

# Pews News



**2 June 2024    The Visitation**

## **Today's Services:**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Parish Mass: 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. 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 12:1-12	<i>Martyrs of Uganda</i> Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 12:13-17	<i>Petroc</i> Denzil Road Devon Bank
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Angelus & Mass	Mark 12:18-27	Boniface Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 12:28-34	<i>Ini Kopuria</i> Ferry Lane Flower Walk
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Mark 12:35-37	Friary Bridge Furze Lane, Genyn Rd
Sat		Mark 12:38-end	Thomas Ken Guildford Park Ave Guildford Park Road
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:30 Joint Service @ GURC 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Mark 3:20-end	<b>Trinity II</b>

## Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): President: Rector; Preacher: Fr Alistair

**10:00 Parish Mass: President: Rector; Preacher: Fr Alistair**

**Processional Hymn 377** Immortal, invisible

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

**Reader:** Jill Sandham **Readings:** 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.'

**Romans 12:9-16**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

**Gradual Hymn 234** Christ whose glory fills the skies

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1:39-49

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.'

## **Intercessions** Rory Fenner

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Central America.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parish of St Mark's, Bordon

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

The Recently Departed: Derek Marchant.

The Year's Mind: Betty Norman, Wendy Vines and Jim Corbett.

**Offertory Hymn 403** Lord of all being

**Final Hymn 306** Strengthen for service

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## **Live Streaming Links**

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

10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/TWYp3k8RWxw>

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



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with Beavers & Cubs

*On Duty @ 10am*

*Reader: Jill Sandham*

*Intercessor: Rory Fenner*

*Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, David Sharpin*

*Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Suzanne Rhydderch*

## **This Week's Notices**

### **Beer & Banter**

We look forward to meeting on Tuesday evening in the hall for our men's social gathering. Contributions of £5 per head for beer and nibbles. No need to let us know you're coming – just come along.

### **General Election Hustings**

A Question Time style hustings event will be held by The Guildford Dragon NEWS on Thursday, June 6. "The Dragon's General Election Hustings" will start at 7pm, with the first question being posed at 7.30pm. It will be held in Guildford United Reformed Church. Seating will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Good Grief Club

A place of comfort and support for the bereaved, the next meet up for the Good Grief Club is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm at the Cosy Club, Tunsgate.

## Ordination Weekend – 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

### 16<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> July

Following an exhibition at our Cathedral, we are delighted to host an exhibition in our church from 16<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Summer Fayre

Our church Summer Fayre is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm to 4pm. We hope to welcome as many people as possible to our church and Centre buildings, to create a great community atmosphere and to raise important, and much needed, funds for our work in the parish. There are lots of ways that you can contribute:

- publicising the Fayre by taking a poster and putting it up, taking flyers to give to your friends, sharing our social media posts
- helping with setting up / clearing up before and after the Fayre
- helping to man a stall
- donating bottles, prizes for the children's tombola (sweets, chocolate, small toys), good quality bric-a-brac, books, home-made jams and chutneys – boxes will be out next week!
- making cakes



## 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;



saucers; 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 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  
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[www.guildfordurc.org.uk](http://www.guildfordurc.org.uk)

 or [www.saintnics.com](http://www.saintnics.com) 

### Parish Office

Tuesday 13:30 – 18:00

Thursday 08:00 – 09:30 & 12:30 - 18:00

Friday 13:30 – 18:00

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**Booking Forms at the back of church**



# Looking Ahead

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June TRINITY II

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

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

## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**7:30 pm** Walsingham Cell Service

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June TRINITY III

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

**10 am** Parish Mass with Junior Church

**6:30 pm** Choral Evensong with Haslemere Parish Church Choir

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June TRINITY IV

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

**10 am** Parish Mass with Junior Church

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

19:00 – 21:00 Icon Exhibition Launch

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> July

Church Summer Fayre

### CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

### BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

# THIS WEEK

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Sunday**

**THE VISITATION**

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

**10 am** Parish Mass

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Tuesday Group - *Badges*

**7:30 pm** Beer & Banter in the hall

**Wednesday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Café Play

**12 pm** Angelus & Mass

**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**

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