

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 having a break for the half term holiday but will be back in two weeks' time. 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.

Our collection today



**DISASTERS
EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE**

Our collection this morning will go to the DEC's Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. The UK Government will match pound-for-pound up to £5 million donated by the public to this appeal.

Donations can be made by cash in the collection or by our card reader at the back of church. If you want to give yourself online, the link is <https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign/a056900002PonQFAAZ>

This Week / Next Week

This Week 12 February
8:30 am Prayer Book Mass
10 am Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Shirley Aston

Intercessor: Linda Sharpin

Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Daniel Vines

Coffee: Jana Phillips, Tarina More

Next Week 19 February
10 am Sung Mass with Fr Nick

On Duty @ 10 am

Reader: Hilary Fletcher

Intercessor: Philip Hooper

Chalice Assistant: Andrew Rustell

Sidespeople: Sally Lowe, Gill Williams

Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines

Music

Processional Hymn: **238** *New every morning*

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Gradual Hymn: **467** *Through all the changing scenes of life*

Offertory Hymn: **258** *O Christ the same*

Voluntary: Prelude to a Te Deum – Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Live Streaming Links

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

10 am Mass: <https://youtube.com/live/YbXWANplj2U>

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

Readings

Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea

and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth,



everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’

Those who have asked for our prayers

Colleen, Greta, Graham, Eileen, Holly and Anne.

The recently departed

Sylvia Jenner, Robert Reiss (priest).

Notices for the week

This week's services, readings & intentions

M		Mark 8:11-13	
T		Mark 8:14-21	Cyril & Methodius <i>Valentine</i>
W		Mark 8:22-26	<i>Sigfrid; Thomas Bray</i>
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 8:27-33	
F	09:30 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Mark 8:34-9:1	Janani Luwum
Sat		Mark 9:2-13	
Sun	10:00 Sung Mass *	Matt.17:1-9	Next before Lent

* no 8:30 Mass this week

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 next 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.

Confession or Reconciliation of the Penitent

I wanted to write to remind us all that the Sacrament of Confession continues to be available for those who might seek it. Confession, or to give it its full name, *The Reconciliation of the Penitent* is an important part of our tradition. This sacramental encounter is an opportunity to call to mind all that weighs us down and be reassured of the forgiveness of God. A few of us do make use of this ministry with me and some with a Spiritual Director. There is no confessional box (any more!), but there is an opportunity to reflect in advance of the conversation with me anything which might be causing worry, and then in the Confession itself, there is an opportunity to pray together and ask for God's relief and blessing. There is an information leaflet at the back of the

church if this might be of interest to you and you can chat with me, too, of course.

Help with Recycling

You will see that our recycling facilities in the narthex are very popular and some fill up fast! The contents have to be taken to be recycled – I am happy to continue to take the soft plastics to Tesco, but would really appreciate help in taking the medicine blister packs to Superdrug in the High Street. Their recycling bin is at the back, next to the pharmacy. If you are able, might I ask you occasionally please to fill a carrier bag and take some with you? They're not heavy! Many thanks. *Cath*

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*

Coffee will be served from 10:30am and Lunch from 11:30am-1:30pm.

11am Mass

11:45am Concert

12:15pm Lunch

1pm Stations of the Cross

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*

Flowers In Memory



Would you like flowers in church in memory of a loved one at a particular time of the year? I would like to suggest that after Easter we give people the opportunity to sponsor the flowers, perhaps for the shrines, on a specified Sunday. This can be anonymous or noted in the Pews News. If you would like to do this, please sign up on the list in the narthex. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or card reader. *Fr Neil*

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 February is Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care



Phyllis Tuckwell is the only Hospice Care service for adults and their families living with cancer of another terminal illness across the whole of West Surrey. Their Hospice Care is

provided through Living Well services, Hospice Care at Home and the In-Patient Unit. In addition they provide counselling for patients and families and bereavement support to both adults and children. Every day they need to raise over £25,000 to provide their services free of charge to their patients and their families, so do please support them. Donations can be made in the wallbox in the narthex or ask to use the card reader.

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care
...because every day is precious

2023 open GARDENS
in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell

Do you love your garden?

Why not open your garden to friends and family, or join our public 2023 Open Gardens campaign, and help raise money for local hospice care.

