

Pews News



28 April 2024 Easter IV

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

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 is taking place in the hall during the service.

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 14:21-26	Catherine of Siena
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 14:27-end	<i>Pandita Mary Ramabai</i>
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Mass	John 14:1-14	Philip and James Annandale Road Artington Walk
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 15:9-11	Athanasius Beech Lane, Buryfields, Bury St
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	John 15:12-17	Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
Sat		John 12:20-26	English saints and martyrs of the Reformation Era Denzil Road Devon Bank
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Mass with Junior Church 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	John 10:11-18	Easter V

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP):

10:00 Mass with Junior Church: President & Preacher: Rector

Processional Hymn He is risen

He is risen, He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
He has burst his three day's prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed, Jesus' woes are over now,
And the passion that he bore, sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day:
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking o'er the purple East, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, He is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:
We are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

Cecil Frances Alexander

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Catherine Ferguson **Readings:** Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gradual Hymn 115 Now the green blade riseth

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Intercessions Linda Sharpin

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St John's Leatherhead School.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Judith Totman, Fr Adrian, Anne, Celia Chapman, John Busby, Elena Volpi, Melanie Forrest, Brian Darbyshire and Chrissie Paterson.

The Recently Departed: Jennifer Parsons.

The Year's Mind: Millie Black, Mary Claydon, Caroline Williams, Vera Peake, George Massey Wheeler (Rector), Rebecca Elston, Katharine Beckett & Betty Julia Long.

Offertory Hymn 103 Alleluya! Alleluya!

Anthem This joyful Eastertide – *arr. Charles Wood*

Final Hymn 107 Good Christian men

Live Streaming Links

Our YouTube livestream: <http://youtube.com/@SaintNics>
10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/kKKfMTqWX9g> Our Facebook
livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/saintnicolasguildford/live/>

LIVE 

This Week / Next Week

This Week 21 April

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church
Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: Catherine Ferguson
Intercessor: Linda Sharpin
Sidespeople: David Greenwood, Rory Fenner
Coffee: Daniel Vines, Gill Williams*

Next Week 28 April

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Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson,
John Vines
Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines*

This Week's Notices

Vocations Event

On Tuesday 30th April, St Nics will be hosting a Diocesan “Nudge Vocations” event. It is an open evening aimed at anyone exploring greater involvement in the work of the church. The focus will be on the Foundations in Ministry course which is open to all aged 18+ who feel called to serve as Lay Associate Ministers and the Caleb Ordination Stream which aims to see mature congregation members ordained. If interested, come on the night or you can pre-book at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nudge-vocations-event-caleb-and-foundations-in-ministry-tickets-768942235927?aff=oddtcreator>

Guildford Theology Hub Event

Thursday 2nd May in the Lady Chapel at Guildford Cathedral. An evening of exploring how we can dive deeper into theology through the world of literature and the arts. With Revd Professor Maggi Dawn who is a hymn writer, theologian and priest who was until recently Principal of St Mary's College, Durham. Tickets are £5 each. Book at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/more-than-words-can-say-reading-theology-through-literature-and-the-arts-tickets-871654902277?aff=oddtcreator>

Shrine Flowers

The shrine flowers have been donated today by Cath Anderson in memory of her parents Tony and Audrey Tye. If you would like to do the same for a loved one, please sign up on the list in the narthex and ask a sidesman or contact the parish office to make your donation.

The Good Grief Club

You will have read in the newsletter (page 5) about our new Bereavement Group – ‘for those people navigating the turbulent waters of loss and grief to come together and feel less alone.’ The next meet up is on Wednesday 8th May, 2pm at the Cosy Club in Tunsgate Quarter.

Cathedral Evensong, Saturday 11th May

Dearest congregation, Linda and David Sharpin are going to Evensong at the Cathedral to celebrate the 90th birthday of Barry Rose at 5pm on Saturday 11th May. Barry Rose was the first Organist and Master of the Choristers at Guildford cathedral and is returning to conduct the choir. If you would like to come along, please book a seat via the Cathedral website. There is no charge, but it is expected to be a popular event, so they need to be able to anticipate how many people to accommodate. We look forward to seeing you there.

Quiz Night in aid of our Scout Group, Saturday 11th May

St Nicolas 9th Guildford Scout Group are holding a quiz in the church on Saturday 11th May. It is increasingly expensive to be able to offer the exciting and varied programme to our young people and we hope to raise money for both equipment and activities. Tickets cost £15 which includes supper and there will be a licensed bar. A raffle will also be held during the evening. Andy and Cath Anderson are setting the quiz – we do hope that you might like to get a team together and support us. Please ask Cath for more details or book your table on this link: <https://forms.gle/1ZXtjXgM4p6SgLbz6> Many thanks.

Josh Goodwin, Group Scout Leader

GURC Walking Group

The next monthly walk is this Monday 29th April followed by an optional lunch in the Seahorse pub at Shalford. Meet in the pub car park to walk in the Chancies, where hopefully there will still be a few bluebells to see in the woods. If you are interested and likely to join please let Trevor Jones know. trevorjones_gu2@yahoo.com

Support

To support St Nicolas' Church, please make a bank transfer using the details below and use the reference '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 & 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/>



Parish Office

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

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Looking Ahead

Sunday 5th May EASTER V (Orthodox Easter)

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 12th May SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 19th May PENTECOST

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday Parish Mass

11:15 am Choral Mattins

Sunday 26th May TRINITY SUNDAY

10 am Parish Mass

Thursday 30th May CORPUS CHRISTI

8 pm Pontifical Mass with Consecration of Nave Altar

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR



Thursday 30th May

20:00 Mass for Corpus Christi followed by cheese & wine

Fridays 31st May & 28th June

11:30 – 13:30 Monthly Lunch

Saturday 6th July

Church Summer Fayre

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 19th November

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 4th June

Tuesday 15th October

THIS WEEK

28th April – 5th May 2024

Sunday

EASTER IV

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

7 pm Surrey Hills Spring Concert

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group

Guest Speaker: The Story of the Symphony – Haydn & Brahms

5 - 6:30 pm Toastie Tuesday for School Years 3-6

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

12 pm Mass

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

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