

Pews News



14 July 2024 Trinity VII

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. The last Junior Church this term takes place in the hall during the service. They will rejoin us at the end of the service 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 coffee in the hall afterwards.

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

M		Matt. 10:34-11:1	Swithun, <i>Bonaventure</i> Nether Mount New Pond Rd
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 11:20-24	<i>Bonaventure</i> Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 11:25-27	Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 11:28-end	<i>Elizabeth Ferard</i> Priory Court Rivermount Gardens River Wey Close
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt. 12:1-8	Gregory & Macrina Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Sat		Matt. 12:14-21	<i>Margaret of Antioch</i> <i>Bartolome de las Casas</i> Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Mass 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Mark 6:30-34, 53-end	Trinity VIII

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): President: Rector

10:00 Parish Mass: President & Preacher: Rector

Processional Hymn 413 Now thank we all our God

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Donald Thompson **Readings:** Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gradual Hymn Baptised in water

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit.
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit.
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit.
Marked with the sign of Christ our King,
Born of one Father, we are his children,
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Michael John Seward, 1932-2015

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Intercessions Linda Sharpin

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Aldershot Deanery and the military chaplains.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Fr Adrian, Anne, David Petrie, Glyn Isaac and Colleen Sandford.

The Recently Departed: Morwenna Kennedy and Melanie Forrest.

The Year's Mind: Maurice Sharpin, Dennis Jenner, Betty Street and Gill Stein.

Offertory Hymn 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Final Hymn 83 Glory be to Jesus

Live Streaming Links

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

Our Facebook livestream:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintnicolasguildford/live/>



This Week / Next Week

This Week

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Mass with
Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Donald Thompson

Intercessor: Linda Sharpin

Sidespeople: David Greenwood, James Wix

Coffee: Helen Gould, Julia Williams

Next Week

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Jo Radley

Intercessor: Deborah Nobbs

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson,

Tarina More

Coffee: Lizzie Evans, Sarah Faulkner

This Week's Notices

Congregation Choir

We are keen to form a choir from the congregation to provide choral support to our worship on Sundays and at other times when the Foundation Singers are not available. In the first instance, this would involve leading the congregation in hymn singing but might also include a responsorial psalm, a simple anthem or communion hymn. While some singing ability is clearly needed and a level of commitment required, this is intended to be informal and inclusive with an emphasis on sincere ministry rather than high quality of execution. Given the absence of the Foundation Singers until September, we would like to get this going as soon as possible. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, then please contact David Greenwood (07534 328408; david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com)

School Leavers' Gifts

As the children leave our infant school, we like to give them something to remember St Nicolas' and to remind them of the bond that we have built up with them and wish to continue. We plan to give them a St Nicolas keyring that they can put on their school rucksack. We have done this in previous years and it has proved very popular. They cost about £5 each and if you would like to contribute towards one/some, we would be very grateful to receive it. Thank you.

Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre raised over £760 – and with plants still on sale and some ice cream overstocks to sell off(!) we hope to get close to £800. Thank you to everyone who supported the event in whatever way. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves

Holiday Club

Things are gearing up for our largest every Holiday Club – 29th July to 2nd August and we need your help please to collect the following:

- empty 500ml plastic drinks bottles
- toilet roll tubes
- small boxes (pill/tablet/oxo cube size)

There will be a box at the back of church for you to leave them. Thank you.

Good Cause

Our Good Cause for July & August is USPG, who we have supported for many years. Each week we will highlight a different project that they support around the world.



The Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) lists community health as one of its core missions and launched a Community Health Programme in 2013 in Naga Hills, on the Myanmar/India border. The approach has been to train village health workers and traditional birth attendants in these rural areas and to raise awareness of various diseases, with a focus on prevention. Along with the healthcare training, the programme provides training on income generation and on how to use and maintain medical equipment.

Donations can be made in cash in the wallbox in the narthex, direct to our bank account (see following page for details) or please ask to use the card reader.

Salvation Army Food Bank



The food bank are making up 680 food bags to support 15 families from 14 schools over the summer holidays. Any donations are very welcome but they particularly request:

Tinned potatoes, Tinned Veg, Tinned Soup/Cup-a-Soup, Baked beans, Long life milk, Small bottles of squash, Tinned meat, Tinned meat - minced beef, chicken casserole etc, Pasta sauce/ Curry Sauce/ Pasta bake sauce, Chicken cook in sauce jars, Tinned Tomatoes/ Passata, Crisps, Biscuits, Breakfast bars, Jam/Peanut butter, Tinned Custard/ Tinned Rice pudding, Pot Noodles/ Instant Noodles, Toilet Roll, Shower Gel-

Men & Ladies, Shampoo, Deodorant Men & Ladies, Washing up liquid, Cleaning Spray, Washing tables/ powder, Disposable blue cloths

If you are able to support The Salvation Army Food Bank, there is a box near the font for your donations.

Support

To support St Nicolas' Church, please make a bank transfer using the details below and use the reference 'St Nicolas'. Donations to our Good Cause can also be made direct, using the reference 'Good Cause'. 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 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/>



Looking Ahead

Sunday 21st July TRINITY VIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass,
followed by burial of Rosemary Crow's ashes

Tuesday 23rd July

11 am School Leavers' Service

Sunday 28th July TRINITY IX

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

Sunday 4th August TRINITY X

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

Sunday 11th August TRINITY XI

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 26th July

11:30 – 13:30 Monthly Lunch

Friday 27th September

10:30 – 13:30 Macmillan Coffee Morning

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 19th November

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 30th July

Tuesday 17th September

Tuesday 15th October

Tuesday 12th November

Tuesday 10th December

THIS WEEK

14th – 21st July 2024

Sunday

TRINITY VI

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Speaker: The Summer Night Sky*

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

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Parish Office

Tuesday 13:30 – 18:00 * Thursday 08:30 – 18:00 * office closed on Friday

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