

Pews News



I December 2024: Advent Sunday

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church: Rector

18:00 Advent Service

Welcome to Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts Curate: Fr Alistair Milne
01483 564526 parishoffice@saintnics.com

Children are welcome here

Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. Junior Church is meeting in the hall and will be back later to share 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 – 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 (BCP) 17:45 Mass (BCP)	Matt.8:5-11	Beech Lane, Bray Rd, Bury Street
Tu	08:00 Mass 10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 10:21-24	Francis Xavier Buryfields, Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Mass 17:15 Evening Prayer	Matt.15:29-37	John of Damascus Nicholas Ferrar Denzil Road Devon Bank

Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.7:21, 24-27	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt.9:27-31	Nicolas Ferry Lane Flower Walk
Sat	16:00 Messy Church @ GURC	Matt.9:35-10:1, 6-8	Ambrose Friary Bridge Genyn Road
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Patronal Festival Mass & Baptism with Junior Church 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Luke 21:25-36	St Nicolas

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08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Advent Sunday Mass with Junior Church:

President, Rector; Preacher, David Greenwood

See separate Order of Service

Voluntary: Carillon on Conditor Alme (NEH 1) – *Charles Callahan*

Processional Hymn 15 The Lord will come and not be slow

Gradual Hymn 3 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Offertory Hymn 11 O come, O come, Emmanuel (**omit verses 3-5**)

Voluntary: Prelude on Veni, Emmanuel – *Robert J Powell*

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne, Margaret Colville, Rupert Williams, Anthony Drake, Holly Gregory, Philip Rawlings, Elena and Edward Wild.

The Year's Mind: Henry Montgomery-Campbell (Bishop of Guildford), Noel Lorimer, May Murdoch, Michael Hibberd, Linda Chapman and Clive Mansel.

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
6pm Advent Service

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Craig Nobbs

Intercessor: John Varney

Chalice: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Jo Radley

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Tarina More

Next Week

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Patronal Festival Mass & Baptism
with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Hilary Fletcher

Intercessor: Darrol Radley

Chalice: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Tarina More

Coffee: Jo Radley, Cath Anderson

This Week's Notices

Advent

Our Advent Carol Service is THIS EVENING at 6pm. Do please make the effort to return for this service of beautiful words and music.

If you have signed up to help deliver Christmas service leaflets, they are waiting for you at the back of the church.

During Advent there will be a series of sermons and bible study meetings, all on the theme of Giving – What can I give him, poor as I am?

David Greenwood is preaching this morning and leading Bible Study on Friday 6th December

8th December – Fr Neil preaching and leading Bible Study on Friday 13th December

15th December – Fr Nick preaching. Bible Study on Friday 20th December.

Fizz & Friends

Ladies - the next (festive) Fizz & Friends is this Friday, 6th December at 8pm. Guildford URC have kindly allowed those attending to park there. We look forward to you being there.

Jam Jars for School

We are delighted that our St Nicolas' Infant School are holding their Christmas Fair in church on Saturday 14th, 11am-2pm. One of the most popular stalls is Jolly Jars – filled with sweets and toys! They need lots of empty jars (or you can fill them if you wish!) so if you have any to donate, please leave at the back of church

FRIDAY
6TH DECEMBER
8-10PM

FREE OF CHARGE
DONATIONS WELCOMED

**FIZZ
&
Friends**

AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH, BURY STREET, GU2 4AW

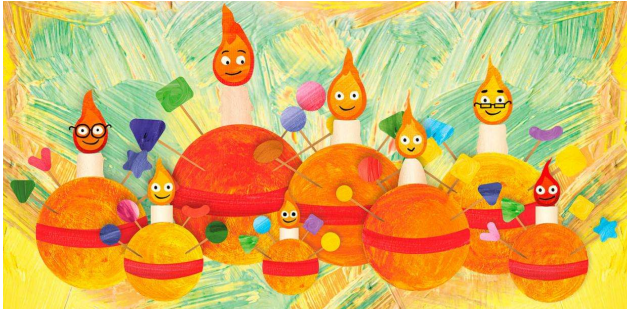
LADIES GROUP
A CHANCE TO RELAX AMONGST FRIENDS
ENJOY SOME FESTIVE CRAFT ACTIVITIES,
SOAK UP THE ATMOSPHERE IN OUR
BEAUTIFUL CHURCH AND, OF COURSE,
ENJOY SOME FIZZ!
(NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS ALSO AVAILABLE)

It would be helpful to know if you are coming, so please drop Nicky an email to let her know so we don't run out of fizz!

