

TRINITY SUNDAY

10 am Parish Mass with Healing

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday 10 am Morning Prayer

Thursday 10 am Morning Prayer

8 pm Pontifical Mass for Corpus Christi

followed by cheese & wine

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

1:30 - 2:30 pm Lunch & Learn – Bible Study

Saturday

4 pm – 6 pm Messy Church

Sunday

TRINITY I

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Parish Office

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

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