It doesn't matter how big or small your garden is, if you are passionate and think your garden has quality, interest or is distinctively unique, then we'd love you to join our 2023 Open Gardens. Be part of something special and help us turn your passion for your garden into compassionate care for local patients and families.

To find out more and to arrange a garden visit by our team please call 01252 729446 or email fundraising@pth.org.uk

Find us on: Phyllis Tuckwell, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 6BL
Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice Ltd. Registered Number: 1002020. Registered Charity Number 264501

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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.

The service allows you to:

- Give One-Off amounts by Credit/Debit cards and Apple/Google pay wallets
- Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit
- Sign up to inflation-linked giving annually
- Enhance your gift by having Gift Aid at 25% added to your giving
- Give securely and donate anonymously, if you prefer

Scan the QR Code which will take you direct to our page on their website

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/guildford-st-nicolas-guildford/>



Existing contributors can now easily activate their account and manage their account online too <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/my-pgs/>



Dear Cath,

We wanted to write to you to say a Huge Thank You for all the wonderful Hampers that St. Nicolas gave at Christmas time !!

Please do thank all those involved in donating and putting them together.

We were able to give them to women who were staying in a Women's Hostel over Christmas.

They were all so very grateful.

So thank you so much again!

So very much appreciated!

Simon

On behalf of Guildford Besom



Are you passionate about children's wellbeing and mental health? Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child here in Guildford, helping to build their self-esteem and resilience?

Our 'School Transition Project' needs your help in supporting children who are struggling with the transition from Primary to Secondary School.

Can you spare two hours a week to be a coach to a young person?

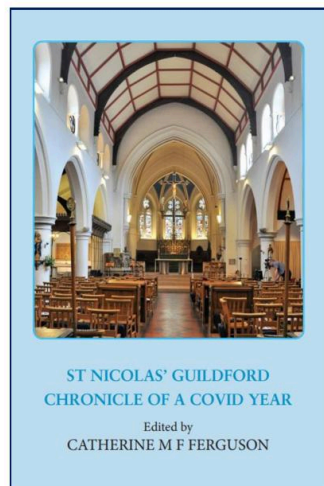
If you are interested please contact Harriet Dewey for more information.

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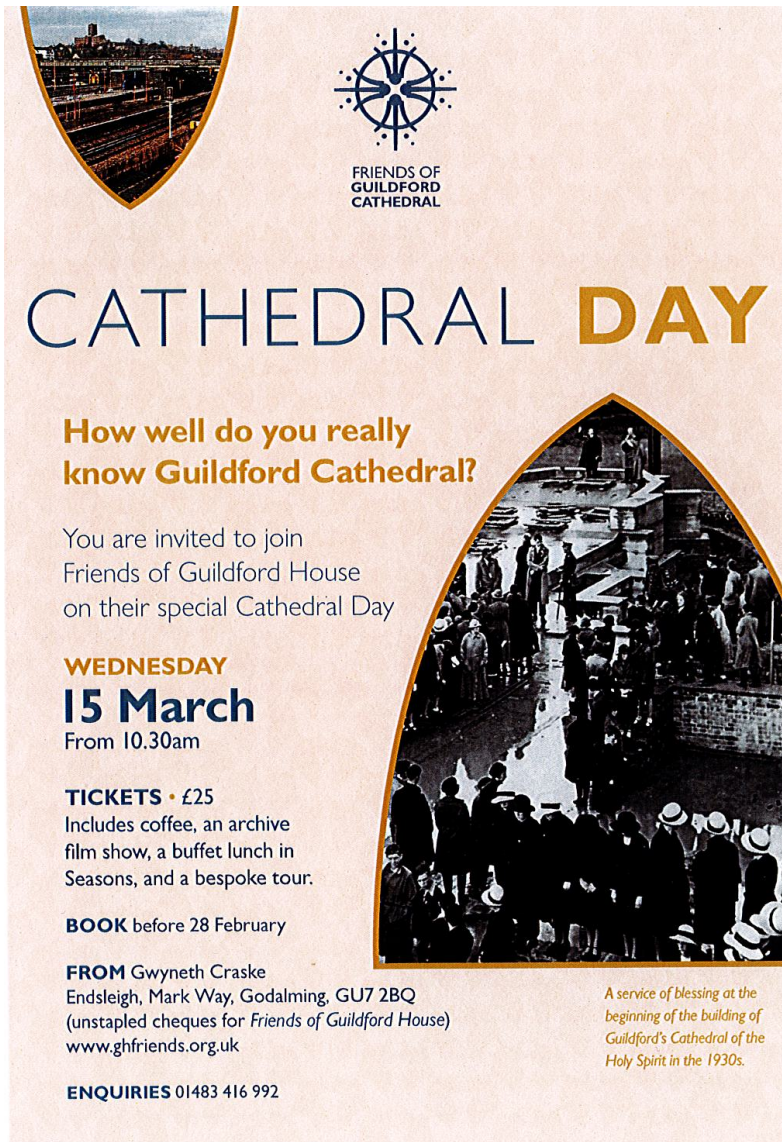



