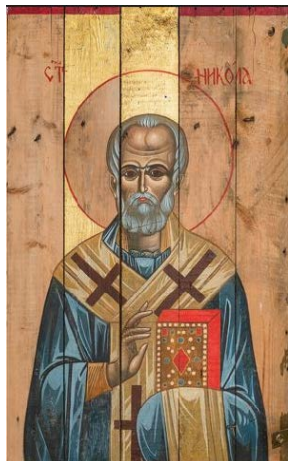


# Pews News

**8 December 2024: St Nicolas Patronal  
Today's Services:**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Baptism & Junior Church:  
Rector



**Welcome to  
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**

**Rector: Fr Neil Roberts    Curate: Fr Alistair Milne**  
**01483 564526 [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com)**

## **Children are welcome here**

Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. Junior Church will be going out to the hall and will join us again later in the service.

## **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 refreshments 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](mailto:safeguardingteam@saintnics.com)

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

M	17:15 Evening Prayer (BCP) 17:45 <b>Mass</b> (BCP)	Luke 5:17-26	Guildown Avene Guildown Road
Tu	08:00 <b>Mass</b> 10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 18:12-14	Henley Fort Hitherbury Close
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 <b>Mass</b> 17:15 Evening Prayer	Matt. 11:28-end	Ember Day Lawn Rd, Ludlow Rd, Littleton Lane
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 11:11-15	Madrid Road Mareschal Road

F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 <b>Mass</b>	Matt. 11:16-19	Lucy, Ember Day Samuel Johnson Millmead Millmead Terrace
Sat		Matt. 17:10-13	John of the Cross Ember Day Mount Pleasant Mountside
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass for Healing with Junior Church 13:00 <b>Romanian Orthodox</b> Divine Liturgy	Luke 3:7-18	<b>Advent III</b>

## Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

### **10:00 Patronal Mass & Holy Baptism: Rector**

*See separate Order of Service*

**Voluntary:** Nun Domm, der Heiden Heiland – *Dietrich Buxtehude*

**Processional Hymn 16 (omit verse 2)** Wake, O wake!

**Gradual Hymn 387** Jesus, good above all other

**Offertory Hymn** Wondrous story, saint in glory (see Order of Service)

**Voluntary:** Wachet auf – *Johann Gottfried Walther*

### **Intercessions**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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

The Year's Mind: Edna Waller, Peggy Holwill, Ruth Ferguson, Anthony Hardcastle (priest) and Malcolm Graham Williams.

## 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 Patronal Festival Mass with  
Junior Church & Baptism

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: Hilary Fletcher*

*Intercessor: Darrol Radley*

*Chalice: Catherine Ferguson*

*Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Tarina More*

*Coffee: Jo Radley, Cath Anderson*

### **Next Week**

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

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: Deborah Nobbs*

*Intercessor: Jill Sandham*

*Chalice: Hilary Fletcher*

*Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, Rory Fenner*

*Coffee: Helen Gould, Julia Williams*

## **This Week's Notices**

### **Advent**

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?

8<sup>th</sup> December – Fr Neil preaching and leading Bible Study on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

15<sup>th</sup> December – Fr Nick preaching. Bible Study on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### **School Fair**

We are delighted that our St Nicolas' Infant School are holding their Christmas Fair in church next Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, 11am-2pm – we do hope you will be able to come and support it. 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.

### **Christingle – Christmas Eve – 3pm and 5pm**



We are already looking forward to our very special Christingle Services. Entry is by ticket only. 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>

## Christingle Making

We will be putting together the Christingles on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 11am in the hall. Please do come along to help – coffee and mince pies on offer!

## Carol Singing

We will be visiting care homes in our parish to sing carols as follows:

17<sup>th</sup> December: Pilgrim Wood at 4pm and Hillier House at 5.30pm.

18<sup>th</sup> December: St Catherine's Manor at 3pm and Kathryn's House at 4:30pm.

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 very much for your generous donations. We have made up some lovely hampers for families and single people which Besom are very glad to receive.

## 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.

## Christian Aid Christmas Appeal



**No room for comfort and joy**  
...when you've left everything behind to survive

Donate today at [caid.org.uk/ChristmasDonation](https://www.caid.org.uk/ChristmasDonation)

**'I did not come with anything. No table, no teapot, no chair, no bed.'**  
Conflict drove Shede and her family to a refugee settlement in South Sudan. Now it's a daily challenge to provide meals for her children.

**This Christmas, will your church support someone like Shede to buy food and supplies that will protect their family from hunger and malnutrition?**

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This Christmas, will you support families fleeing conflict to buy food and lifesaving supplies?

In South Sudan, Shede and thousands like her are fending off hunger and malnutrition in Wedweil Refugee Settlement. With very little to call their own, comfort and joy can seem far from their day-to-day reality. It wasn't just belongings that Shede lost as she fled the conflict in Sudan, her brothers were killed and she's unable to make contact with her husband. Now she tries to make a temporary shelter feel like a home for her young children, but it's hard: 'I need clean clothes, a bed and a blanket.'

Giving £10 to Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal could buy the 5kg bag of corn that means a family can prepare a number of filling meals. £25 could buy the new shirt that supports someone's personal hygiene and dignity, while protecting them from the sun. £50 could pay for the wheelbarrow that helps a community gather in their harvest.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeal>

### 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/>





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# 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.



## Make Good Cheer!

**Saturday 21st December 2024, 6:30pm**

St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street  
Guildford, GU2 4AW

Conductor: Nicholas O'Neill



Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care volunteers will serve refreshments with mince pies after the concert.

Proud members of



Tickets:

Online in advance £20, £22 on the door  
Students £10, Children under 16 free  
from [www.occamsingers.co.uk/Dec2024](http://www.occamsingers.co.uk/Dec2024)  
Registered Charity No 1054366



# Looking Ahead

## **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**7:30 pm** Beer & Banter (social)

## **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**11 am - 2 pm** School Christmas Fair in church

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December : Advent III**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass for Healing & Junior Church

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December : Advent IV**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**11 am** Service of Lessons & Carols

## **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December : Christmas Eve**

**8 am** Mass

**3 pm** Christingle Service

**5 pm** Christingle Service

**11:30 pm** Midnight Mass of the Nativity

## **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December : Christmas Day**

**10 am** Mass

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December : Christmas I**

**10 am** Parish Mass & Junior Church

### **Parish Office Opening Hours This Week**

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

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# THIS WEEK

8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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**Sunday**

**ST NICOLAS**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Patronal Festival Mass with Baptism  
& Junior Church

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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**Monday**

**5:15 pm** Evening Prayer (BCP)

**5:45 pm** Mass (BCP)

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**Tuesday**

**8 am** Mass

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Tuesday Group - *Seasonally Themed Bingo*

**7:30 pm** Beer & Banter

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**Wednesday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Café Play

**12 pm** Mass

**5:15 pm** Evening Prayer

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**Thursday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

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**Friday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10:30 am – 12:30 pm** Coffee Shop in the Hall

**11 am** Mass

**12:30 pm** Bible Study

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**Saturday**

**11 am – 2 pm** St Nicolas' School Christmas Fair

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**Sunday**

**ADVENT III**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass for Healing & Junior Church

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

