

# Pews News



**12 March 2023**  
**Lent III**

## Today's Mass Notices

### **Children are welcome here**

We are very pleased to welcome our Beavers and Cubs to our slightly shorter service this morning. All children are very welcome every week. Junior Church takes place during term time and it will be back next week for Mothering Sunday. We would love you to join us.

### **Welcome to our friends from GURC**

We are delighted to have you with us this morning and thank you to Wayne for preaching.

### **Making yourself comfortable**

Toilets in the Parish Centre are available throughout the service. Please join us for refreshments in the hall afterwards – lots of young people means cake!

### **This Week / Next Week**

#### **This Week** 12 March

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Beavers  
& Cubs Parade

#### On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Toby Richardson

Intercessor: Benedict Roberts

Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Paul  
Gabriel

Coffee: Jo Radley, Andy Anderson

#### **Next Week** 19 March

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

#### On Duty @ 10 am

Reader: Gill Williams

Intercessor: David Greenwood

Chalice Assistant: Jana Phillips

Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Daniel Vines

Coffee: Andy Anderson, Lloyd Dunkley

### **Music**

Processional Hymn: **362** *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Gradual Hymn: **337** *As pants the hart*

Offertory Hymn: *Asking for a cup of water*

*Asking for a cup of water, Jesus touched forbidden ground;  
And the woman, with a question, told the world what she had found.  
Eat this bread and never hunger, drink this cup and never thirst;  
Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.*

Walking down a desert highway, Jesus healed a man born blind;  
Soon the man became a witness to the truth we seek and find.  
*Eat this bread and never hunger, drink this cup and never thirst;  
Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.*

Weeping for his friend at graveside, Jesus felt the pain of death;  
Yet he knew God's power to waken: living water, living breath.  
*Eat this bread and never hunger, drink this cup and never thirst;  
Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.*

Daniel Charles Damon, b 1955

Closing Hymn: **437** *Praise! The Lord ye heavens, adore him*

Voluntary: *Sollt ich meinem Gott nicht singen?* – *Siegfried Karg-Elert*

## **Live Streaming Links**

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

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

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

## **Reading**

### **John 4:5-15**

Jesus came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon. A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.) The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be seen talking to Samaritans.) Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water." The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?" Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever." The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!"

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

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

### **The Year's Mind**

Judith Ellis and Cyril Kidder.

## Ministry of Healing and Anointing with Holy Oil after Mass today

A reminder that after Mass, and before coffee, you are welcome to come to the Lady Chapel before coffee and receive the ministry of healing and anointing with oil should you wish to. Please come into the Lady Chapel one at a time for this sacramental ministry. *Fr Neil*

### Notices for the week

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

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| M   |  | Luke 4:24-30   |  |
| T   | 09:00 Morning Prayer   | Matt.18:21-end |  |
| W   | 09:00 Morning Prayer   | Matt.5:17-19   |  |
| T   | 09:00 Morning Prayer   | Luke 11:14-23  |  |
| F   | 09:30 Morning Prayer<br>11:00 Mass<br>13:00 Stations of the Cross                                      | Mark 12:28-34  | Patrick  |
| Sat |  | Luke 18:9-14   | Cyril  |
| Sun | 08:30 Prayer Book Mass<br>10:00 Sung Mass with Junior Church<br>13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy | Luke 2:33-35   | <b>Fourth of Lent</b><br><b>Mothering Sunday</b> |

#### 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. The revised Electoral Roll is on display from today.

#### Lent Lunchtimes

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

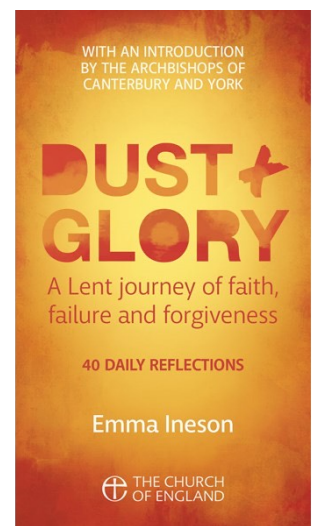
11am Mass

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

12:15pm Lunch

1pm Stations of the Cross

Lent reflections booklet available for £2 per copy. *Fr Neil*



## Lunchtime Concerts

17<sup>th</sup> March Daniel Mahoney, classical guitar and tenor

*Daniel is one of our professional Foundation Singers in our choir*

24<sup>th</sup> March Samantha Barnhart, trumpeter

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

31<sup>st</sup> March Georgia Morse, cellist

## Tuesday Group

This week Tuesday Group welcome an outside speaker, Sue Shuttleworth, to tell them about an area of study which particularly interests her and with which she has family connections. Her talk is entitled "Portsmouth Roller Rinks 1875-1954". Visitors are especially welcome on this occasion.

## 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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## Beavers at the Fire Station

Our Beavers enjoyed a trip to the Fire Station on Wednesday. They learned all about how to call the emergency services, what to do if there is a fire at home and how to nag their parents to regularly check their smoke detectors! After touring the back areas of the station – kitchen, gym, dormitories etc – they had a good look at the fire engines, hearing about all the equipment they use. They were promised a seat in the fire engine and to play with the hoses ..... BUT a call came in and the engines had to race off to a fire! The Beavers quickly exited the garage as the firefighters jumped into their boots and kit. They raced upstairs and were able to watch them heading off with sirens blaring and lights flashing.



# THIS WEEK

**12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Sunday**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8:30 am** Prayer Book Mass

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

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**9 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Tuesday Group

*Guest Speaker "Portsmouth Roller Rinks 1875-1954"*

**Wednesday** **9 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Café Play

**Thursday** **9 am** Morning Prayer

**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**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Mothering Sunday**

**8:30 am** Prayer Book Mass

**10 am** Sung Mass with Junior Church

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy