



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 5 March

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

6:30 pm Choral Evensong

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: John Vines

Intercessor: Rory Fenner

Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, James Wix

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Gill Williams

Next Week 12 March

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Beavers & Cubs
Parade & Junior Church

On Duty @ 10 am

Reader: Toby Richardson

Intercessor: A member of the Scout Group

Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Paul Gabriel

Coffee: Jo Radley, Andy Anderson

Music

Processional Hymn: **414** *O for a closer walk with God*

Mass Setting: Merbecke (**NEH 542**)

Psalm 121 (choir) *Lift thine eyes, Elijah* – Felix Mendelssohn

Gradual Hymn: **76** *Take up thy cross*

Offertory Hymn: **72** *My faith looks up to thee*

Anthem: *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* – Richard Farrant

Voluntary: *Jesu, meine Freude* – J S Bach

Live Streaming Links

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

10 am Mass: https://youtube.com/live/JVCV_uHOi-U

6:30 pm Choral Evensong: <https://youtube.com/live/l3rGOzEdPOs>

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

Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Those who have asked for our prayers

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

The Year's Mind

Geoffrey Campion Bateman, Gwendoline Mansel, Sara Turing, Enid Dance, Jean Radley, Laurence Dixon, Ruth Elliott, Kenneth Bryant, Margaret Henwood & Fred Paul Clee.

Notices for the week

This week's services, readings & intentions

M		Luke 6:36-38	
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.23:1-12	Perpetua, Felicity & companions
W	09:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.20:17-28	Edward King; <i>Felix; Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy</i>
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 16:19-end	
F	09:30 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass 13:00 Stations of the Cross	Matt.21:33-43, 45-46	
Sat		Luke 15:1-3, 11-end	
Sun	08:30 Prayer Book Mass 10:00 Sung Mass with Beavers & Cubs Parade & Junior Church	John 4:5-42	Third of Lent

Our Romanian Orthodox Friends

I am delighted to report that our Orthodox brothers and sisters are feeling at home here with us at St Nicolas and by the intercession of St Andrew they have decided to worship here weekly, not monthly - such was their strength in numbers and faith. Praise God! And so, from today on, you will see our Romanian Orthodox community worshipping in the Parish Church after Mass. Do continue to make them welcome. *Fr Neil*



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. *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

10th March Kate Lowe, mezzo-soprano

17th March Daniel Mahoney, classical guitar and tenor

Both Kate and Daniel are known to many of us as they are professional Foundation Singers in our choir

24th March Samantha Barnhart, trumpeter

Samantha played for services at St Nic's last Christmas and twice in the autumn

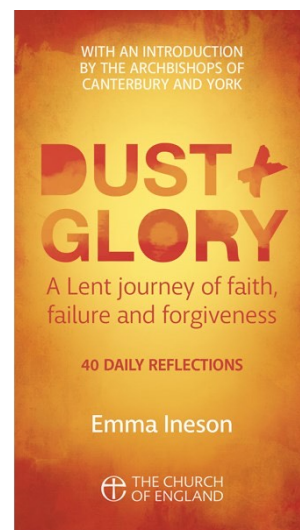
31st March Georgia Morse, cellist

Annual Church Meeting and Elections

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after Mass on Sunday 26th 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 **this Thursday 9th March** in the hall, starting at 7:30pm. Delicious homemade curry will be on offer with the opportunity to explore The Bible – what is it? Is it the word of God? Does it have authority? 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. The charge will be £10. Please bring your own alcohol if you wish – there will be some soft drinks provided.



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.

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.

Lent Appeal 2023



Our Good Cause for March and April is the Bishop of Guildford's Lent Appeal

Bishop Andrew is asking parishes and individuals to contribute this Lent to worthwhile causes at home and abroad in this year's Lent Appeal. Firstly to help the many thousands made homeless by the disastrous earthquake in Syria and Turkey and nearer to home to those who live in pockets of deprivation within the Diocese who are struggling with the effects of inflation, soaring fuel bills and strains on our public services.

Half of the donations will go to Turkey and Syria via Christian Aid and Tearfund while the other half will be deployed by the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund to help support the isolated and deprived within the Diocese.

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 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! Application forms are at the back of church – please return to the Parish Office.**

THIS WEEK

26th February – 5th March 2023

Sunday **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

6:30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday

Tuesday **9 am** Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Craftwork for All*

Wednesday **9 am** Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday **9 am** Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Curry & Questions

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

Sunday **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Beavers & Cubs Parade & Junior Church