ST NICOLAS
GUILDFORD

MISSIONABLE@SAINTNICS.COM WWW.SAINTNICS.COM

Christingle – Christmas Eve – 3pm and 5pm



We are already looking forward to our very special Christingle Services. Entry is by ticket only. Book early to avoid disappointment – the 3pm service is nearly ‘sold out’. You can order tickets on these links:

3pm Service - <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NDk1My05/t>

5pm Service - <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NDk1My0xMQ/t>

Carol Singing

We will be visiting care homes in our parish to sing carols during the late afternoons/early evenings of 17th and 18th December. If you can join in, please let David Greenwood know either in person or on 07534 328408 or david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com.

Good Cause

The Children's Society

Our Good Cause for December and January is The Children's Society. The Society provides specialist support to empower young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. They help young people with low self-esteem; parents who can't afford the next meal or the next size up in school uniform; refugees and migrant children; teenagers who want to quit using drugs or alcohol; and children and young people who are looking after parents or siblings, etc

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.

Besom Hampers



Thank you for your donations. We will be making up some lovely hampers for Besom to distribute. If you want to make a donation towards vouchers to be included in the hampers, please let Cath have them today.



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 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/>



The shop will be open after Mass today

u3a **GUILDFORD AREA U3A** u3a



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

with
GUILDFORD u3a SINGERS (conductor - John Varney)

Start your celebrations with song and laughter
 at
St Nicolas Church
 Bury Street, Guildford (GU2 4AW)
 at
2.00 p.m.
 on
Wednesday 11 December 2024

Entry is free to all.
 Voluntary retiring collection towards the upkeep of this beautiful church.





Alleluia It's Christmas!

An evening of seasonal songs with Surrey Hills choirs

7pm, Sunday 8th December
 St. Nicolas' Church, Bury St., Guildford GU2 4AW

Tickets: Adults £14, Children £5
 from www.singsurreyhills.com
 Booking opens Friday 2nd November



Free of charge
 Donations welcome.

Christmas Party

at Guildford United Reformed Church,
 83 Portsmouth Road, GU2 4BS

All are welcome to join us for faith-based fun,
 Christmas games, crafts, stories, singing, face
 painting and more.
 Followed by a meal for everyone.
*Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer for the duration of this event

**Saturday
 7th December
 4-6pm**



 in partnership with 

For more information contact Nicky on families.worker@guildfordurc.org.uk
www.guildfordurc.org.uk | www.saintnics.com

Looking Ahead

Friday 6th December

8 pm Fizz & Friends

Saturday 7th December

4 pm Messy Church Christmas Party

Sunday 8th December : Patronal Festival

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Baptism & Junior Church followed
by drinks in the hall

Tuesday 10th December

7:30 pm Beer & Banter (social)

Saturday 14th December

11 am - 2 pm School Christmas Fair in church

Sunday 15th December : Advent III

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass & Junior Church

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 10th December (social)

FIZZ & FRIENDS

Friday 6th December

Parish Office Opening Hours This Week

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

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

THIS WEEK

1st – 8th December 2024

Sunday

ADVENT SUNDAY

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass & Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

6 pm Advent Carol Service

Monday

5:15 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

5:45 pm Mass (BCP)

Tuesday

8 am Mass

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group

Guest Speaker: Princess Mary's Box

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

12 pm Mass

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

12 pm Bible Study

Saturday

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& Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

