

Pews News



18 February 2024 Lent I

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

10:00 Parish Mass with the Ministry of Healing:

Fr Nicholas Edwards

Welcome to Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

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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 taking a break for the half term holiday but will be back next Sunday.

Making yourself comfortable

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

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

M		Matt.25:31-end	Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.6:7-15	Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 11:29-32	Ember Day St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.7:7-12	Stakescorner Road Testard Road
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt.5:20-26	Polycarp, Ember Day Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
Sat		Matt.5:43-end	Ember Day The Piccards The Ridges
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Mass with Junior Church	Mark 1:9-15	LENT II

13:00 Romanian

Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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10:00 Parish Mass: President: Fr Nicholas Edwards, Preacher: Fr Alistair Milne

Processional Hymn Now is the healing time decreed

Now is the healing time decreed for sins of heart and word and deed,
When we in humble fear record the wrong that we have done the Lord.

Who, always merciful and good, has borne so long our wayward mood,
Nor cut us off unsparingly in our so great iniquity.

Therefore with fasting and with prayer, our secret sorrow we declare,
With all good striving seek his face, and lowly-hearted plead for grace.

Cleanse us, O Lord, from ev'ry stain, help us the gifts of grace to gain,
'Till with the angels, linked in love, joyful we tread thy courts above.

We pray thee, Holy Trinity, One God, unchanging unity,
That we from this our abstinence may reap the fruits of penitence.

From 12thC Latin

Mass Setting: St Anne's Mass – *James MacMillan*

Reader: Gill Williams **Readings:** Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gradual Hymn 67 Forty days and forty nights

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Intercessions led by Rory Fenner

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parish of St Anne's Bagshot

Those who have asked for our prayers: Greta, Graham Henderson, Holly Gregory, Anthony Drake, Lena Harding, Fr Adrian, Chrissie & Gordon Paterson, Joyce, Barbara Nicholls, Anne, John West and Celia Chapman.

The Recently Departed: Maureen Hibberd, Jennie Raynes and Hugh Dawes (priest).

The Year's Mind: Gladys Hoare and Betty Waters.

Offertory Hymn Lord, Jesus, as we turn from sin

Lord Jesus, as we turn from sin with strength and hope restored,
Receive the homage that we bring to you, our risen Lord.

We call on you whose living word has made the Father known:
O Shepherd, we have wandered far, find us and lead us home.

Your glance at Peter helped him know the love he had denied,
Now gaze on us and heal us, Lord, of selfishness and pride.

Reach out and touch with healing power the wounds we have received,
That in forgiveness we may love and may no longer grieve.

Then stay with us when evening comes and darkness makes us blind,
O stay until the light of dawn may fill both heart and mind.

Anthem Ponder my words (Psalm 5:1-3, 7, 12-13) – *Thomas Attwood Walimsley*

Closing Hymn 393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/Wglx6W72Wuk>

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



This Week / Next Week

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8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10 am Parish Mass with the Ministry
of Healing

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Gill Williams
Intercessor: Rory Fenner
Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Tarina More
Coffee: Jana Phillips, Daniel Vines

Next Week 25 February
8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10 am Parish Mass with Junior
Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Peter Oldroyd
Intercessor: Shirley Aston
Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson,
Daniel Vines
Coffee: Helen Gould, Julia Williams

This Week's Notices

Funerals

The funeral of our dear friends Maureen Hibberd and Hugh Dawes are being held here next month. Maureen's will take place on Thursday 7th March at 2pm; and Hugh's will be at 12 noon on Wednesday 13th March. Jennie Raynes' funeral will take place at St Michael's Church, Burnett, Keynsham on Tuesday 5th March. Jennie's service will be streamed and details will follow.

Fridays in Lent

The Coffee Shop will be open as usual from 10:30am on Fridays, but Lent Lunches will also be served from 11:30am to 1:30pm every Friday up to and including Friday 22nd March. Delicious home made soup with bread and cheese is available for a donation to the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund Lent Appeal 2024. See more details on the following page.

After the lunch, you are welcome to join a group to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon in more detail. This will be from 1:30 – 2:30pm in the Loseley Chapel.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Second deposits of £20 are now due from pilgrims please, making a total of £30. The final cost has been confirmed as £172. If you have not signed up for this year's pilgrimage (Friday 24th – Sunday Friday 26th May) please speak to Fr Neil.

