



## 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 meeting in the hall this week and will come back at the end of the service and tell us what they've been doing.

### 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 Parish Centre afterwards.

### This week's services, readings & intentions/parish streets

M		Luke 18:35-end	Edmund <i>Priscilla Lydia Sellon</i> <i>Sandy Lane</i> <i>Scholars Walk</i>
T	10:00 Morning Prayer 14:00 Reception of coffin	Luke 19:1-10	<i>St Catherine's Drive</i> <i>St Catherine's Hill</i>
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:30 Requiem Mass for Vicky Donnelly	Luke 19:11-28	<i>Cecilia</i> <i>Stakescorner Road</i> <i>Testard Road</i>
T	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 19:41-44	<i>Clement</i> <i>The Firs, The Mount</i>
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 19:45-end	<i>The Piccards</i> <i>The Ridges</i>
Sat		Luke 20:27-40	<i>Catherine, Isaac Watts</i> <i>The Valley</i> <i>Turnham Close</i>
Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Mass with Junior Church & the Renewal of Baptismal Vows	Matt.25:14-30	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b>

## Today's Service

**10:00 Parish Mass: President & Preacher: Fr Nick Edwards**

**Processional Hymn: 339** Be thou my vision

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

**Reader:** Rory Fenner **Readings:** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Gradual Hymn:** Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee,  
By thy teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.

Glorious Lord, thyself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding;  
Open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading,  
Hear the cry thy people raises, hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to thee and adoration!

Grant that we thy word may trust and obtain true consolation

While we here on earth await thee, till in heaven with praise we greet thee.

### **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Jesus said to them, Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**Intercessions:** led by David Greenwood

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parish of West Byfleet.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Greta, Graham Henderson, Holly Gregory, Anthony Drake, Chrissie & Gordon Paterson, Fr Adrian, Peter Davis, Joyce, Barbara Nicholls and Anne.

The Recently Departed: Vicky Donnelly, John Finch and Jacky Norman.

The Year's Mind: Richard George Marks.

**Offertory Hymn 500** Thy kingdom come!

The Ministry of Healing will take place in the Lady Chapel after the administration of Holy Communion.

**Closing Hymn 449** Solders of Christ, arise

**Voluntary:** Prelude on Wilhelmus – Jan Zwart

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## Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/vDq6KrCSZbY>

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

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## This Week / Next Week

**This Week** 19 November

10 am Parish Mass with the Ministry of Healing & Junior Church

*On Duty @ 10am*

*Reader: Rory Fenner*

*Intercessor: David Greenwood*

*Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew,  
Daniel Vines*

*Coffee: Lloyd Dunkley, Tarina More*

**Next Week** 26 November

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*On Duty @ 10am*

*Reader: John Vines*

*Intercessor: Donald Thompson*

*Sidespeople: David Greenwood,  
Cath Anderson*

*Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Rory Fenner*

## This Week's Notices

### Vicky Donnelly

The Funeral Mass for Vicky Donnelly will take place at St Nicolas' this Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, at 12:30pm.

### John Finch

John's funeral is to be held at Guildford Crematorium at 11:15am on Monday, December 4th, and afterwards at the Tithe Barn, Loseley Park, which is very nearby. To get to the Tithe Barn, turn left at the Crematorium gates on to the B3000, New Pond Road. After 0.4 miles turn right into Stakescorner Road then follow signs to the visitors car park and the Tithe Barn. If you would like to attend, his sister would be very grateful if you would let her know as soon as possible, for catering numbers. <mailto:patwood99@gmail.com> No flowers, please.



## Jacky Norman

Jacky's funeral is to be held at St Francis' Church, Sidmouth at 12 midday on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and afterwards at The Blue Ball, Sidford. Fr Andrew asks that you let him know if you are able to drop in to the reception. He says "We realise that we are tucked away in the south-west and if you can't manage to be present in person, please do remember Jacky on the day."

## Cleaning Day

We want to ensure that the church is looking at its best on St Nicolas' Day and heading into the Advent/Christmas period. We are therefore holding a cleaning day on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 4pm. All cleaning materials will be provided – you just need to provide yourself and as much elbow grease as you can muster. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing lots of you there – just pop in for the times you are able.

## The Card Shop will be open after Mass today and next Sunday



## URC Festival of Christmas Trees – 10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December

Please take a paper heart this morning and write on it one of two things you like about Christmas and put in the basket at the back of church. The hearts will be incorporated into the decorations they will be making for the St Nicolas' tree for the Festival.

## Christingle – Christmas Eve 3pm and 5pm

We are already looking forward to our very special Christingle Services. Entry is by ticket only and these go 'on sale' (they're free!) this Monday. Book early to avoid disappointment! You can order them on these links:

3pm <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NDkIMy03/t>

5pm <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NDkIMy04/t>



## Besom Hampers



We will once again be putting together hampers of Christmas goodies to be distributed to those in need – single mothers, families in temporary accommodation, people living alone with mental health problems, the elderly and infirm. We delivered 5 huge bags last year and the recipients were so grateful.

Suggested items are: Christmas cakes, mince pies, soups, cereals, honey, jam, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, tinned foods, chocolates, sweets, fruit juices, biscuits, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, washing powder, soaps, shower gel, candles, baubles, napkins, crackers etc. Your donations would be much appreciated – there is a box at the back of church – to be received by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December please. If you would prefer to donate cash so that we can buy what is needed, please see Cath who will be happy to shop for you!



