



Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church

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Children are welcome here

Please do not worry about them making noise or moving around – you are here and are welcome. Junior Church is now on summer holiday until 3rd September. There will be children's activities at the back of church instead.

Making yourself comfortable

Kneelers can be found in a box in the narthex or under the back pews. Toilets are available in the Parish Centre. Please join us for refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Services This Month

Sunday 30th July 10:00 Parish Mass

Sunday 6th August 10:00 Parish Mass

Sunday 13th August 10:00 Parish Mass

Saturday 19th August 13:30 Wedding

08:30 Prayer Book Mass on 30th July

13:00 Roman Orthodox Divine Liturgy each Sunday

This week's services, readings & intentions

M	09:30 Holiday Club @ GURC	Matt.12:38-42	
T	09:30 Holiday Club @ GURC	Matt.20:20-28	James the Apostle
W	09:30 Holiday Club @ GURC	Matt.13:1-9	Anne and Joachim
T	09:30 Holiday Club @ GURC	Matt.13:10-17	Brooke Foss Westcott
	10:00 Morning Prayer		
F	09:30 Holiday Club @ GURC	Matt.13:18-23	
	10:00 Morning Prayer		
	11:00 Mass		
Sat		Matt.13:24-30	Mary, Martha & Lazarus
Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)	Matt.13:31-33,	Trinity VIII
	10:00 Parish Mass	44-52	
	13:00 Romanian Orthodox		
	Divine Liturgy		

Today's Service

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) President: The Rector; Preacher: Fr Alistair

**10:00 Parish Mass (CW) President : The Rector;
Preacher: Fr Alistair**

Processional Hymn: 259 Come, ye thankful people, come

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Donald Thompson **Readings:** Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 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.

Gradual Hymn: 140 Holy Spirit, come

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

Intercessions: led by Caroline Coleman



Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Maseno West in the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Children's Society and all those who work for the welfare of children.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Greta, Graham, Holly, Anthony, Adrian and John.

The Year's Mind: Herbert Browne, Michael Hugh Gale, Dorothea Rosamond Smith, Eric Baker, Nicholas Farbridge (priest) and Marjorie Jones.

**Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Post Communion Hymn: The kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
And hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice;
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross;
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry, 'Glory' to God all in all.

Bryn Rees, 1911-1983

Organ Voluntary: War March of the priests – *Felix Mendelssohn*

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Parish Mass: <https://youtube.com/live/i2TsRwLBaI4>

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week 23 July

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

5:30 pm Hymns & Pimms

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Donald Thompson

Intercessor: Caroline Coleman

Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Daniel Vines

Coffee: Andy Anderson, Rory Fenner

Next Week 30 July

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Wendy Gabriel

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Gill Williams

Coffee: Cath Anderson,
Suzanne Rhydderch

This Week's Notices

Hymns & Pimms – this evening @ 5.30pm

Do come back this afternoon to sing favourite hymns and enjoy a glass of Pimms. We will be taking a collection for The Living Organ Project.

Monthly Lunch – this Friday 28th July

Our next Monthly Lunch is on Friday from 11:30am – 1:30pm. We do hope that you can join us for good food, good company and all for a good cause – half the profits go to USPG, our Good Cause for July (see below). Tell your friends!

Salvation Army Foodbank



With rising costs, people need foodbanks even more and people are making fewer donations. The Salvation Army Foodbank is now very low on food. If you are able to support - please select items from the following list and put in the box near the font.

Tinned potatoes - Tinned Veg - Tinned Soup/Cup-a-Soup - Baked beans - Long life milk - Small bottles of squash - Tinned meat (including minced beef, chicken casserole etc) - Pasta sauce/ Curry Sauce/ Pasta bake sauce - Tinned Tomatoes/ Pasata - Crisps - Biscuits - Breakfast bars - Jam/Peanut butter - Tinned Custard / Tinned Rice pudding - Pot Noodles/ InstantNoodles - Toilet Roll - Shower Gel - Shampoo - Deodorant Men & Ladies - Washing up liquid - Cleaning Spray - Washing tablets/ powder - Disposable blue cloths

Our Good Cause for July & August is USPG



We have supported USPG for many years, including part of the monies raised by our Monthly Lunches. USPG is the mission agency of the Anglican Church. In partnership with local churches across the world, much of its work addresses the major injustices of the world today associated with gender, climate, migration, the human rights of indigenous people and inter-religious living. Read more about their many projects around the world work on their website <https://www.uspg.org.uk/>

Donations can be made in the wallbox in the narthex or ask to use the card reader.

Support

To support either the Good Cause or St Nicolas' Church, please make a bank transfer using the details below and use the reference 'Good Cause' or 'St Nicolas'. Thank you.

We are members 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-](https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/guildford-st-nicolas-guildford/)



[parish/guildford-st-nicolas-guildford/](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/>

Heritage Open Day

We are looking for your help on Heritage Open Day, Saturday 9th September, 10am to 4pm. Not only will we be welcoming visitors to our buildings to see how beautiful they are, we are hosting an art exhibition featuring the works of local artists. David Greenwood will be giving a talk about Art



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in British Cathedrals and Catherine Ferguson will be giving a talk on the Art in St Nicolas'. We will be serving refreshments throughout the day.

We will need two stewards on duty throughout the day. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please consider signing up for an hour or so.



Sign up for Walk the Wey – and help the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our diocese

Sponsored walk 16 September 2023

Following the successful Walk the (North Downs) Way sponsored walk two years ago which raised £4,300 help the disadvantaged and vulnerable across the Diocese of Guildford, Bishop Andrew is inviting you and members of your congregation to join him again.

This year we are walking the Wey towpath with walks of varying length starting from West Byfleet, Send and Guildford – to find out more [click on this link](#) where you will find information about the routes, timing and how to sign up.

Bishop Andrew says: 'I'm really looking forward to a great day's walking on Saturday, 16th September, and would love any walkers from across the diocese to join us! The Bishop of Guildford Communities Fund has never been so necessary, at a time when the cost-of-living crisis is making life extremely hard for some of the poorest in our diocese, and many of our churches are reaching out to them with the love of Christ. It'll be good to highlight that work, and raise some money along the way, as we walk and talk together'.

The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund helps to fund parish projects which reach out into the local community to help some of the poorest in our diocese and those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged. Five projects which have recently been given support by the fund can be viewed by going to www.cofeguildford.org.uk/how-the-money-has-helped/

To register an interest in taking part contact claire.isherwood@cofeguildford.org.uk giving your name, parish, mobile number and likely starting point.

THIS WEEK

23rd – 30th July 2023

HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:30AM – 12PM @ GURC

Sunday

TRINITY VII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

5:30 pm Hymns & Pimms

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

from 10:30 am Coffee in the Hall

11 am Mass

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch

Saturday

Sunday

TRINITY VIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Parish Office

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

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