

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 29 January

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: David Sharpin

Intercessor: Caroline Coleman

Chalice Assistant: Andrew Rustell

Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Tarina More

*Coffee: Angela & Fran Greenwood,
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Next Week 5 February

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

6:30 pm Choral Evensong

On Duty @ 10 am

Reader: David Greenwood

Intercessor: Hilary Fletcher

Chalice Assistant: Linda Sharpin

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, Paul Gabriel

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, John Vines

Live Streaming Links

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

10 am Mass: https://youtu.be/_Flv7xYIRPw

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

Music

Processional Hymn: **377** *Immortal, invisible*

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Psalm 36:5-10

Response: **For with you is the well of life**

Gradual Hymn: **370** *Help us, O Lord, to learn*

Offertory Hymn: *I come with joy*

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound
We'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world,
We'll live and speak his praise.

Anthem: *Laudate Pueri – Felix Mendelssohn*

Laudate pueri Dominum, Laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum ex hoc, nunc ambulat in saecula.

Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

Voluntary: *Grave and Allegro Maestoso, Organ Sonata No 2 – Felix Mendelssohn*

Readings

I Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and

your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

I Corinthians 1:18-31

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. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Colleen, Greta, Graham, Eileen and Holly.

The recently departed

Sylvia Jenner.

The Year's Mind falling this week

Phyllis Beryl Kennedy, Frances Mary Jones, Dion Murray-Jones Roger Howland, Clare Wickenden and Phyllis Morse.

Notices for the week

This week's services, readings & intentions

M		Mark 5:1-20	Charles
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 5:21-end	<i>John Bosco</i>
W	09:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Mass	Mark 6:1-6a	<i>Brigid</i>
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 2:22-40	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
F	09:30 School Candlemas Service 11:00 Mass	Mark 6:14-29	Anskar
Sat	16:00-18:00 Messy Church @GURC	Mark 6:30-34	<i>Gilbert</i>
Sun	08:30 Prayer Book Mass 10:00 Mass with Junior Church 18:30 Choral Evensong	Luke 2:22-40	Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Walsingham Pilgrimage

St. Nicolas' annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is booked for 26th - 28th May 2023 and the cost to attend is £162.00 per pilgrim. Anyone wanting to go on the pilgrimage needs to put their name on the list in the Parish Office and pay their £10.00 deposit money to Cath Anderson by Sunday 19th February. We would love to have new pilgrims come with us, so anyone wanting to find out more, please talk to Father Neil, Andrew Rustell or Philip Hooper.

Tuesday Group

This Tuesday, Jana will be giving a talk entitled 'Floating Around Britain'. The meeting starts at 10am and lasts for about an hour. Visitors are particularly welcome at this meeting.

Lent Lunchtimes

This Lent we begin our journey of faith with Mass at 11am. This will be followed by a musical reflection offered in church – more detail below. Having fed ourselves spiritually and musically, we will then fill our tummies at

lunch and, so sated, have an opportunity to reflect on the Stations of the Cross as our Lenten discipline. This will run from Friday 24th February to Friday 31st March. *Fr Neil*

The free concerts begin at 1pm and last approximately thirty minutes. 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. *Rick*

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 this 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

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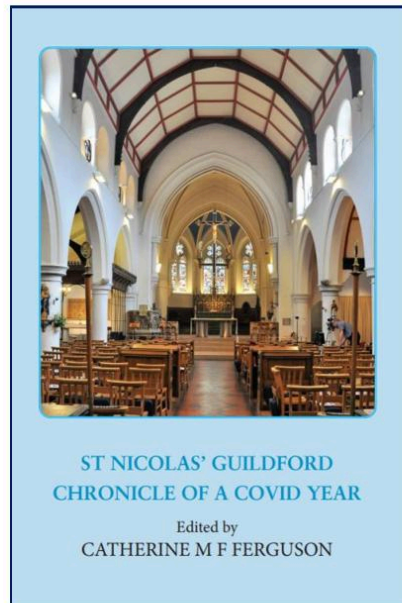
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Based around the contributions of 46 members of St Nicolas' who wrote about their response to the 'Covid Year', March 2020 to April 2021. These first-hand accounts form the core of the book and are set in a national context. They provide a powerful 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

29th January – 5th February 2023

Sunday

EPIPHANY IV

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

Monday

Tuesday

9 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group

Guest Speaker: Floating Around Britain

7:30 pm PCC Meeting in Church

Wednesday

9 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

12 pm Mass

Thursday

9 am Morning Prayer

Friday

9:30 am Morning Prayer

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

11 am Mass

Saturday

4 pm – 6 pm Messy Church

Sunday

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

6:30 pm Choral Evensong