

Pews News



9 February 2025: Fourth before Lent Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with St Nicolas 9th Beavers & Cubs
& Junior Church: Rector

11:30 Choral Mattins

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 children making noise or moving around. We want them to get involved in the service so please do encourage them to **gather around the altar** as we prepare for Holy Communion.

Making yourself comfortable

Kneelers can be found in the narthex or under the back pews. If you need to use the toilets in the Parish Centre during the service, a sidesman will unlock the Centre for you. Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass - Choral Mattins follows at 11:30 but you will have plenty of time for a cuppa and a biscuit.

Safeguarding

St Nicolas' is committed to providing a welcoming, respectful and safe environment for all, including children and adults who may be at risk of abuse and neglect. The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of St Nicolas' Church. If you are concerned that someone is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please contact Jo Radley or Jill Sandham on safeguardingteam@saintnics.com

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

M		Mark 6:53-end	<i>Scholastica</i> Henley Fort Hitherbury Close
Tu	10am Morning Prayer	Mark 7:1-13	Lawn Rd, Littleton Lane, Ludlow Road
W	10 am Morning Prayer	Mark 7:14-23	Madrid Road Mareschal Road

Th	9:30 am School Candlemas Service 10 am Morning Prayer 7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Compline & Benediction	Mark 7:24-30	Millmead Millmead Terrace
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	Mark 7:31-end	Cyril & Methodius Valentine Mount Pleasant Mountside
Sat		Mark 8:1-10	Sigfrid, Thomas Bray Nether Mount New Pond Road
Next Sun	10:00 Mass with the Ministry of Healing 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Luke 6:17-26	Third before Lent

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Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia.

Diocese: The Parish of St Francis, Westborough & St Clare's, Park Barn and Emmanuel Stoughton.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne, Margaret Colville, Rupert Williams, Holly Gregory, Philip Rawlings, Edward Wild, Ian Sherman, Penny Lucas and Jean Woolley.

The recently departed: Elena, Marjorie Singleton.

The Year's Mind: Olga Austin, Yvonne Eloie and Brenda Spenser Underhill.

Live Streaming Links

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

Our Facebook livestream:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintnicolasguildford/live/>



This Week / Next Week

This Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parade Service with Cubs &
Beavers & GURC
11:30 Choral Mattins

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: Members of Scout Group
Intercessor: Members of Scout Group
Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew,
Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd*

Next Week

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: Rory Fenner
Intercessor: Jill Sandham
Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson
Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, Tarina More
Coffee: Cath Anderson, Daniel Vines*

This Week's Notices

Electoral Roll

This is our register of electors. It's an important way of confirming your commitment to St Nicolas' community and to the vision of the church. It means you can vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – which this year is on Sunday 6th April – and stand for election to the PCC or Deanery Synod. Being on the Electoral Roll doesn't make you a 'member' of the Church; simply regarding St Nicolas' as your spiritual home does that.

This year the Electoral Roll has to be completely renewed – no names are carried over from the old Roll and everyone must make a new application to be included.

To join the Electoral Roll you must be aged 16 or over (or due to turn 16 this year), you must be baptised and a member of the Church of England and EITHER living in the parish OR have attended St Nicolas' regularly for at least 6 months.

Forms are available from church and from the parish office and an easy-to-fill online form which you'll find by following this link:

<https://guildfordstnicks.myknowchurch.co.uk/form/load/bkFkdm4xc2pybk1pe ml4RE5PL3jxcXcrQ2JIU0NBMFI0L2JTSXVNBzFiSWdkeHJsQ0Q1a0UvR1dTZ HMI>

or scan this QR code.

Paper forms should be returned to the parish office or to Fr Neil.



Candlemas for School

Our school comes to church on Thursday 13th February for Candlemas. For the children to walk safely from school to church we need a group of willing walkers to aid their visit and return to school. Please could you let us know if you are able to help?

Without our walkers from church, sadly, we will have to cancel their church service. We will need about ten of us. The service is at around 9.30, so at school for just before 9, then returning to school around 10.30. *Fr Neil*

Beer & Banter

The next get-together is this Tuesday at 7:30pm. We will be meeting at Wetherspoons for a social gathering. I look forward to seeing you there. *Fr Alistair*

Zero Carbon food collectors from M&S and Gail's...

We have hosted Zero Carbon before in our Narthex whilst their building was completed at the top of the High Street. If you haven't yet been in, then do go and see it. Cheapest fair trade coffee in town! We would like to make a more permanent outpost of Carbon Zero here at St Nicolas. The chief aim is to avoid food waste and to give this food away.

