

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 Mass with Junior Church
6:30 pm Joint Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity service

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: *Tarina More*
Intercessor: *Rory Fenner*
Chalice Assistant: *Jana Phillips*
Sidespeople: *Patrick Andrew,*
Gill Williams
Coffee: *Jo Radley, Pauline May*

Next Week

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

On Duty @ 10 am

Reader: *David Sharpin*
Intercessor: *Caroline Coleman*
Chalice Assistant: *Andrew Rustell*
Sidespeople: *David Greenwood,*
Tarina More
Coffee: *Angela & Fran Greenwood,*
Debs Tizard

Live Streaming Links

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

10 am Mass: https://youtu.be/RpgX8_NplrA

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

Music

Processional Hymn: **415** *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

Mass Setting: *Dom Gregory Murray*

Gradual Hymn: **391** *King of glory, King of peace*

Offertory Hymn: **56** *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

Voluntary: *Postlude on How brightly shines the Morning Star – Robert A Hobby*

Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

I Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Colleen, Greta, Graham, Eileen and Holly.

The recently departed

Andrew Prowse and Pauline Plummer.

The Year's Mind falling this week

Philip Charsley, Peggy Fletcher, Ernest John Richard Chown (priest), Phyllis Beryl Kennedy, Frances Mary Jones and Dion Murray-Jones.

Notices for the week

This week's services, readings & intentions

M		Mark 3:22-30	
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 3:31-end	Frances de Sales
W	09:00 Morning Prayer 18:00 Week of Prayer service	Matt.19:27-end	Conversion of Paul
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

Lunch this Friday

Our Monthly Lunch in aid of USPG and St Nicolas returns on Friday and we thank the team for their hard work in giving us the opportunity to come together over good food in good company for a good cause. We hope to see you there. 11:30am – 1:30pm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The prayer services taking place in the town centre churches over the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continue this week. These are at 6pm (apart from today when it's at 6:30pm) as follows:

Sunday 22nd Joint Service @ St Nics

Monday 23rd: Holy Trinity

Tuesday 24th: Methodists @ St Mary's

Wednesday 25th: St Nics

Lunchtime Concerts during Lent

Again, as last year, St Nic's will be hosting lunch-time concerts in the church each Friday during Lent: 24 February, and 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 March. The free concerts begin at 1pm and last approximately thirty minutes. A simple home-made hot lunch is available in the Hall preceding the concerts, although the public may also bring their own lunch to eat during the music, refreshing both body and soul. We are very fortunate to present some outstanding musicians. Kate Lowe, mezzo-soprano and Daniel Mahoney, classical guitar and tenor, are known to many of us as they are professional Foundation Singers in St Nic's choir. Other performers include Samantha Barnhart, a superb orchestral trumpeter, who played for services at St Nic's last Christmas and twice in the autumn, and Georgia Morse, a brilliant freelance cellist living in London. Watch for further details on our website, Pews News, and the March Newsletter and come with your friends to enjoy an absolute treat.

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.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

St Nicolas' is a member of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry.

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- Give One-Off amounts by Credit/Debit cards and Apple/Google pay wallets
- Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit
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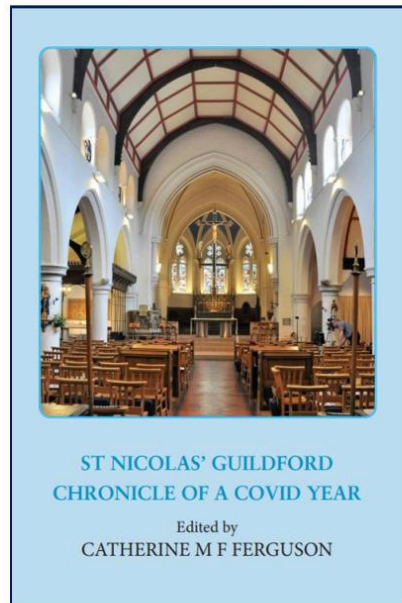
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Based around the contributions of 46 members of St Nicolas' who wrote about their response to the 'Covid Year', March 2020 to April 2021. These first-hand accounts form the core of the book and are set in a national context. They provide a powerful 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

22nd - 29th January 2023

Sunday

EPIPHANY III

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

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

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group

Music to my ears: Individual contributions

Wednesday 9:00 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

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

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch in the Hall

Saturday

Sunday

EPIPHANY IV

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church