

Pews News



17 November 2024: Trinity XXV

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass for Healing with Junior Church:
Fr Alistair

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. There are lots of activities to keep them amused in their area at the back of church. Junior Church will meet in the hall and rejoin us later.

Making yourself comfortable

Kneelers can be found in the narthex or under the back pews. Toilets are in the Parish Centre – if you need to use them during the service, a sidesman will unlock the Centre for you. Please join us for coffee in the Parish Centre afterwards.

Safeguarding

St Nicolas' is committed to providing a welcoming, respectful and safe environment for all, including children and adults who may be at risk of abuse and neglect. The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of St Nicolas' Church. If you are concerned that someone is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please contact Jo Radley or Jill Sandham on safeguardingteam@saintnics.com

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

M	17:15 Evening Prayer 17:45 Mass	Luke 18:35-end	Elizabeth Rivermount Gardens River Wey Gardens Rookwood Court
Tu	08:00 Mass 10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 19:1-10	Hilda, Mechtild Rupert Road Sandy Lane
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 17:15 Evening Prayer	Luke 19:11-28	Edmund Priscilla Lydia Sellon Scholar's Walk St Catherine's Drive

Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 19:41-44	St Catherine's Hill Stakescorner Road
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 19:45-end	Cecilia Testard Rd, The Firs
Sat		Luke 20:27-40	Clement The Mount The Ridges
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 School Sunday Mass 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	John 18:33-37	Christ the King

Today's Services

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10:00 Mass with Healing & Junior Church: Curate

Processional Hymn 349 Come, let us join our cheerful songs

Reader: Shirley Aston **Reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God,' and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gradual Hymn 486 We have a gospel to proclaim

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

Intercessions led by Deborah Nobbs

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Diocese: The Parish of St Mary's, Send.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne, Margaret Colville, Rupert Williams, Anthony Drake, Holly Gregory, Philip Rawlings, Elena and Edward Wild.

The recently departed: Fred Hutley.

The Year's Mind: Mina Nicholas and Roger Ashworth.

Offertory Hymn 336 Angel-voices ever singing

The Ministry of Healing will take place in the Lady Chapel after the administration of Holy Communion

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 & Junior Church
11:15am Choral Mattins

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Shirley Aston

Intercessor: Deborah Nobbs

Chalice: Jonathan Neil-Smith

*Sidespeople: David Greenwood,
John Vines*

Coffee: Jo Radley, Rory Fenner

Next Week

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am School Sunday Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: tbc

Intercessor: tbc

Chalice: Hilary Fletcher

*Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew,
Angela & Francesca Goodwin*

Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

This Week's Notices

Fred Hutley

A Service of Thanksgiving for Fred will be held here on Friday 29th November at 11am. The flowers at the High Altar were brought to church, having topped his coffin on Monday.



Curry & Questions

We will be joined at our next Curry & Questions by the Revd Dr John Valentine who will give a brief talk on Mission and church plants. This will be on Tuesday 19th November at 7:30pm. Please sign the list at the back of church so that we can arrange the catering, or email parishoffice@saintnics.com

Advent

We need your help please to deliver Christmas service leaflets to every home in our parish. At the back of church there is a list of roads for you to sign against and deliver to those roads when the leaflets are ready. If you can't get in to church but would like to sign up, please email Cath with the road(s) you'd like to cover and she will add you name to the list (parishoffice@saintnics.com)

Our Advent Carol Service will be at 6pm on Sunday 1st December – a beautiful service of music and readings. We also have a series of Bible studies planned for Fridays after coffee and we will be launching our Stewardship campaign on Advent Sunday.

The Longest Yarn – Royal Garrison Church, Aldershot – finishes tomorrow

The Longest Yarn is an 80 metre 3D depiction of that fateful day - 6 June 1944, in wool art. With 80 displays, each measuring 1 metre in length, it depicts scenes of the world's largest amphibious invasion by Allied Forces. The Longest Yarn is something quite unique and not to be missed. The scenes include: the build up to D-Day in England, the horrors on the landing beaches, and the bloody inland battles.

