

Pews News



23 March 2025: Lent III
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 taking place in the hall this morning, so they will return towards the end of the service to tell us what they've been doing.

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	16:30 Evening Prayer 17:00 Mass	Luke 4:24-30	Walter Hilton Paul Couturier Oscar Romero The Piccards The Ridges
Tu	08:00 Mass 10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 1:26-38	Annunciation of Our Lord The Valley Turnham Close
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 16:30 Evening Prayer 17:00 Mass	Matt.5:17-19	Harriet Monsell Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road

Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 11:14-23	Walnut Tree Close West Mount
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass 13:00 Lent Study Group	Mark 12:28-34	Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue Woodcote
Sat		Luke 18:9-14	
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Junior Church 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Luke 13:1-9	Lent IV Mothering Sunday

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Fr Alistair

10:00 Mass & Junior Church: President & Preacher: Fr Nicholas Edwards

Voluntary: Prelude: To the thirsty I will give water without price – *Elanor Daley*

Processional Hymn 94 We sing the praise of him who died

Kyries: (choir) Harold Darke in F

Reader: Shirley Aston **Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-9

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in

the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gradual Hymn 379 In the Cross of Christ I glory

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Intercessions led by Rory Fenner

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of the Central American Region.

Diocese: The parish of St Nicholas, Thames Ditton.

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

The recently departed: Roger Nicholas.

The Year's Mind: Percy Reginald Lobb (Rector), David Worthy, Brian Taylor (Rector), Iain Davidson, Derek John Sayer (priest) and Robert John Stares.

Offertory Hymn 311 We pray thee, heavenly Father

Mass Setting: New Plainsong Mass – *David Hurd* (see separate sheet)

Anthem: Ah, holy Jesu – *R Erickson* (the words are those of Hymn 62)

Voluntary: Ich rug' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639 – *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: Shirley Aston

Intercessor: Rory Fenner

Chalice Assistant:

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, John Vines

Coffee: Cath Anderson

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie

Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson

Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas

Coffee: Deborah Tizard, Julia Williams

This Week's Notices

Prayer Tree

Have you noticed that the illuminated tree in the narthex is now our prayer tree. There are tags next to it on which to write your prayers and then hang them on the tree. The prayers will be gathered before Mass each Friday and included in our intercessions.



Easter Family Fun Day – 15th April

Nicky is looking for volunteers who can help her run the Easter Family Fun Day on Tuesday 15th April from 10:30am - 3pm. We would need volunteers to help with refreshments and some to be available to welcome and speak with visitors and support craft activities. Also, we will

need cakes provided for refreshments.

There will be an Easter egg hunt, telling the story of Holy Week, as well as games and crafts. If anyone wanted to do something specific like guided tours at set times, that is also something that she would love to include as well.

Easter Family Fun
at St Nicolas Church
Bury Street, GU2 4AW
Drop in for our Easter Trail,
crafts, games and refreshments.
Tuesday 15th April
10:30am - 3pm

Free event,
no booking
required.

The poster features a blue sky with white clouds, a wooden cross with a white cloth draped over it, a grey rock, a white rabbit, and several colorful Easter eggs (blue, yellow, purple, red) in a grassy field with yellow flowers.

As we will be open for quite a long time, we hope that volunteers might be able to stay for a couple of hours on a rota basis.

Please get in touch with Nicky and let her know if you can help, when you are free and what you might like to do. missionenabler@saintnics.com

Curry & Questions

We are delighted that Bishop Paul will be joining us for our next Curry & Questions on Tuesday 8th April at 7:30pm. Continuing our Lent theme, he will lead our discussion on Vocation. Please sign up on the list at the back of church or email parishoffice@saintnics.com - the cost of the meal is £10 and you are welcome to bring your own drinks.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held after Mass on 6th April. Please see the board at the back of church for details of elections that will be taking place at that meeting. All those on the Electoral Roll will be emailed a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts a week before the meeting.

Can you help?

We still need volunteers to help with the Zero Carbon fridge here on Monday mornings. There would be a team of 3 people each week and you would be asked to do this every 4 weeks or so.

We also still need help to keep the Church open on weekday mornings from 10am to 12pm? The task is not arduous, but your help would be much appreciated, especially in the early part of the week.

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 – Discipleship as the Way of our vocation

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 Nick

Looking Ahead in Lent

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

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*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**

 Guildford
United
Reformed
Church

SPRING

Drop off you children's old clothes and toys to the church foyer from 23rd-28th March (please make sure they are clean and in good condition)

Then come to our spring swap shop event on Saturday 29th March to help rehome the second-hand clothes and toys that have been donated and enjoy tea, coffee and cake.

There will be no set prices for clothes or refreshments, please donate as you are able.

Donations will be in aid of the Cherry Trees children's charity

SWAP

 REDUCE
REUSE - RECYCLE

**SATURDAY 29TH MARCH
2-4PM**

**LOCATION: LOWER HALL,
GUILDFORD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**



SATURDAY

5TH APRIL

4-6PM

EASTER

at Guildford United Reformed Church, GU2 4BS

Faith based fun as we reflect on Easter.

Followed by tea for everyone.

*Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer for the duration of this event

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

**DONATIONS ARE
WELCOME.**

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For more information contact Nicky on families.worker@guildfordurc.org.uk
www.saintnics.com www.guildfordurc.org.uk

CURRY AND QUESTIONS

IN THE PARISH HALL AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH,
BURY STREET, GUILDFORD, GU2 4AW

Vocations

Bishop Paul leads our discussion



Tuesday 8th April

7:30pm

£10

Contact the parish office to let us
know you're coming & notify of
any dietary requirements

parishoffice@saintnics.com

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Looking Ahead

Sunday 30th March : Lent IV Mothering Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Saturday 5th April

4 - 6 pm Messy Church @ GURC

7:30 pm Chantry Singers Concert

Sunday 6th April : Lent V

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass,

followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 13th April : Palm Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am The Liturgy of the Palms and Procession to
Guildford URC

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Fridays until 11th April Lent Lunches (11:30-13:30)

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

1st April (social @ Wetherspoons)

13th May

10th June (social @ Wetherspoons)

15th July

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

9th May

11th July

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 8th April with Bishop Paul

THIS WEEK

23rd – 30th March 2025

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1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

4:30 pm Evening Prayer

5 pm Mass

Tuesday

8 am Mass

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Paper and pencil quiz – in pairs*

5 – 6:30 pm Toastie Tuesday for school years 3 - 6

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

4:30 pm Evening Prayer

5 pm Mass

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

Saturday

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