What would we have to do? We would collect a car boot full of food from M&S and Gail's on Sunday afternoon, and then have it on tables in the Narthex on a Monday. Carbon Zero would provide the signs and we would simply enable folks to come and collect what they want - limited to a number of items per person.

Can you help? We need a rota of, say, five drivers - so we do one trip every five weeks, drop off the food in the Narthex and then the Monday Open Church team will simply open the doors whilst they are on duty.

If you could be one of those willing to drive once a month to collect and bring to church, let Cath or Fr Neil know.

Flowers

The flowers in church today have been donated by Jean Taylor in memory of her husband David. If you would like to do the same for a loved one, please speak to Caroline or the parish office.

Living Lent

The theme for our Sunday homilies and consequently the Bible studies the following Fridays after Lent lunches will be based on VOCATION. This reflects our Planned Giving and Stewardship Campaign, *Cheerful Giving*. We shall reflect upon how all that we do (as the Offertory Prayer reminds us) is given to God - not just the pounds in our pockets. Our lives, our skills, time, talents and good will - without which St Nicolas would not operate! We look

forward to focussing upon the following themes throughout the Sundays in Lent:

Lent 1 Our Baptism as the beginning of our Christian vocation

Lent 2 The Eucharist as the nourishing of our vocation

Lent 3 Discipleship as the Way of our vocation

Lent 4 Liturgy as a celebration of our vocation

Lent 5 Ministry as particular expressions of vocation (lay and ordained)

These will be explored at Mass in the Homily and the following Friday after the Lent Lunches.

Additionally, for those who cannot make a Friday in the working week, we shall offer The Big Lent Brunch – on Saturday 22nd March at St Nicolas - to explore a little of each of these topics in our Lenten discipline of Learning and Praying with Brunch!

Congregation Choir

A choir from the congregation will be needed at Sunday Morning Mass on the following dates:

16th February; 30th March; 6th April; 27th April and 18th May. We will be leading the hymns and a simple Mass setting (probably Murray, at least to begin with) and hopefully we can sing a simple anthem appropriate to the day.

We hope many of you will be ready, willing and able to join in. Please speak to David Greenwood or contact him on david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com.

Hopefully, 2025 can be the year when a choir based on our congregation becomes an integral part of the fabric of our worship. Looking forward to it!

Quiz for a Cause

Guildford Cathedral is hosting a pub-style quiz night on Friday 7th March. Doors open at 6:30pm and food will be served as you arrive. The quiz starts at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £20 and desserts, drinks and raffle tickets are available to purchase on the evening. If you would be interested in being part of a St Nicolas' team, please speak to Jonathan Neil-Smith (or let the parish office know and we'll pass on your details).

Ukrainian Icons

If you enjoyed seeing the Icons last year at St Nicolas', you may like to know that they are now on display at Southwark Cathedral until 27th February. Painted on ammunition boxes from war zones across Ukraine, they serve as silent witnesses to the wars raging around the world, but especially in Ukraine as we approach the third anniversary of the full-scale invasion.



Good Cause

Our Good Cause for February is Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders). MSF is an

international, independent medical humanitarian organization providing medical assistance to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from healthcare. Its teams are made up of tens of thousands of health professionals, logistics and administrative staff – most of them hired locally. Its actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of impartiality, independence and neutrality.

Donations can be made in cash in the wallbox in the narthex, direct to our bank account (see below for details) or please ask to use the card reader.

Salvation Army Food Bank

Any donations are very welcome. Please put them in the box at the back of church.



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/>



Parish Office opening hours this week

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

www.saintnics.com parishoffice@saintnics.com 01483 564526

Looking Ahead

Thursday 13th February

9:30 am School Candlemas Service

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Compline & Benediction

Sunday 16th February : Third before Lent

10 am Mass with the Ministry of Healing

Sunday 23rd February : Second Before Lent

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Saturday 1st March

4 - 6 pm Messy Church @ GURC

Sunday 2nd March : Next Before Lent

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 28th February Monthly Lunch (11:30-13:30)

**Friday 7th March to
Friday 11th April** Lent Lunches (11:30-13:30)

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 11 February (social @ Wetherspoons)

Tuesday 18th March

Tuesday 1st April (social @ Wetherspoons)

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 8th April

FIZZ & FRIENDS

Friday 9th May

Friday 11th July



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Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group
– “My Favourite TV Series” – *individual contributions*

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday

9:30 am School Candlemas Service

10 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Compline & Benediction

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

THIRD BEFORE LENT

10 am Mass with the Ministry of Healing

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
