



## 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 this week and will meet in the hall, coming back in at the end of the service. 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** 26 February  
8:30 am Prayer Book Mass  
10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

**Next Week** 5 March  
8:30 am Prayer Book Mass  
10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church  
6:30 pm Choral Evensong

#### On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Angela Goodwin  
Intercessor: David Greenwood  
Chalice Assistant: Catherine Ferguson  
Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew,  
Rory Fenner  
Coffee: Lizzie Evans, Sarah Faulkner

#### On Duty @ 10 am

Reader: John Vines  
Intercessor: Rory Fenner  
Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith  
Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, James Wix  
Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Gill Williams

### Music

Processional Hymn: **393** *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*  
Mass Setting: Merbecke (**NEH 542**)  
Psalm 51:10-12 (choir) Setting by N & B Muskrat  
Gradual Hymn: **67** *Forty days and forty nights*  
Offertory Hymn: **383** *Jesu, Lover of my soul*  
Anthem: Call to remembrance – *Richard Farrant*  
Voluntary: *Durch Adams fall ist ganz verderbt* – *Johann Pachelbel*

### Live Streaming Links

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

10 am Mass: <https://youtube.com/live/4Rjg0uwX0bY>

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

## Readings

### **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### **Romans 5:12-19**

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

### **Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the

kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### **Those who have asked for our prayers**

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

### **The recently departed**

Sylvia Jenner, Robert Reiss (priest).

### **Sylvia Jenner**

The funeral of our friend Sylvia will take place here on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2:30pm.

### **Notices for the week**

#### **This week's services, readings & intentions**

|     |  |                |                       |
|-----|--|----------------|-----------------------|
| M   |  | Matt.25:31-end | George Herbert        |
| T   | 09:00 Morning Prayer   | Matt.6:7-15    |                       |
| W   | 12:00 Mass   | Luke 11:29-32  | David<br>Ember Day    |
| T   | 09:00 Morning Prayer<br>14:30 Funeral Service for<br>Sylvia Jenner                       | Matt.7:7-12    | Chad                  |
| F   | 09:30 Morning Prayer<br>11:00 Mass<br>13:00 Stations of the Cross                        | Matt.5:20-26   | Ember Day             |
| Sat | 16:00-18:00 Messy Church @<br>GURC   | Matt.5:43-end  | Ember Day             |
| Sun | 08:30 Prayer Book Mass<br>10:00 Sung Mass with Junior<br>Church<br>18:30 Choral Evensong | John 3:1-17    | <b>Second of Lent</b> |

### **Lent Lunchtimes**

This Lent we begin our journey of faith with Mass at 11am. This will be followed, from next week, 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. *Fr Neil*

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

11am Mass

11:45am Concert (starting next week – see below)

12:15pm Lunch

1pm Stations of the Cross

Lent reflections booklet available from today. If you'd like to follow the text for our Lent course then copies are available from Fr Neil. £2 per copy.

### **Lunchtime Concerts**

Again, as last year, St Nic's hosts lunch-time concerts in the church each Friday during Lent. The free concerts begin at approximately 11.45, following on from Mass and last approximately thirty minutes. A simple home-made hot lunch is available in the Hall after the concerts.

John Varney, our former organist, will present the first concert on March 3. Then on March 10 and March 17 respectively the offering is Kate Lowe, mezzo-soprano and Daniel Mahoney, classical guitar and tenor. They are known to many of us as they are professional Foundation Singers in St Nic's choir.

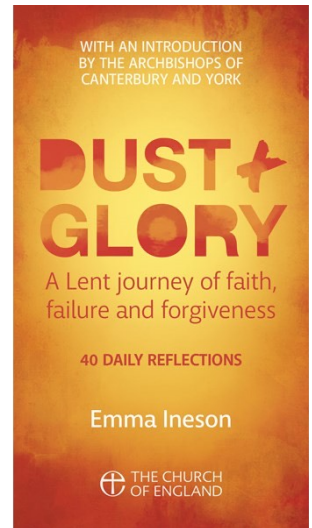
Samantha Barnhart, a superb orchestral trumpeter, who played for services at St Nic's last Christmas and twice in the autumn, presents the concert on March 24, and Georgia Morse, a brilliant freelance cellist living in London plays the final concert on March 31. We are very fortunate to be able to enjoy the talents of such outstanding musicians. Come with your friends to enjoy an absolute treat.

### **Annual Church Meeting and Elections**

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March and notice of elections for churchwardens, PCC and Deanery Synod reps have been posted at the back of church. Do make sure you are on the Electoral Roll (see note later in this Pews News) so that you can take a full part in proceedings.

### **Curry and Questions Night**

Our first Curry & Questions will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the hall for the local curry houses to accommodate us. Delicious homemade curry will be on offer with the opportunity to explore faith in more detail. If you haven't already, please do email the Parish Office if you will be coming – and let us know if you have any particular dietary requirements.





## URC and St Nicolas Easter Chocolates from the Meaningful Chocolate Company



**Dark (RRP £5.50)**

Includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, prize competition and a super thick dark chocolate egg.

**Original**

**Milk (RRP 4.80)**

Includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, prize competition and a super thick milk chocolate egg.

**Easter Blessings or Coronation Milk Chocolate bar 80g £3.00**

**None of these chocolates will be available from supermarkets or Amazon. They are all certified Fairtrade and Palm oil free. The wrapping is plastic-free.**

**They need to be ordered by end of February please.**

## Flowers In Memory

If you would like to sponsor the flowers on a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the list in the narthex. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or card reader.

## DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection two weeks ago. We made a donation of £400 which will be match funded by the Government.

## 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 etc / Meat tins – hot dogs, 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 or 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.

### 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/>

**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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## **Electoral Roll Revision**

Our Church Electoral Roll is being revised by the PCC beginning today and ending on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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! Application forms are at the back of church – please return to the Parish Office.**

# THIS WEEK

**26<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Sunday**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8:30 am** Prayer Book Mass

**10 am** Sung Mass with Junior Church

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**9 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Tuesday Group – “*The Paintbox*”

**Wednesday**

**10 am** Café Play

**12 pm** Mass

**Thursday**

**9 am** Morning Prayer

**2:30 pm** Funeral Service for Sylvia Jenner

**Friday**

**9:30 am** Morning Prayer

**from 10:30 am** Coffee in the Hall

**from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm** Lent Lunch in the Hall

## **Lent Journey of Faith**

**11 am** Mass

**11:45 am** Concert

**12:15 pm** Lunch

**1 pm** Stations of the Cross

**Saturday**

**4 – 6 pm** Messy Church @ GURC

**Sunday**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8:30 am** Prayer Book Mass

**10 am** Sung Mass with Junior Church

**6:30 pm** Choral Evensong