A note from Val, Manager of Hillier House

Maureen Hibberd was a trustee for almost 8 years at Hillier House. Her sad passing has left a vacancy on our board and we are looking to recruit a new enthusiastic volunteer. The role is very rewarding and we have lots of fun! The position is not too demanding, typically meeting 3 or 4 times a year and you would be playing an important role, ensuring the correct governance of

the charity is overseen. The support our trustees give is of great value to us. In addition to the official meetings, we are always happy to welcome our trustees in for coffee, cake and a chat. I would love to hear from you, under no obligation, if you feel you would like more information or would like to be considered. Please contact Val Richards on 01483 533317 or email hillier.almshouse@gmail.com

Electoral Roll Revision

Our Church Electoral Roll is being revised by the PCC until Sunday 3rd March, ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 17th March.

What is the Electoral Roll? Joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the APCM and stand for election to the parochial church council (PCC). Being on the Electoral Roll doesn't make you a "member" of the church; simply regarding St Nicolas' as your spiritual home does that.

Do I have to join? You can be a full and active member of St Nicolas' without joining the Roll - being on it doesn't entail signing up to any extra commitments, however, it helps the church show its strength. Representation on the governing bodies of the church (synods) depends on the number on the Electoral Roll.

Do I qualify for the Roll? You must be aged 16 or over, be baptised and be a member of the Church of England. You must either live in parish or have attended St Nicolas' regularly for at least 6 months.

Why join the Electoral Roll? Joining is an important way of confirming your commitment to St Nicolas' community and to the church's vision. It also allows for greater involvement in the life of the CofE. By joining, you become entitled to participate in the government of the church and to vote at the APCM, where elections take place for the PCC and our representatives on the deanery synod. Also, those who live outside the parish but are on the Electoral Roll enjoy all the rights and privileges that go with being resident in the parish (eg baptisms and weddings). Joining the roll is an important statement of witness. With your name on the electoral roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in our local area and across the Diocese. **If you're a regular at St Nics, you should be on the electoral roll! Application forms are at the back of church – please return to the Parish Office.**

Our Good Cause for Lent is the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund Lent Appeal

Lent Appeal 2024



Bishop Andrew writes: "The last few years have been a very challenging time for many in our communities, faced as they

are with the continuing impact of the cost-of-living crisis and the psychological scarring of the Covid pandemic. In my weekly travels around the Diocese, I have been impressed time and again by the many ways in which our churches and schools have been looking to respond – but have also noticed an increasing gap between the needs of the communities and the ability of churches to respond to them. Both finances and volunteers can end up stretched very thinly.

The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund is there to help bridge that gap, providing grants to support parishes and other church-linked organisations to reach out into the most challenged parts of our communities with the love of Christ. Last year we made six grants totaling £21,000 to different projects throughout the diocese". One example was a grant to help fund cooking classes on the Bellfields estate here in Guildford, with the aim of improving nutrition and combatting food poverty and social isolation.

Read more about the Fund on the Guildford Diocese website <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/mission/growing-community/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund> and

please support this very good cause. Donations can be made in the wallbox in the narthex or please 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

Our page on their website is <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/guildford-st-nicolas-guildford/>



UNBOUNDED LOVE God's love doesn't stay in the lines ...

A series of Lent Reflections inspired by
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
St Mary's Quarry St GU1 3UP
12.30 – 13.30

... it bursts from heaven into darkness	February 15	Paul Glass
... we try to insulate ourselves from it	February 22	Lilli Jones
... corporate religion tries to limit it	March 7	Simon Butler
... it extends to ALL Creation	March 14	Nick Edwards
... even death is no barrier	March 21	Sam Funnell

with a bread and soup lunch

Looking Ahead

LENT GROUP

FRIDAYS 23rd February, 1st & 8th March 1:30-2:30pm

Sunday 25th February LENT II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 3rd March LENT III

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 10th March LENT IV *Mothering Sunday*

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parade Service Mass with Guildford URC

Sunday 17th March LENT V

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting



YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 16th February – Friday 22nd March

11:30 – 13:30 Lent Lunches

Tuesday 23rd April 19:30 Curry & Questions

THIS WEEK

18th – 25th February 2024

Sunday

LENT I

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with the Ministry of Healing

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Three Tactile Objects*

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

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Lent Lunch in the hall

1:30 – 2:30 pm Lent Group in the Loseley Chapel

Saturday

Sunday

LENT II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Parish Office

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

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