

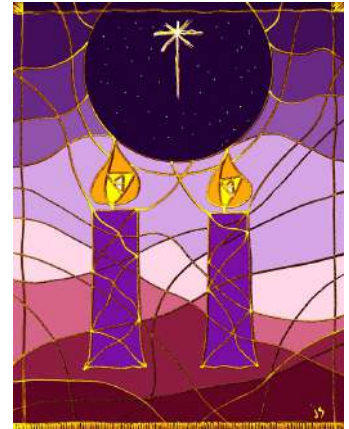
Pews News

4 December 2022
Advent II

Today's Mass Notices

Children are welcome here

Please do not worry about them making noise or moving around – you are here and are welcome. Junior Church are making more decorations for the Jesse Tree and this is happening in the hall during the service. In the meantime, they are very welcome to make the most of their area at the back of the church.



Making yourself comfortable

Toilets in the Parish Centre are available throughout the service. Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre after the service.

This Week / Next Week

This Week

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass
10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church
6:30 pm Choral Evensong with
Cathedral choristers

Next Week

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass
10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Mass: <https://youtu.be/Otov2c-LohQ>

6:30 pm Choral Evensong with Cathedral Choir: <https://youtu.be/4Aq5rIPaET0>

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

If you don't wish to appear on screen, please sit on the Lady Chapel side.

Music

Processional Hymn: **5** *Hark! a herald voice is calling*

Mass Setting (choir) *Messe Basse – Gabriel Fauré*

Psalm 72. Response: All nations shall fall before you, O Lord our God

Gradual Hymn: **10** *Long ago, prophets knew*

Offertory Hymn: **7** *Hills of the north, rejoice*

Anthem: Come, Jesu, come – *John Ebenezer West*

Voluntary: Postlude on Veni Emmanuel – *Robert J Powell*

Today's Music

Our Mass setting this morning was composed for women's voices by Fauré in 1881. With its gentle mysticism and Gallic charm it is a firm favourite for congregations and singers alike. Likewise the Advent anthem by the late Victorian composer John West was written for treble-clef voices and three-parts.

Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people

of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Year's Mind falling this week

May Murdoch, Linda Chapman, Clive Mansel, Edna Waller, Peggy Holwill and Ruth Ferguson.

Choral Evensong this evening

We are delighted to welcome the Girl Choristers and Lay Clerks from the Cathedral to sing Evensong this evening at 6:30pm. Do join us, sit back and be immersed in beautiful music. [The Live Streaming link for Choral Evensong:](https://youtu.be/4Aq5rIPaET0)

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Notices for the week

This week's services, readings & intentions

M		Luke 5:17-26	
T	09:30 Morning Prayer 20:00 Feast of Title Mass	Mark 10:13-16	Nicolas
W	09:30 Morning Prayer	Matt.11:28-end	Ambrose Ember Day
T	09:30 Morning Prayer 12:00 Advent Group @ GURC	Matt.11:11-15	Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
F	09:30 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt.11:16-19	Ember Day
Sat		Matt.17:10-13	Ember Day
Sun	08:30 Prayer Book Mass 10:00 Sung Mass & Junior Church	Matt.11:2-11	Advent III

Advent Calendar

Rowan Williams

Like the great prophet John the Baptist, here the poet proclaims the coming Christ who is Saviour and Judge.

He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

Besom Hampers



We are putting together the hampers on Thursday so if you want to make donations, please make sure that goods are with us by then.

Suggested items are:
Christmas cakes and mince pies



Soups
Cereals
Honey and jam
Tea, coffee and hot chocolate
Chocolate, sweets and biscuits
Cranberry sauce and stuffing mix
Bubble bath, candles, baubles, napkins and crackers

If you would prefer to donate cash to buy goods for the hampers, please give to Cath today.

Mince Pies Please

Could you make some mince pies for after the Service of Nine Lessons & Carols which this year is at 10:30am on Sunday 18th December? Please sign up on the list at the back of church. Many thanks.

Carol Singing

In addition to the visits to St.Catherine's Manor and Hillier House on Thursday 15th December (3:30pm & 5pm), we will also visit Pilgrim Wood on Tuesday 13th December at 5pm. On Thursday 15th, we will meet at the Parish Centre at 3pm on the 15th. All are welcome. *David Greenwood*

Christmas Flowers

Donations would be welcome towards the Christmas flowers. You may like to give something in memory of a loved one as a cheerful way to remember Christmases past, or thinking of someone who finds it difficult to get to church and watches us from home. Please give donations to Patrick, Darrol or Cath in the parish office or ask to make a donation via the card reader.

We would also welcome anyone who would like to come along to help with arranging on Thursday 22nd December from 10am.

Paving Slabs wanted

We are installing 3 water butts – 2 at the Rectory and 1 at church. Do you have any paving slabs that you could donate for them to stand on? Please let the parish office know if you do. Many thanks.

GURC Walking Group

A message from Trevor Jones: I coordinate the GURC walking group which aims to have a walk every month, usually on a Monday morning on the 4th or 5th Monday of the month, according to the availability of regular walkers, who are currently often only 5 or 6 of us, so we do sometimes have to change dates to suit people.

The format of any walk is to meet somewhere in the nearby Surrey countryside, often a pub or café or car park, that usually can be reached by a short bus ride from Guildford (as I don't drive), for a walk of around 2h or so, ending up afterwards with a meal together in a pub or restaurant for those who want it.

