

Pews News



17 March 2024 Lent V

Passiontide begins

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

10:00 Parish Mass with Junior Church: Rector

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 will be going out to the hall during the service and join us later to tell us what they have been doing.

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		John 8:1-11	Cyril Priory Court Rivermount Gardens
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 1:18-end	Joseph of Nazareth Rookwood Court Rupert Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 8:31-42	Cuthbert Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 8:51-end	Thomas Cranmer Mount Pleasant, Munstead View
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	John 10:31-end	Stakescorner Road Testard Road
Sat		John 11:45-end	The Firs, The Mount
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 School Sunday with Junior Church with URC 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	John 12:20-33	PALM SUNDAY

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Processional Hymn 393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Shirley Aston **Readings:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gradual Hymn 379 In the Cross of Christ I glory

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Intercessions led by Jill Sandham

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parish of St Paul East Molesey

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, Celia Chapman, Gill O'Reilly and Melanie Forrest.

The Recently Departed: Hugh Dawes (priest) and Jennifer Nicholas.

The Year's Mind: Jack Waters and Lee Beasley.

Offertory Hymn 84 It is a thing most wonderful

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/Oq7kh52iuuU>

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week 17 March

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

Next Week 24 March

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday – Joint Service with URC with Junior Church

We gather for 9:45am at Guildford URC for the procession to St Nicolas', led by a donkey

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Shirley Aston

Intercessor: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Angela & Francesca Goodwin

Coffee: Tarina More, Debs Tizard

On Duty @ 10am

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Patrick Andrew, Gill Williams

Coffee: Lloyd Dunkley, Cath Anderson

This Week's Notices

Can you help our school?

In order for the school to hold their services here in their church, they need volunteers to help walk the children to church. They are young and there are many roads to negotiate! Might you be able to help? They leave school around 9am and would need help getting back after their service, at about 10:30. Forthcoming dates are Wednesday 27th March and Tuesday 23rd July. If you can help at either, please let Fr Neil know.

Maundy Thursday watch

We traditionally keep watch through the night, but need to ensure that there are at least two people in church at any time. So please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Bring your Bells....

.... on Holy Saturday and Easter Day when we will all ring out.

Annual Church Meeting and Elections

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after Mass TODAY in the hall, so grab a cup of coffee – we should be ready to start promptly at 11:45am. If you are unable to be with us in person, the Zoom link to join the meeting is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83127918954?pwd=KN7aKiZfkluA4UTG0NASLPwe6hX4db.l>

Meeting ID: 831 2791 8954

Passcode: 632397

Choral Mattins, Whitsun/Pentecost Sunday, 19th May at 11:15

Please put this in your diaries now: we shall be launching our Choral Mattins Service - led by our outstanding choir. We shall offer this traditional Prayer Book Service with sung canticles and responses and a psalm and anthem. How many of your friends miss this tradition? It is a dying art and I am keen to preserve it. As our Evensong congregations are small but passionate in their support of this choral tradition, let us re-focus on Mattins instead - Evensong in the morning so easier to attend! Please spread the word and let folks know - it is a rare beauty and has been lost in our churches around and about. The service will be at 11:15 on Sunday 19th May and our guest preacher will be Fr Julian, the former Rector of Compton. The usual pattern of services of 8:30 Prayer Book Communion and 10 Mass will of course also be offered and the 10am Mass will be a School Sunday-led by our school children and families. Why not come to both? 10am Mass, 10:45 coffee, 11:15 Mattins?

Fridays in Lent

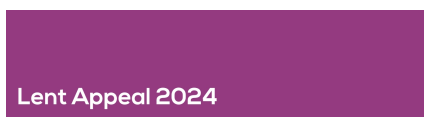
Next Friday, 22nd March is your last chance to enjoy a delicious Lent Lunch of home made soup with bread and cheese and support the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund Lent Appeal 2024. There will be no coffee shop on Good Friday but it will be open again on Friday 5th April. Please note there will not be a Mass that day.

Flowers

We would welcome your donations towards the cost of the Easter flowers. You may like to give in memory of a loved one who is no longer with us. Please hand any donations to Fr Neil, Cath or Patrick.

And If you would like to sponsor the flowers on a particular Sunday during the year, in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the list in the narthex. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or card reader.

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



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".

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
- Scan the 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/>



Harlequin Chamber Choir

Let All The World In Every Corner Sing!



Baritone: Dominic Sedgwick
Pianist: Daniel Hill
Conductor: Amy Bebbington

Sunday 17th March 2024, 7.30pm
St. Nicolas Church, Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW

This concert features rising star, Dominic Sedgwick, and includes Vaughan Williams' incomparable Five Mystical Songs, Butterworth's nostalgic A Shropshire Lad, and John Corigliano's evocative Fern Hill alongside works by Eleanor Daley, Judith Weir, Becky McGlade, Lizzie Deane and Sarah Cattley.

Tickets:
£16 (12-18s £5, under 12s free)
www.ticketsource.co.uk/harlequin-chamber-choir
No booking fee
Harlequinchamberchoir.org.uk



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Image of Dominic Sedgwick © David Laundy

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HALLELUJAH!

What a Savior!

The Crucified and Risen Christ

(not a spelling mistake – it's American!)

An Easter Celebration
with
Guildford u3a choir
at
St Nicolas Church,
Bury Street, Guildford
on
Wednesday 27 March 2024
at 2.00pm.



Entry is free, but there will be a retiring collection

The Chantry Singers



Tim Wakerell - Organist
Roy Rashbrook - Conductor

Jean Langlais
Messe Solennelle

Plus sacred music
by Mozart, Lauridsen,
Britten, Archer, Biebl,
Bainton & Fauré

Saturday 23 March 7.30pm
St Nicolas Church
Guildford GU2 4AW

Tickets: £16 (16 and under, £2)
Scan the QR code or phone
07969 906 439

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Looking Ahead

Sunday 24th March PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday – Joint Service with Junior Church

9:45 am Procession led by donkey from GURC to St Nicolas'

Monday 25th March

10 am Morning Prayer

8 pm Mass

Tuesday 26th March

10 am Morning Prayer

8 pm Mass

Wednesday 27th March

9:30 am School Easter Service

8 pm Mass

Maundy Thursday 28th March

10 am Morning Prayer

8 pm Mass of the Last Supper & Stripping of the Altars
followed by the Vigil

Good Friday 29th March

7 am Morning Prayer

1 pm Adoration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 30th March

7:30 pm First Mass of Easter

Easter Day 31st March

10 am Easter Sunday Mass with Junior Church and an Easter
Egg Hunt for the children

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 23rd April

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 19th November

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 4th June

Tuesday 15th October

THIS WEEK

17th – 24th March 2024

Sunday

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8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church followed by APCM

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

7:30 pm Harlequin Chamber Choir concert

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – Quiz – *paired teams*

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

Saturday

7:30 pm Chantry Singers concert

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Parish Office

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

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