Carol Singing

Last Christmas, members of our congregation sang carols at the care homes in our parish, giving joy to people who don't necessarily have a lot of it in their lives. We were very well received and we would be welcomed again. We currently have the late afternoons/early evenings of 17th and 18th December penciled in for this. Those who would be willing to join in please let David Greenwood know either in person or on 07534 328408 or david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com.






Good Cause

lendwithcare.org
Microloans from CARE International UK

Our Good Cause for November is Lendwithcare. Catherine Ferguson wrote an article in our September/October newsletter on this micro-finance scheme that lends to entrepreneurs in some of the



poorest communities around the world. Our initial donation of £200 back in 2014 has had such an impact as illustrated by these figures.

 Loaned total: £1,600.00	 Donated total: £170.75	 Number of loans: 22
 Entrepreneurs helped: 153	 Family members helped: 498	 Jobs created: 13

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.

Good Causes for 2025

Do you have a charity that you would like to propose as one of

our Good Causes to support in 2025. Please email any suggestions to parishoffice@saintnics.com by TODAY so that the PCC can consider them at their meeting later that month.

Besom Hampers



We will once again be putting together hampers of Christmas goodies to be distributed to those who Besom and CAP (Christians Against Poverty) work with – single people, two person households and families. We delivered 5 huge bags last year and the recipients were so grateful.

Suggested items are: Christmas cakes, mince pies, biscuits, chocolates & sweets, chocolate tree decorations, crisps, party snacks, fizzy drinks, sparkling fruit juices, soups, cereals, pasta, pasta sauces, tinned food, fruit juices, honey, jam, tea & coffee, hot chocolate, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, luxury soaps & shower gel, washing powder, washing up liquid, candles (battery), baubles, napkins, paper table cloths, crackers etc.

Your donations would be much appreciated – there is a box at the back of church – to be received by Tuesday 5th December please. If you would prefer to donate cash so that we can buy what is needed, please see Cath who will be happy to shop for you!



Salvation Army Food Bank

Any donations are very welcome but they particularly request: Tins (Soups, Meat, Corned Beef, Bolognese, Stewing Steak, Ham, Meatballs, Baked Beans, Fruit), Long Life Milk, Crisps Savoury Crackers/Snacks, Biscuits, Squash (small bottles), Cup-a-Soup, Jams/Chocolate Spread/ Peanut Butter, Instant Noodles, Rice, Porridge, Coffee/Tea (small jars/boxes), Hot Chocolate (small jars), Cleaning Spray, Deodorant, Shower Gel, Washing Powder/Liquid/Gel,

Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Toilet Rolls, Sanitary Wear (no tampons)

If you are able to support The Salvation Army Food Bank, there is a box near the front 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/>



Safeguarding

Following the publication of the Makin Report and the resignation of the Archbishop, we realize that some people may have been affected. If this is the case, if you wish speak to Jo or Jill, Parish Safeguarding Officers, or email them at safeguardingteam@saintnics.com



The shop will be open after Mass on the following Sundays:

Today, 17th & 24th November, 1st December

Looking Ahead

Tuesday 19th November

7:30 pm Curry & Questions

Sunday 24th November : Christ the King

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday Parish Mass

Tuesday 26th November

7:30 pm PCC Meeting (preceded by Mass at 7pm)

Friday 29th November

11 am Service of Thanksgiving for Fred Hutley

Sunday 1st December : Advent Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

6 pm Advent Carol Service

Friday 6th December

8 pm Fizz & Friends

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 19th November

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 10th December (social)

FIZZ & FRIENDS

Friday 6th December

Parish Office Opening Hours This Week

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

www.saintnics.com parishoffice@saintnics.com 01483 564526

THIS WEEK

17th – 24th November 2024

Sunday	TRINITY XXV 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass for Healing & Junior Church 11:15 am Choral Mattins 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	5:15 pm Evening Prayer 5:45 pm Mass
Tuesday	8 am Mass 10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Tuesday Group – “The Outdoor Lavatory” – <i>guided discussion</i> 7:30 pm Curry & Questions
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play 5:15 pm Evening Prayer
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	
Sunday	CHRIST THE KING 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am School Sunday Parish Mass & Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Bishop Andrew's Statement on the Makin Review 7th November 2024

“I was grateful to receive an early copy of Keith Makin's Review last Monday, along with other UK victims of the abuse perpetrated by John Smyth. That has given me the chance to read the report before its full publication, which has been both an enlightening and a deeply harrowing experience.

