

Pews News



2 March 2025: Next before Lent
Today's Services:
8:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass with Junior Church

**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. Junior Church is back this week. They will go out to the hall for their activities and return 'transfigured' to tell us what they have been up to.

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 coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass.

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 10:17-27	Buryfields Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 10:28-51	Denzil Road Devon Bank
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass 20:00 Mass @ St Mary's	Matt.6:1-6, 16-21	Ash Wednesday Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 9:22-25	Ferry Lane Flower Walk
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt.9:14-15	Perpetua, Felicity & Companions Friary Bridge

Genyn Road

Sat Luke 5:27-32 Edward King, Felix,
Geoffrey Studdert
Kennedy

Next 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) Luke 4:1-13 **Lent I**
Sun 10:00 Mass
11:30 Choral Mattins
17:00 Stations of the Cross &
Benediction
13:00 Romanian Orthodox
Divine Liturgy

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

10:00 Mass & Junior Church: Curate

Voluntary: Prelude on Rhosymedre – *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Processional Hymn 377 Immortal, invisible

Gloria: Coventry Gloria – *Peter Jones*

Reader: Angela Goodwin **Reading:** Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise

cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gradual Hymn 494 Christ is the world's true light

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Diocese:

Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne, Margaret Colville, Rupert Williams, Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Ian Sherman, Penny Lucas, Jenny Potter, Tarina More and Jeremy Pedrick.

The recently departed: Dave Fisher and Roger Nicholas.

The Year's Mind: Arthur Ford (priest), Geoffrey Campion Bateman, Gwendoline Mansel, Sara Turing, Enid Dance and Jean Radley.

Offertory Hymn Alleluia, song of gladness

Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia joyful Mother, all they children sing with thee;
But by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.

Alleluia we deserve not here to chant for evermore;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while give o'er;
For the holy time is coming bidding us our sins deplore.

Therefore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep thine Easter in our home beyond the sky;
There to thee for ever singing Alleluia joyfully.

11th C Latin, translated: John Mason Neale

Mass Setting: New Plainsong Mass – *David Hurd*

Anthem: Christ, whose glory fills the skies – *Thomas Frederick H Candlyn*
The words are those of Hymn 234

Voluntary: Fantasia in c minor, BVW 921 – *J S Bach*

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 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: *Angela Goodwin*

Intercessor: *John Varney*

Chalice Assistant: *Jonathan Neil-Smith*

Sidespeople: *Peter Oldroyd, James Wix*

Coffee: *Monica Pino*

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass
11:30 Choral Mattins
17:00 Stations of the Cross &
Benediction

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: *Jill Sandham*

Intercessor: *Deborah Nobbs*

Chalice Assistant: *Hilary Fletcher*

Sidespeople: *Patrick Andrew, Sally Lowe*

Coffee: *Lizzie Evans, Helen Gould*

This Week's Notices

We all have to reapply to join the Electoral Roll – have you done your application yet?

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.

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/bkFkdm4xc2pybkIpe ml4RE5PL3JxcXcrQ2JIU0NBMFI0L2JTSXVNbzFiSWdkeHJsQ0QIa0UvRIdTZ HMI>

or scan this QR code.

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



Can you help?

Would you be able to help keep the Church open one weekday morning each week from 10am to 12pm? The task is not arduous, but your help would be much appreciated, especially in the early part of the week. With the imminent arrival of the Zero Carbon fridge on Monday mornings, we will particularly need help that day when the food is on offer.

If you are interested, please speak to Hilary Fletcher who can tell you more.

Ash Wednesday – 5th March

There will be a Mass here at 11am as usual, and we are also invited to the Guildford Town Centre Service at 8pm, at St Mary's Church. There is an opportunity to join a 'scratch' choir to sing William Byrd's Three Part Mass. If you are interested, please email Helen Lee, director of music at St Mary's (hmllee@ntlworld.com) to assist with numbers. The rehearsal will be at 7pm.

Living Lent

The theme for our Sunday homilies and consequently the Bible studies the following Fridays after Lent lunches will be based on VOCATION, which reflects our Stewardship Campaign, *Cheerful Giving*. We look forward to focussing upon the following themes throughout the Sundays in Lent:

Lent 1 (9th March) Our Baptism as the beginning of our Christian vocation

Lent 2 (16th March) The Eucharist as the nourishing of our vocation

Lent 3 (23rd March) Discipleship as the Way of our vocation

Lent 4 (30th March) Liturgy as a celebration of our vocation

Lent 5 (6th April) 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.

The first **Lent Lunch** will be next Friday, 7th March, running through to Friday 11th April, with the **Lent study half hours** starting on Friday 14th March for 5 weeks.

For those who cannot make a Friday in the working week, we shall offer The **Big Lent Brunch** – from 10:30am to 12:30pm on Saturday 22nd March in church - to explore a little of each of these topics in our Lenten discipline of Learning and Praying with Brunch!

There will be two opportunities to enjoy **Stations of the Cross & Benediction** – next Sunday, 9th March at 5pm and Friday 11th April at 11am.

Good Cause

Our Good Cause for March & April is the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund Lent Appeal. Last year the Fund supported projects run by parishes or church-linked organisations that reach out into their local communities and provide real practical support. Grants helped fund meals for the vulnerable, cafes for the isolated, youth and community workers etc.

Bishop Andrew asks: "Please prayerfully consider giving this Lent. Together we can reflect God's love and compassion, bringing light to those in darkness."

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/>



Looking Ahead

Wednesday 5th March : Ash Wednesday

11 am Mass with the Administration of Ashes

8 pm Joint Mass for Guildford Town Centre @ St Mary's

Sunday 9th March : Lent I

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

11:30 am Choral Mattins

*with soloists, choir, strings and organ presenting Buxtehude's
Jesu Meine Freude (in English)*

2 – 4 pm Junior Church Pancake Party

5 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Sunday 16th March : Lent II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 23rd March : Lent III

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

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

Friday 11th April

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 18th March

Tuesday 1st April (social @ Wetherspoons)

FIZZ & FRIENDS

Friday 9th May

Friday 11th July

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 8th April



THIS WEEK

2nd – 9th March 2025

Sunday

NEXT BEFORE LENT

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Pancakes and Chat*

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 1:30 pm Coffee Shop & Lent Lunch

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

LENT I

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Parish Office opening hours this week

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

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