Based around the contributions of 46 members of St Nicolas' who wrote about their response to the 'Covid Year', March 2020 to April 2021. These first-hand accounts form the core of the book and are set in a national context. They provide a powerful record of a challenging time of pandemic and interregnum,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

£10 per copy (proceeds to St Nics)

Free to all contributors

For a copy contact: Parish Office or Catherine Ferguson
c.m.f.ferguson@btinternet.com




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CATHEDRAL DAY

How well do you really know Guildford Cathedral?

You are invited to join Friends of Guildford House on their special Cathedral Day

WEDNESDAY
15 March
From 10.30am

TICKETS • £25
Includes coffee, an archive film show, a buffet lunch in Seasons, and a bespoke tour.

BOOK before 28 February

FROM Gwyneth Craske
Endsleigh, Mark Way, Godalming, GU7 2BQ
(unstapled cheques for Friends of Guildford House)
www.ghfriends.org.uk

ENQUIRIES 01483 416 992

A service of blessing at the beginning of the building of Guildford's Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in the 1930s.

BBC Radio at Guildford Cathedral

Tuesday 7th March 5:30pm

The BBC will be recording a service that will be broadcast on Mothering Sunday. The service will last an hour and the Cathedral cordially invite you to attend as a member of the congregation. Please arrive at 5pm and be seated by 5:15pm.

Wednesday 8th March 4pm

The BBC will be broadcasting Evensong live on Radio 3. The service will last an hour and the Cathedral cordially invite you to attend as a member of the congregation. Please arrive at 3:30pm and be seated by 3:45pm.

Electoral Roll Revision

Our Church Electoral Roll is being revised by the PCC beginning on Sunday 26th February and ending on Sunday 12th March.

What is the Electoral Roll? In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in elections, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the parochial church council (PCC). Being on the Electoral Roll doesn't make you a "member" of the church; simply regarding St Nicolas' as your spiritual home does that.

Do I have to join? You can, of course, be a full and active member of St Nicolas' without joining the Roll. Being on it doesn't entail signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the church show its strength. Representation on the governing bodies of the church (synods) depends on the number on the Electoral Roll.

Do I qualify for the Roll? To apply for the Electoral Roll you must be aged 16 or over, be baptised and be a member of the Church of England. You must either live in parish or have attended St Nicolas' regularly for at least 6 months.

Why join the Electoral Roll? Joining the Electoral Roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to St Nicolas' community and to the vision of the church. But it also opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church of England. By joining, you become entitled to participate in the government of the church and to vote at the APCM, where the elections take place for the PCC and the parish's representatives on the deanery synod.

In addition, those who live outside the parish but are on the Electoral Roll enjoy all the rights and privileges that go with being resident in the parish (eg baptisms and weddings).

Numbers are important in the present climate in which the Church of England needs to be aware of the commitment of its people. Church morale is affected by statistics and while it would be wrong to inflate the significance of the Roll it would be a missed opportunity to ignore it.

Joining the roll is an important statement of witness and a step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in our local area and across the Diocese. **If you're a regular at St Nicolas', you should be on the electoral roll! See Fr Neil or Cath for an application form.**

THIS WEEK

12th – 19th February 2023

Sunday SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Mass

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday 10 am Café Play

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

Sunday SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

10 am Sung Mass

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts

01483 504895 rector@saintnics.com

Parish Office

Tuesday 13:30–18:00 * Thursday 08:30–18:00

please note that the Parish Office will not be open this Friday

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