As details are normally only decided a week or so in advance, anyone interested should let me have their name and email address so that they can be added to my database of possible walkers and included in the email circular I send out when a walk is being proposed. Everything is then normally arranged by email. htjones.raildev@gmail.com

Sign up for Walk the Wey – Sponsored walk 7th January 2023

Bishop of Guildford's
Communities Fund

Walk the Wey 2022



The organisers are aware that there is now a train strike planned for the day, but have decided that it should not deflect them from the vital task of raising money. Bishop Andrew and Bishop Jo are inviting you to Walk the Wey to Guildford to help the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our diocese. The last walk raised £4,300 for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund, which provides funds for parish projects that help the disadvantaged and vulnerable. They would love your help this year so that the Fund can support more community projects.

There are walk options of 6 or 12 miles starting either in Godalming, West Byfleet or Send.

To find out more about the walk and how to donate to the Fund visit <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/making-disciples/cultivating-community-partnerships/bishops-community-fund/walk-the-wey>

To register an interest in taking part contact claire.isherwood@cofeguildford.org.uk giving your name, parish, mobile number and likely starting point.

If you need a lift to the start or from the finish, or can offer someone a lift, please mention this when signing up for the walk with Claire Isherwood and we will do our best to match you with another walker. Alternatively there is a number 70 bus which runs between Guildford and Godalming and the number 462 and 463 runs between Guildford and Send. Timetables can be found online.

Salvation Army Foodbank



The Salvation Army are so grateful for all the donations they receive – there is a box for them at the back of church near the font. This is helping them to reach out and provide for the community in need. The following items are particularly required:

Meal tins – minced beef, spaghetti bolognese etc

Meat tins – hot dogs, corned beef, tinned pies

Jars of cooking Sauce

Peanut Butter, Jam, Chocolate Spread, Marmite

Small jars of coffee and small boxes of teabags

Pot Noodles, Instant Noodles, Cuppa Soup

Biscuits, Chocolate, Sweets

Crisps, Crackers

Porridge Oats

Juice, Squash

Toiletries – toilet roll, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo

Cleaning items – washing powder/gel, cleaning sprays, washing up liquid

Our Good Cause for December and January is The Children's Society



Every young person deserves a good childhood. That's why The Children's Society fight for the hope and happiness of young people when it's threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect. Their goal and vision are built around the hopes of young people, to achieve long-lasting change for

this generation and the ones to come.

£5 could pay for a hot meal, shower and living essentials for a young runaway.

£10 could pay for a frontline worker's phone for a month so children in danger can contact them.

£20 could pay for a family to mediation sessions for a month to resolve conflict at home.

Visit the website for more information about their work.

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk>

Donations can be made in the wallbox in the narthex or ask to use the card reader. We will be supporting

Help us by Christmas shopping!

If you shop online, and most of us do, you can support St Nicolas' just by spending!

- Give as you Live Online is the free and easy way to raise money for St Nicolas' when you shop online with over 5,000 stores. From holidays to travel, to clothing and gifts, you can raise hundreds of pounds from your everyday shopping, all at no extra cost to you. Simply sign up here: <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/stnicolasguildford>
- For those of you who shop at Amazon, they have a scheme called Amazon Smile that means they will give us 0.5% of your Amazon spend. In order to set up your Amazon account to help St Nicolas', you'll need to go to this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1133971-0> Search for us in the charity search box. St Nicolas Guildford should be enough to bring up our official charity name, then click the 'select' button next to our charity name. You will then need to confirm that you need to shop at smile.amazon.co.uk in order for us to receive the donations. Everything else is the same, it's just a different web address.

Support

If you would like to make a bank transfer to support either the Good Cause or St Nicolas' Church, please use the details below and use the reference 'Good Cause' or 'St Nicolas'. Thank you.

PCC of St Nicolas

Sort Code: 60-09-21

Account No: 59904003



Songs of Advent

Advent Group

Thursdays 12pm

Light lunch followed by discussion about the Songs of Advent in Luke's gospel

24th November @ Guildford URC
1st December @ St Nicolas'
8th December @ Guildford URC
15th December @ St Nicolas'

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St Nicolas' Day Mass

Tuesday 6th
December
8pm

followed by cheese & wine

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halow Christmas Carol Concert

Thursday 8 December, 7pm-9.30pm
St Nicholas' Church, Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW

Join us for a festive evening of Christmas classics with our annual Christmas Carol Concert. Our young people will be presenting a delightful evening of music for all the family to enjoy.

Featuring performances by our young people and Guildford and Godalming Jazz Choirs.

£12 per person
£5 for a halow young person or children aged 16 and under

Reserve your concert tickets at fundraising@halowproject.org.uk.



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The Occam Christmas Concert 2022

Saturday, 10th December 2022, 6:30pm

St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street,
Guildford, GU2 4AW

Conductor : Peter White



Tickets:

Online in advance £15 (Students £8.50)
from <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/occam>
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If you would like to be seated in a marked area, please email surreyhillsconcerts@btinternet.com

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Monday 12th December
St Nicolas' Parish Church, Guildford

Tuesday 13th December
All Saints' Parish Church, Woodham

*Both concerts free with retiring collection for
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**Wednesday 14th December 2022
2.00 pm at St. Nicolas Church,
Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW**

**Carols, readings and festive choral music
by**

Guildford u3a Choir

Singing for Fun Group

The Instrumental Ensemble

All Welcome - Admission Free



Retiring collection in aid of charity

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts

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Parish Office

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

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THIS WEEK

4th – 11th December

Sunday

ADVENT II

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

6:30 pm Choral Evensong with Guildford Cathedral choristers

Monday

Tuesday

9:30 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group: *St Nicolas' Day – paper puzzles*

8 pm St Nicolas' Day Mass *followed by cheese & wine*

Wednesday

9:30 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

12 pm Mass

Thursday

9:30 am Morning Prayer

12 pm Advent Group @ GURC

7 pm hallow Christmas Carol Concert

Friday

9:30 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop in the Hall

11 am Mass

Saturday

6:30 pm The Occam Singers Christmas Concert

Sunday

ADVENT III

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church