## A message from Emma at School



Disaster has struck! Father Christmas is missing and can't come to our Christmas Fair on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am until 1.00pm. Visiting Santa in his grotto is one of the highlights. Do you know anyone who could help? Please let Laura know at [psa@st-nicolas.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:psa@st-nicolas.surrey.sch.uk)

### Carol Singing

Last Christmas, members of our congregation sang carols at the care homes in our parish, giving joy to people who don't necessarily have a lot of it in their lives. We were very well received and are being welcomed again. The itinerary is:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>: St Catherine's House 3pm; Kathryn's House 4:30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>: Hillier House 4:30pm; Pilgrim Wood 6pm.

If you are able to join in please let David Greenwood know either in person or on 07534 328408 or [david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com](mailto:david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com)

## Faculty Application

The DAC has approved our application to relocate the quire altar to under the mosaic at the rear of the Lady Chapel aisle and the removal of the altar rails. This will be combined with the introduction of a new portable altar, credence table and altar chairs. This will now be considered by the Diocesan Registrar. Please ask at the parish office for more details.

## Salvation Army Foodbank



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/ Pasta - Crisps - Biscuits - Breakfast bars - Jam/Peanut butter - Tinned Custard / Tinned Rice pudding - Pot Noodles/ Instant Noodles - Toilet Roll - Shower Gel - Shampoo - Deodorant Men & Ladies - Washing up liquid - Cleaning Spray - Washing tablets/ powder - Disposable blue cloths

## Our Good Cause for November is SERV Surrey & London



SERV is a charity, made up of entirely volunteers, who transport blood products, urgent samples, along with donated breast milk to hospitals and milk banks across Surrey and London. It also carries out a daily delivery of blood to Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex. Operating day and night, the team consists of motorbike riders, car drivers, controllers etc, from all walks of life. The service they provide is free of charge to the NHS, which releases more money for patient care

Please support this very good cause. 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/>

**Desert Island Discs**  
**St Nicolas' Parish Centre**  
**Friday 24th November**  
**2pm**  
following the Monthly Lunch

Our former Director of Music,  
John Varney, talks about his  
favourite music and his life as  
a church musician



*The* **Chantry**  
*singers*

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

**"Song Rushes In"**  
A New Cantata  
by Euan Tait and Roy Rashbrook  
in joyful celebration  
of choral singing

Plus Haydn's  
Kleine Orgelsolomesse

St. Nicolas Church, Guildford  
Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2023  
7.30 p.m.



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**GUILDFORD AREA u3a**  
**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT**

**Wednesday 13th December 2023**  
**2.00 pm at St. Nicolas Church,**  
**Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW**

**Carols, readings and festive choral music**  
by  
**Guildford u3a Choir**  
**Singing for Fun Group**  
**The Instrumental Ensemble**

**All Welcome - Admission Free**



**Retiring collection in aid of charity**



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**Music and Readings  
for Advent and  
Christmas**

**Saturday, 16th December 2023  
6:30pm**  
**St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street,  
Guildford, GU2 4AW**

**Conductor : Nicholas O'Neill**

**Tickets:**  
Online in advance £15 (Students £8.50)  
from [www.occamsingers.co.uk/Xmas2023](http://www.occamsingers.co.uk/Xmas2023)  
On the door £17

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MONDAY 18 AT 7:00 PM  
2023**

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**Surrey Care Trust**

**SEARCHING FOR HOME**

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS  
ON THE GOD WHO  
WELCOMES EVERYONE**

**ST. MARY'S GUILDFORD GU1 3UP**

**Thursdays: 12.15 for 12.30**

**30 November: Leaving Home – Wayne Hawkins**

**7 December: Fleeing Home – Anna Carrington**

**14 December: Carrying Home – Adam Payne**

**CAROLS AT LUNCHTIME**

**21 December: Finding home – Andrew Wheeler**

**The Reflections will be followed by a Bread & Soup lunch**

 **St Mary's  
Church**



# THIS WEEK

**19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## **Sunday**

### **TRINITY XXIV**

**10 am** Parish Mass with the Ministry of Healing  
& Junior Church

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

## **Monday**

## **Tuesday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Tuesday Group - *Guest Speaker*

**2 pm** Reception of Coffin

## **Wednesday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Café Play

**12:30 pm** Requiem Mass for Vicky Donnelly

## **Thursday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

## **Friday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10:30 am – 1:30 pm** Coffee Shop & Monthly Lunch (from  
11:30am) in the Hall

**11 am** Mass

**2 pm** Desert Island Discs talk

## **Saturday**

**7:30 pm** Chantry Singers Concert

## **Sunday**

### **CHRIST THE KING**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Parish Mass with the Junior Church & Renewal of  
Baptismal Vows

**5 pm** Corra Sound & Emma Johnson Concert

# Looking Ahead

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November CHRIST THE KING**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Parish Mass with Junior Church & the Renewal of Baptismal Vows

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December ADVENT SUNDAY**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Parish Mass with Junior Church

**6:30 pm** Advent Sunday Service

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December ST NICOLAS' DAY**

**6 pm** Patronal Festival Mass with the Cathedral Choir followed by cheese & wine

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10 am** Parish Mass with the Ministry of Healing & Junior Church

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**11 am** Service of Lessons & Carols followed by mulled wine & mince pies



### **YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Monthly Lunch followed by John Varney's Desert Island Discs

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – St Nicolas' Day Mass with the Cathedral Choir, followed by cheese & wine

### **Parish Office**

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

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# *Carols by Candlelight*

*Surrey Hills*  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERTS

*An evening of seasonal songs with Surrey Hills choirs  
featuring A Ceremony of Carols*

*7pm, Sunday 10th December  
St. Nicolas' Church, Bury St., Guildford. GU2 4AW*

*Tickets: Adults £14, Children £5  
from [www.singsurreyhills.com](http://www.singsurreyhills.com)  
Booking opens Friday 24th November*

