

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 in the hall during the service – coming back later to share what they've been up to. In the meantime, children are very welcome to use 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.

This Week / Next Week

This Week

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

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: John Varney

Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson

Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Angela

Goodwin, Francesca Goodwin

Coffee: Lizzie Evans, Sarah Faulkner

Next Week

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass
10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church
6:30 pm Joint Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service

On Duty @ 10 am

Reader: Tarina More

Intercessor: Rory Fenner

Chalice Assistant: Jana Phillips

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Gill Williams

Coffee: Jo Radley, Pauline May

Live Streaming Links

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

10 am Mass: <https://youtu.be/FNahaLI7rIs>

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

Music

Processional Hymn: **55** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed!*

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Psalm 40:1-12 (choir) Chant: W Marsh

Gradual Hymn: **341** *Blest are the pure in heart*

Offertory Hymn: **58** *The sinless one to Jordan came*

Anthem: Behold the Lamb of God, Messiah – G F Handel

Voluntary: How brightly shines the Morning Star – Dietrich Buxtehude

Readings

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. The LORD says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

I Corinthians 1:1-9

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1:29-42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's

brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

The Year's Mind falling this week

Beatrice Clee, Albert Hoare, John Farmer, Max Adrian, Roy Anderson and Helen Joyce Coppinger.

Notices for the week

This week's services, readings & intentions

M		Mark 2:18-22	
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 2:23-end	Antony of Egypt <i>Charles Gore</i>
W	09:00 Morning Prayer 12:30 Funeral Service for Richard Rhydderch 18:00 Week of Prayer service	Mark 3:1-6	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>Amy Carmichael</i>
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 3:7-12	Wulfstan
F	09:30 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Mark 3:13-19	Richard Rolle
Sat		Mark 3:20-21	Agnes
Sun	08:30 Prayer Book Mass 10:00 Sung Mass with Junior Church 18:30 Joint Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service	Matt.4:12-23	Epiphany III

Chairs

You will notice that a lot of the chairs have gone from the church. They were sold and the money raised is going towards the new chairs, which should be with us in March.

Morning Prayer

The time of Morning Prayer has moved to 9am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to accommodate the practicalities of a very busy family and parish life. However, I am looking for others to step forward to lead Morning Prayer on these days so that I can take opportunities to visit local schools etc. If you might be willing to be involved, please have a word with me. *Fr Neil*

We welcome the Romanian Orthodox Church

We are delighted to welcome Fr Adrian and his congregation who will be using the church and Loseley Chapel on a regular basis on Sunday afternoons. It is good to offer our beautiful space for their worship.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be a series of prayer services taking place in the town centre churches over the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which starts on Wednesday. These are at 6pm (apart from the Sunday when it's at 6:30pm) as follows:

Wednesday 18th Orthodox Community @ St Nics

Thursday 19th: Salvation Army

Friday 20th: URC

Sunday 22nd Joint Service @ St Nics

Monday 23rd: Holy Trinity

Tuesday 24th: Methodists @

Wednesday 25th: St Nics

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.

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.

URC Walking Group

The Walking Group is meeting on Monday 30th January, 9:45 for 10 am from the Seahorse at Shalford; please contact Trevor Jones on htjones.raildev@gmail.com as soon as possible to book a lunch or just turn up to walk, probably upstream to the road bridge and back along the towpath as far as the St.Catherine's footbridge, depending on the weather! All are welcome.

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.childrensociety.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

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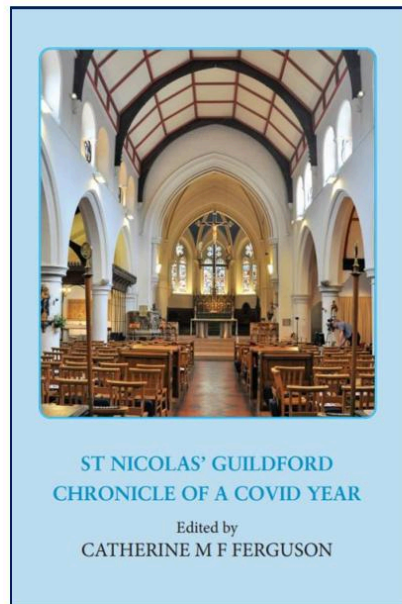
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Based around the contributions of 46 members of St Nicolas' who wrote about their response to the 'Covid Year', March 2020 to April 2021. These first-hand accounts form the core of the book and are set in a national context. They provide a powerful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

£10 per copy (proceeds to St Nics)

Free to all contributors

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THIS WEEK

15th – 22nd January 2023

Sunday

EPIPHANY II

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group *Quiz: Two Teams*

Wednesday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

12:30 pm Funeral Service for Richard Rhydderch

6 pm Prayer Service for the Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity

Thursday

9:00 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 III

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

6:30 pm Joint Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity