

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 is back with the usual fun, games and craft – leaving the service to go out to the hall and coming in later to share what they have been up to. In the meantime, children 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. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards – please do join us.

Chairs

The chairs have been separated from their battens in preparation for their sale and as we await the new chairs' delivery. Please, therefore, take care as they may be a bit less stable than you're used to. If you are interested in buying any, please speak to Darrol or Cath.

This Week / Next Week

This Week

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

Next Week

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

Live Streaming Links

Our YouTube

10 am Mass: <https://youtu.be/NPivFQLsArE>
6:30 pm Choral Evensong: <https://youtu.be/Gegl8M2PExY>

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.

Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look

around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Ephesians 3:1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Choral Evensong this evening at 6:30pm

Please do join us as we celebrate the Baptism of Christ at this most beautiful service.

The Year's Mind falling this week

Roma Read, John Garwell (priest), Edith Agnes Jones and Cynthia Clee.

Notices for the week

This week's services, readings & intentions

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| M | | Matt.3:13-end | Baptism of Christ |
| T | 09:30 Morning Prayer | Mark 1:21-28 | <i>William Laud</i> |
| W | 09:30 Morning Prayer | Mark 1:29-39 | <i>Mary Slessor</i> |
| T | 09:30 Morning Prayer | Mark 1:40-end | <i>Aelred; Benedict Biscop</i> |
| F | 09:30 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass | Mark 2:1-12 | <i>Hilary; Kentigern; George Fox</i> |
| Sat | | Mark 2:13-17 | |
| Sun | 08:30 Prayer Book Mass 10:00 Sung Mass with Junior Church | John 1:29-42 | Epiphany II |

Chronicle of a Covid Year

Now published. The Chronicle of a Covid Year, the book based around the contributions of 46 members of St Nicolas' who wrote about their response to the 'Covid Year', March 2020 to April 2021. These first-hand accounts form the core of the book and are set in a national context. They provide a powerful record of the pandemic and interregnum with a wonderful blend of stoicism, compassion, pain, practicality, poignancy and humour.

This is your book about our parish. It gives a valuable insight into the resilience, faith and coping mechanisms of St Nics community at a challenging point in our history. Most of the contributors had never written anything, before but they did so for this book, and they wrote from their hearts. It's a wonderful story.

The book costs £10 (proceeds to St Nics) but is free to all those who contributed. It will be for sale in the Parish Centre after Mass and can also be ordered from the Parish Office or from Catherine Ferguson c.m.f.ferguson@btinternet.com

Morning Prayer

A new year comes with resolutions, so they say. Why not make a resolution for 2023 to begin your Friday with a small number of us who meet at 9:30am to say Morning Prayer? It is a quiet and beautiful service of psalms, prayers and readings from scripture, taking place in the lovely surroundings of the Lady Chapel. And, although it is a quiet, gentle affair, the scripture readings often generate interesting discussions, after which we adjourn to the Coffee Shop. Come and join us? *David Greenwood*

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.

£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 attend 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.

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

Thank yous

A huge thank you from me for the choral, floral and general wonder of all those involved in the wonder of our Christmas services. From those who sang, to those who arranged, to the wonderful Junior church team, to the mince pies and coffee makers - thank you, one and all. We had enormous numbers of non-church people at Christingle and many positive comments about the music and welcome.

Curry and Questions Night

Fr Neil would like to encourage any who would like to share a curry in town and talk about the faith - nothing formal, but very informed!

Interested in really exploring the faith in more detail and enjoy a meal? Then this is for you. If you might like to join in, sign the sheet at the back of church. Most likely to be a Thursday evening.

Beer and Banter

The Mens' group is back for the new year and we meet again at the end of the month - the Olde Shippe Inn beckons us this time. Having got to know one another in the first meeting, we can now begin to explore the faith in a men's group - we begin with the topic of the Bible - what is it? who wrote it? What does it 'do'? Date to follow. Usually a Tuesday.

THIS WEEK

8th – 15th January 2023

Sunday

EPIPHANY

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

6:30 pm Choral Evensong for the Baptism of Christ

Monday

Tuesday

9:30 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group

Talk by TG member: A Canterbury Pilgrim

Wednesday

9:30 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday

9:30 am Morning Prayer

Friday

9:30 am Morning Prayer

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

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

EPIPHANY II

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

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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