“Some of what is in the Review I lived through myself, and these sections ring true to my memory and help to fill in some of the gaps. More I have learnt since the Channel 4 documentaries in 2017 and the subsequent book by Andrew Graystone. Still more was completely new to me, including most of the details of the thirty-five years from the time in early 1982 when I and a fellow victim first reported Smyth's beatings to Mark Ruston.

“There is much here that is deeply shocking, especially the abuse of so many victims in Africa, following the disastrous decision of the Iwerne and Winchester College establishments to cover things up. As the Report outlines, those attempts were flawed from the start, and any idea that Smyth's behaviour could be regulated was hopelessly naïve. Smyth's combination of charm and menace, narcissism and manipulation, hypocrisy and violence, made him a very dangerous man indeed, and entirely uncontrollable by any normal means.

"I cannot speak on behalf of the other victims and wouldn't presume to try. Some of them went through far worse than I did, and others have understandably found it hard to relate to someone who is simultaneously a victim and a senior representative of a church that has so badly let them down. I am aware of those tensions in myself too and have had very much to reflect on since 2017. Those reflections have fed into a determination to adopt a relentlessly victim-centred approach here in Guildford Diocese.

“I am especially aware that the Makin Review may stir up particularly deep feelings for some who read it, especially any victims of grooming and abuse themselves, who may have a similar story to tell. There is support available from a number of organisations.

“Above all else, though, I do want to express my deep sadness at all that has happened, and my admiration for those have doggedly persevered in having the truth told. The Report won't make for easy reading for anyone involved: but it's my hope and prayer that it might bring at least some measure of relief to Smyth's victims – British and African, known and unknown – as well as providing salutary lessons as we redouble our efforts towards building a safer Church.”

Finding support

If you or anyone you are in contact with are affected by the publication of this report and want to talk to someone independently please call the Safe Spaces helpline on 0300 303 1056 or visit safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk.

Samaritans helpline-116-123.

National Association for People Abused in Childhood- Supporting recovery for adult survivors of any form of abuse.

Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre- A Guildford based charity working with victims and survivor of rape and/or serious sexual abuse.

Bishop Andrew's Statement on the Makin Review 13th November 2024

After a long wait, the Makin Review into the Church of England's handling of allegations of serious abuse by the late John Smyth, was published. The report by Keith Makin detailed horrific abuse of around 130 boys and young men that took place over several decades.

Following the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby over the findings, Bishop Andrew has written the below statement.

He said: "Events have moved on significantly over the past week, following the publication of the Makin Review last Thursday and my subsequent statement. The major focus has been on Archbishop Justin himself, who has admitted failings of his own since he first became aware of John Smyth's catalogue of abuse in England and Africa; but his decision to step down has equally shown a willingness to take responsibility for the wider Church's failings, and to demonstrate the seriousness of his commitment to those who have suffered as a result.

"My prayers remain first and foremost with my fellow victims of Smyth's abuse. I am personally aware that this is a time of heightened emotion for many (which I share), as the depth of Smyth's brutality has been so clearly revealed; and I pray for some kind of closure for those who have waited so long for it.

"On the ground our churches have continued to make significant improvements in our safeguarding practice, and I am deeply grateful for the skill and commitment of our Parish Safeguarding Officers, and the victim-centred focus of Jackie and our Safeguarding team at Church House, in whom I have great confidence. I'd encourage us all to redouble our efforts in this regard, in pursuit of our commitment to achieve the safest of churches, schools and communities. Please do flag up even the most tentative of concerns with the team.

"I am deeply grateful for all who have reached out to me over the course of the past week, and for your concern and prayers; and please do pray for Archbishop Justin and Caroline too, who have given so generously of themselves in this most challenging of callings. Given the turbulence at the Church right now - at least at its senior level - it would be easy to lose heart: but God is Good and Christ is Risen in amidst all of our many flaws and failings; and peace will return in time."