

Pews News



9 March 2025: Lent I

Today's Services:

8:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

11:30 Choral Mattins

17:00 Stations of the Cross & Benediction

**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's Pancake Party is taking place in the Atrium this morning, so they will return full of deliciousness!

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 – there will be time for you to do so before going back into church for Choral Mattins.

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		Matt.25:31-end	Henley Fort Hitherbury Close
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.6:7-15	Lawn Road Littleton Lane Ludlow Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 11:29-32	Ember Day Madrid Road Mareschal Road

Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.7:7-12	Millmead Millmead Terrace
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass 13:00 Lent Study Group	Matt.5:20-26	Ember Day Mount Pleasant Mountside
Sat		Matt.5:43-end	Ember Day Nether Mount New Pond Road
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Luke 13:31-end	Lent II

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Fr Alistair

10:00 Mass & Junior Church Pancake Party: President: Fr Alistair,
Preacher: Fr Neil

Processional Hymn 67 Forty days and forty nights

Reader: Jill Sandham **Reading:** Romans 10:8b-13

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gradual Hymn 64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada.

Diocese: The Surrey Weald group of parishes.

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

The recently departed: Roger Nicholas.

The Year's Mind: Laurence Dixon, Ruth Elliott, Kenneth Bryant, Margaret Henwood, Fred Paul Clee, Judith Ellis and Cyril Kidder.

Offertory Hymn 62 Ah, holy Jesu

Live Streaming Links

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

Our Facebook livestream:

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



This Week / Next Week

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Pancake Party

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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: Monica Pino

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Caroline Coleman

Intercessor: Shirley Aston

Chalice Assistant: Catherine Ferguson

*Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Angela &
Francesca Goodwin*

Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines

This Week's Notices

Later today

We have Choral Mattins at 11:30am, so do come back in after coffee. Stations of the Cross & Benediction is at 5pm.

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.



Ministries

In the context of our Lent theme of Vocation, today we launch the second phase of our Stewardship campaign, which focuses on the many ministries available to us here at St Nicolas'. We urge you to take a look at the displays in the narthex – there are leaflets for each ministry. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can get involved, there are details of who to speak to.

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.



Lilies for the Altar of Repose

On Maundy Thursday we plan to adorn the Altar of Repose with lilies and are asking for your donations towards these. This is a lovely way to remember your loved ones who are no longer with us. Donations can be made by cash or cheque, directly into the bank account (ref LILIES) or using the card reader. With many thanks.

This Week's Lent Diary

Today's homily theme – Our Baptism as the beginning of our Christian vocation

5 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Friday

10:30 am Coffee Shop

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Lent Lunch in aid of the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund Lent Appeal.

1 pm Lent Study on Sunday's homily theme – led by Fr Neil

Looking Ahead in Lent

For those who cannot make the Friday Lent Studies, we are offering 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 another opportunity to enjoy **Stations of the Cross & Benediction** on 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/>



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Peter Hicks - Conductor

A Legacy's Echo

Celebrating beautiful Renaissance choral music from 500 years ago by Palestrina and his contemporaries Victoria, Byrd, Tallis and others

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The Humphrey Richardson Taylor Charitable Trust

Saturday 5th April
St Nicolas Church
Guildford GU2 4AW

Tickets: £16 (16 and under: £2)
Click below or phone **07969 906 439**

Looking Ahead

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 with Junior Church

Sunday 30th March : Lent IV *Mothering Sunday*

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 6th April : Lent V

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass,

followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

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

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

18th March

1st April (social @ Wetherspoons)

13th May

10th June (social @ Wetherspoons)

15th July

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

9th May

11th July

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 8th April

THIS WEEK

9th – 16th March 2025

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Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group

“Beyond Guildford Town Centre” – individual contributions

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

1 pm Lent Study Group

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