



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 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. Please join us for refreshments in the hall afterwards – we rely on donations to fund our refreshments, so they are welcome in the bowl on the counter.

This Week / Next Week

This Week 26 March

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

Next Week 2 April

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Donkey-led Procession to GURC for Palm Sunday Service

On Duty @ 10am

Preacher: David Greenwood

Reader: Wendy Gabriel

Intercessor: Shirley Aston

Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Tarina More, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Lizzie Evans, Sarah Faulkner

On Duty @ 10 am

*Stewards: David Greenwood & volunteers
please*



Music

Processional Hymn: **94** *We sing the praise of Him who died*

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

Psalm 130 (choir) – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Translation from Latin:

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee, therefore shalt thou be feared.

I Look for the Lord, my soul wait for him, in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord, before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy and with him
is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Gradual Hymn: **83** *Glory be to Jesus*

Offertory Hymn: **86** *My song is love unknown*

Anthem: Jesus, so lowly – *Harold Friedell*

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth:
Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely weary and sad;
Teach me that only Love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale;
Be this the token Love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;
Teach me how glorious death is to be.

Edith Williams

Voluntary: Setting of the Passion Chorale – *Johannes Brahms*

Live Streaming Links

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

10 am Mass: <https://youtube.com/live/GVrnj0U9BPo>

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

Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to

God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

John 11:1-45

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It

was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Those who have asked for our prayers

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

The Year's Mind

Iain Davidson, Derek John Sayer (priest), Robert John Stares, Hilary Elston, Bill Cox, Susan Ann More and Tony Raynes.

Palm Sunday

There will be an 8:30am Mass here for those who wish to make their communion. At 10am we will meet outside St Nicolas' where we will also meet the donkey! The palm crosses will be blessed and we will then process, following the donkey, to Guildford URC for a communion service there. If you can help with stewarding the procession, please let Darrol or Cath know. We hope the donkey will join us for the service at the URC, if co-operative!

Junior Church will start at 10am with the donkey, but do join us at 9:45am for a coffee and biscuit first. After Junior Church, if you wish, you're welcome to process to the URC where we will join the congregation for Holy Communion.

Very exciting news!

I am delighted to announce that we have a curate who will be joining us from July. His name is Alistair and he is married to Carrie and they have two small children. Read all about him in the April Newsletter. *Fr Neil*

Annual Church Meeting and Elections

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after Mass TODAY. This will be in the hall so grab a cup of coffee – we should be ready to start promptly at 11:45am. If you are unable to be with us in person, the Zoom link to join the meeting is:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81767473508?pwd=SHVSWXNOVWFrclludktLaH
BidU4wQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81767473508?pwd=SHVSWXNOVWFrclludktLaHBidU4wQT09)

Meeting ID: 817 6747 3508

Passcode: 501924

This week's services, readings & intentions

M		John 8:1-11	
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	John 8:21-30	
W	09:00 Morning Prayer	John 8:31-42	
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	John 8:51-end	
F	09:30 Morning Prayer		<i>John Donne</i>
	11:00 Mass	John 10:31-end	
	13:00 Stations of the Cross		
Sat	16:00 Messy Church @ GURC	John 11:45-end	<i>Frederick Denison Maurice</i>
Sun	08:30 Prayer Book Mass		Fifth of Lent
	10:00 Donkey-led Procession to GURC for Palm Sunday Service		<i>Passiontide begins</i>
	13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy		

Lent Lunchtimes

It is our last Lent Lunch next week. 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

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

Our final musical treat will be provided by the cellist Georgia Morse.

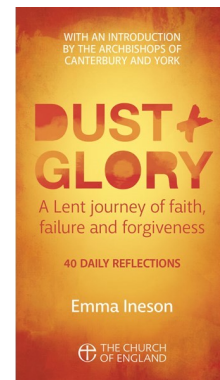
Lenten Podcasts

If you are looking for some spiritual food this Lent and can't make Stations of the Cross on a Friday, I do commend the former Bishop of London's Lenten podcasts. Here is the link to these short audio reflections (around 15 mins long) on the themes of Faith, Doubt and God. *Fr Neil*

<https://www.pbs.org.uk/lord-chartress-lenten-podcasts/>

Easter Flowers

We would welcome your donations towards the cost of the Easter flowers. You may like to give in memory of a loved one who is no longer with us. Please hand any donations to Fr Neil, Cath or Patrick.



Maundy Thursday Watch

We traditionally keep watch through the night, but need to ensure that there are at least two people in church at any time. So please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Bring your Bells....

.... on Holy Saturday and Easter Day when we will all ring out

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

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, with half the donations going via Christian Aid and Tearfund. 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/>

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

- Monday** **8 pm** Mass – preacher Revd Peter Harwood
- Tuesday** **8 pm** Mass – preacher Revd Peter Harwood
- Wednesday** **8 pm** Mass – preacher Revd Duncan Myers
- Maundy Thursday** **8 pm** Mass of the Last Supper & Stripping of Altars, followed by the Watch through the night
- Good Friday** **1:30 pm** Veneration of the Cross & Devotion
- Holy Saturday** **8:30 pm** Vigil, Holy Fire & First Mass of the Resurrection
- Easter Day** **8:30 am** Easter Communion
- 10 am** High Mass with lighting of the Paschal Candle & Holy Fire

THIS WEEK

26th March – 2nd April 2023

Sunday **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – *Passiontide begins***
8:30 am Prayer Book Mass
10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church followed by APCM
1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday **9 am** Morning Prayer
10 am Tuesday Group - *Cats*

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 **4 pm** Messy Church @ GURC
7:30 pm Chantry Singers Concert

Sunday **PALM SUNDAY**
8:30 am Prayer Book Mass
10 am Donkey-led Procession to Guildford URC
1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Journey to the Cross

Remembering Christ's Sacrifice of Love

An Easter Celebration
at
St Nicolas Church
Bury Street, Guildford
on
Wednesday 5 April 2023
at
2.00pm.

Presented by The Singing Group
of Guildford u3a

There will be a retiring collection for Charity

u3a learn,
laugh,
live