

Pews News

26 November 2023
Christ the King



**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 21:1-4	Walnut Tree Close West Mount
T	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 21:5-11	Wherwell Road Wodland Avenue
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 21:12-19	Day of Intercession & Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church
T	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.4:18-22	Andrew
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 21:29-33	Charles de Foucauld
Sat	16:00 Messy Church @ GURC	Luke 21:34-26	
Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Mass with Junior Church 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy 18:30 Advent Sunday Service	Matt.25:14-30	ADVENT SUNDAY

Today's Service

10:00 Parish Mass: President & Preacher: Rector

ProceSSIONal Hymn 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Gloria (responsorial): Coventry Gloria – *Peter Jones*

Reader: John Vines **Readings:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gradual Hymn 345 (omit vrs 2 & 3) Christ is the King

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Intercessions: led by Donald Thompson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Nigeria.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parish of Woodham.

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: Larry Glick and Henry Montgomery-Campbell (Bishop of Guildford).

Offertory Hymn 465 Thou didst leave thy throne

Mass Setting (choir): Mass in F – Harold Darke

Anthem King of Glory – *Henry Walford Davies*

Closing Hymn 332 (omit * vrs) All hail the power of Jesu's name

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in c minor – *J S Bach*

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/X6WNKL7w0x8>

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



This Week / Next Week

This 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: Patrick Andrew,
Cath Anderson

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Rory Fenner

Next Week 3 December

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church
6:30 pm Advent Sunday Service

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Patrick Andrew

Intercessor: Shirley Aston

Sidespeople: David Greenwood, James Wix
Coffee: Cath & Andy Anderson

This Week's Notices

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 7th 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."

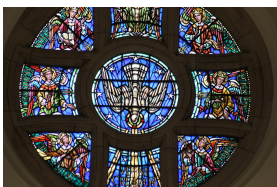
Cleaning Day

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 **NEXT THURSDAY** 30th 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

John Rutter's Christmas Celebration at Guildford Cathedral



This concert is now sold out but Linda Sharpin has 1 discounted ticket left. Please get in touch with her or Jana ASAP if interested.

URC Festival of Christmas Trees – 10th – 24th 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

Tickets are going fast – almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the 3pm tickets have gone. 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 6th 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!



Carol Singing

The itinerary for singing at care homes in our parish is:

Monday 18th: St Catherine's House 3pm; Kathryn's House 4:30pm

Wednesday 20th: 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



Glastonbury Pilgrimage Saturday 13th July 2024

Glastonbury Abbey was one of the largest and wealthiest in southern England before it was destroyed in Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries in the 16th century. In 1924 a group of Christians started an annual pilgrimage

to the abbey ruins which now form a park in the town centre. Next years centenary will be really special with Rowan Williams the former archbishop preaching at the sung Mass at 12 noon which will be the start of the day's events. After lunch, during which some minor events will happen, there will be a procession through the streets back into the abbey grounds for Benediction. Do put the date in your diary now as it would be super to have a good number from our church. *Philip Hooper*

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.

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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/>



SONGS OF CELEBRATION

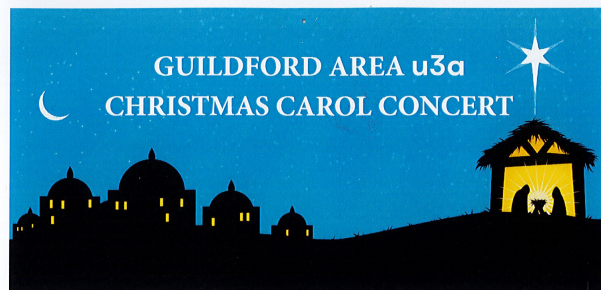
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SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2023
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Surrey's finest professional vocal ensemble and international virtuoso clarinetist join forces for a wonderful, festive concert celebrating female composers. Featuring favourites such as Gaudete, Veni veni Emmanuel, What child is this, Carol of the Bells, O Holy Night and many more...!

Adults: £22
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 No booking fee!

To book tickets, visit:
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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

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



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
On the door £17



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DECEMBER
18 AT 7:00 PM
2023

ST NICHOLAS, GUILDFORD BURY STREET, GUILDFORD

THIS WEEK

26th November – 3rd December

Sunday

CHRIST THE KING

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

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

5 pm Corra Sound & Emma Johnson Concert

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Christmas Craft*

7:30 pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop in the Hall

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

ADVENT SUNDAY

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

6:30 pm Advent Sunday Service

Parish Office

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

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Looking Ahead

Sunday 3rd December ADVENT SUNDAY

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

6:30 pm Advent Sunday Service

Wednesday 6th December ST NICOLAS' DAY

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

Sunday 10th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 17th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

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

Sunday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

10 am Parish Mass

3 pm Christingle Service – *ticketed*

5 pm Christingle Service – *ticketed*

11:30 pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Sunday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

10 am Christmas Morning Mass



YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

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



Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 10 December - Sunday 24 December

Free Admission

in aid of



Guildford United Reformed Church
83 Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BS



Christmas Tree Festival

**The Godalming Band Carol Concert with
Wey Valley Community Gospel Choir**

An Hour and a Half of Carols with Audience Participation

Sunday 10th December at 5pm

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Free Admission

Guildford United Reformed Church
83 Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BS



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
Booking opens Friday 24th November

