

Pews News

30 July 2023
Trinity VIII



**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 6th August 10:00 Parish Mass

Sunday 13th August 10:00 Parish Mass

Saturday 19th August 13:30 Wedding

Sunday 20th August 10:00 Parish Mass

No 08:30 Prayer Book Mass until Sunday 27th August

13:00 Roman Orthodox Divine Liturgy each Sunday

This week's services, readings & intentions

M	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.13:31-35	<i>Ignatius of Loyola</i>
T	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.13:36-43	
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.13:44-46	
T	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.13:47-53	
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt.13:54-end	<i>Jean-Baptiste Vianney</i>
Sat		Matt.14:1-12	Oswald
Sun	10:00 Parish Mass 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Luke 9:28-36	Transfiguration of Our Lord

Today's Service

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) President & Preacher: The Rector

10:00 Parish Mass (CW) President & Preacher: The Rector

Processional Hymn: 349 Father, we praise thee

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Wendy Gabriel **Readings:** I Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Psalms 5 Lead me Lord – *Will Todd* Ruth Vanni, Soprano

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gradual Hymn: 407 Lord, thy word abideth

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Intercessions: led by Cath Anderson



Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Matana in the Anglican Church of Burundi.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund, that through generous giving, it can help the most disadvantaged in Surrey and North East Hampshire.

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

The Year's Mind: William Gray.

**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: 364 God is Love

Communion Solo: Panis Angelicus – César Franck

Closing Hymn: 250 Saviour, again to thy dear name

Organ Voluntary: Introduction-Choral, *Suite Gothique* – Léon Boëllmann

Live Streaming Links

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

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

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week 30 July

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Wendy Gabriel

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Gill Williams

Coffee: Cath Anderson,

Suzanne Rhydderch

Next Week 6 August

10 am Parish Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Cath Anderson

Intercessor: Rory Fenner

Sidespeople: David Greenwood, James Wix

Coffee: Pauline May, Gill Williams

This Week's Notices

toys FAMILY FUN!

crafts

Free of charge, donations welcome

Wednesday August 9th, 2-4pm at Saint Nicolas Church

Wednesday August 30th, 2-4pm at Guildford URC

games

Come and join us for fun activities, crafts, games and refreshments

children must be accompanied by an adult at this event

for more information contact Nicky
familiesworker@guildfordurc.org.uk
www.guildfordurc.org.uk | www.saintnics.com

Coffee, tea and cake!

Guildford United Reformed Church

ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD

Flowers In Memory

The shrine flowers have been sponsored this week by Hilary Fletcher to mark her and Peter's wedding anniversary this week. If you would like to sponsor flowers on a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion, please sign up on the list in the narthex. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or card reader.

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.

PCC of St Nicolas Sort Code: 60-09-21 Account No: 59904003

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-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 in British Cathedrals and at 2pm 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.



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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

30th July – 6th August 2023

Sunday

TRINITY VIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

10 am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

from 10:30 am Coffee in the Hall

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Parish Office (please note changed hours this week)

Tuesday 09:00 – 15:30 * Thursday 08:15 – 16:15 * Friday 09:00 – 13:00

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