

Pews News



25 August 2024 Trinity XIII
Today's Services:
10:00 Mass for 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. Junior Church is on its summer holiday, but there are activities for them in their area at the back of church.

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.23:13-22	Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
Tu		Matt.23:23-26	Monica Walnut Tree Close West Mount
W		Matt.23:27-32	Augustine Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.24:42-end	Beheading of John the Baptist
F	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.25:1-13	John Bunyan
Sat		Matt.25:14-30	Aidan
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Mass 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Trinity XIV

Today's Services

10:00 Parish Mass: President & Preacher: Fr Nicholas Edwards

Processional Hymn 339 Be thou my vision

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Wendy Gabriel **Readings:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gradual Hymn 359 Fight the good fight

Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this

offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Intercessions Catherine Ferguson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parish of St Peter's & St Francis', Frimley.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne, Rupert Williams, Ruth Vanni, Fred Hutley, Anthony Drake and Lyra.

The Recently Departed: Cyril Standbridge and Stuart Barnes.

The Year's Mind: Elizabeth Matthews, Anne Hopkins and Angela Dart.

Offertory Hymn 258 O Christ the same

***The Ministry of Healing will take place in St George's Chapel
after the administration of Holy Communion.***

Final Hymn 449 Soldiers of Christ, arise

Live Streaming Links

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

Our Facebook livestream:

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week

10am Parish Mass with Healing

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Wendy Gabriel

Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson

Chalice: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Pauline May, Monica Pino

Next Week

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Caroline Coleman

Intercessor: John Varney

Chalice: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Tarina More

Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines

This Week's Notices

Bible Study

The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be next Friday, 30th August at 12pm. David Greenwood will lead discussion of the Book of Esther. All welcome.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

This Wednesday, 28th August, children are invited to join us for a walk and teddy bear picnic at Guildford Castle at 11am. Please bring your own teddy and picnic. If you would like to join us for this event, please email Nicky so that she can keep you up to date on where to meet and if there is any change in plans due to the weather. This is also a family event and children are the responsibility of their parent/carer at all times.



Good Grief Club

A place of comfort and support for the bereaved, the next meet up for the Good Grief Club is this at 2pm on Wednesday, 28th August at the Cosy Club, Tunsgate.

Heritage Open Day – Saturday 14th September



We are looking for your help on Heritage Open Day. We will be welcoming visitors to our buildings from 10am to 4pm. There will be tower tours at 2pm and 3pm and we will be serving

refreshments throughout the day.

We will need two stewards on duty at all times. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please consider signing up for an hour or so.

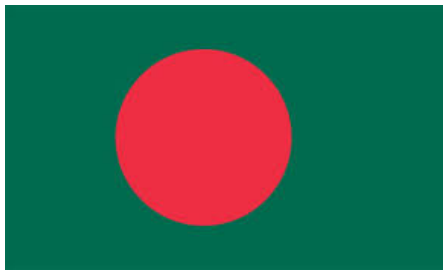
Pilgrimages

We have booked next year's Walsingham Pilgrimage from Friday 16th – Monday 19th May. If you want to know more, please ask Fr Neil, Fr Ali or Donald Thompson. If you would like to sign up, please let Cath know (parishoffice@saintnics.com). An initial deposit of £20 per head is required by Sunday 8th September. There will be the option to stay until just the Sunday if you prefer.

Next year's Glastonbury Pilgrimage is Saturday 12th July. Do pop the date in your diary.

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.



In The Philippines, USPG supports the Abundant Life programme. Throughout history, indigenous people have been subjected to discrimination, violence and human rights abuses. Abundant Life offers education and advocacy to indigenous communities whilst lobbying the authorities on their behalf whenever those rights are threatened. It also mobilises Christians to stand in solidarity with indigenous people and fight for a more just society.

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Salvation Army Food Bank



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

Wednesday 28th August

11 am Walk & Teddy Bear's Picnic at Guildford Castle

Friday 30th August

12 pm Bible Study Group

Sunday 1st September TRINITY XIV

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

Saturday 7th September

4 – 6 pm Messy Church @ GURC

Sunday 8th September TRINITY XV

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Baptism

Thursday 12th September

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass, followed by fish & chips

Saturday 14th September

10 am - 4 pm Heritage Open Day

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 27th September

10:30 – 12:30 Macmillan Coffee Morning

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 19th November

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 17th September

Tuesday 15th October

Tuesday 12th November

Tuesday 10th December

THIS WEEK

25th August – 1st September 2024

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Monday

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