

Pews News



15 December 2024: Advent III

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector
10:00 Mass with Healing & Junior Church:
Fr Nicholas Edwards

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 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. If you need to use the toilets in the Parish Centre 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.21:23-27	Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
Tu	08:00 Mass 10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 1:1-17	O Sapienza Eglantyne Jebb Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Mass	Matt. 1:18-24	O Adonai Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gdns
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 1:5-25	O Radix Jesse Rookwood Court Rupert Road

F 09:30 School Christmas Service
10:00 Morning Prayer
11:00 **Mass**

Luke 1:26-38

O Clavis David
Sandy Lane
Scholars Walk

Sat

Luke 1:39-45

O Oriens
St Catherine's Drive
St Catherine's Hill

Next Sun 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) Luke 1:39-45 **Advent IV**
11:00 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
13:00 **Romanian Orthodox**
Divine Liturgy
16:00 The Road to Bethlehem

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Healing & Junior Church: Fr Nick

See separate Order of Service

Voluntary: Prelude on Veni Emmanuel – *R Erickson*

Processional Hymn 5 Hark! A herald voice is calling

Mass setting (choir) New Plainsong – *David Hurd*

Gradual Hymn 12 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Diocese: Godalming Minster

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

The Year's Mind: Cyril Easthaugh (bishop), Audrey Tye and John Smith (priest).

Offertory Hymn 7 Hills of the North, rejoice

Anthem Rejoice in the Lord always – *Anon*

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

Voluntary: Prelude on Veni Emmanuel – *Hendrik Franciscus Andriessen*

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 for Healing 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

Next Week

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)
11am Service of Nine Lessons &
Carols
4pm The Road to Christmas (starting
at GURC)

On Duty @ 10am

Sidespeople: TBC, Rory Fenner

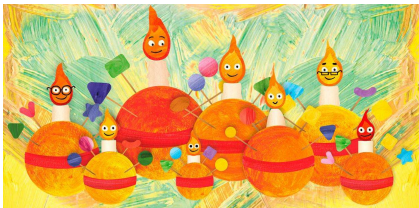
Coffee: Cath Anderson, Monica Pino

This Week's Notices

Mince Pies

We will be serving mince pies and mulled wine after Nine Lessons & Carols and The Road to Christmas next Sunday. Might you be able to offer some? Please sign up on the sheet 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 for the 5pm on the link below. If you missed ordering a ticket for the 3pm, please speak to Cath in the parish office.

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

Christingle Making

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

Cheerful Giving

On Advent Sunday we launched our Cheerful Giving campaign. All members of the congregation should have received a letter and enclosures, including a pledge form. The church attaches high importance to this and asks you to consider seriously what it is asking you to do. Please remember to return your pledge form to the Planned Giving Officer (Philip Thomas), either in

person, via the Parish Office or during the offertory at a service in church. In doing so, you will be honouring St Nicolas' past, contributing to its present and ensuring its future. Thank you in advance for your response.

Carol Singing

This week we will be visiting care homes in our parish to sing carols as follows:

17th December: Pilgrim Wood at 4pm and Hillier House at 5.30pm.

18th 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.

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

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/>



THE ROAD TO CHRISTMAS

Sunday

22nd December

Follow Mary, Joseph and the donkey
as they travel to Bethlehem with carols
along the way.

Our journey will start in
Guildford URC at 4pm and end with
mulled wine and mince pies at
St Nicolas Church.

No booking required.
This event is free of charge,
donations welcome.



www.guildfordurc.org.uk
www.saintnics.com



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

Registered Charity No 1054366



Phyllis Tuckwell
Hospice Care
...because every day is precious

Looking Ahead

Sunday 22nd December : Advent IV

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am Service of Lessons & Carols

4 pm The Road to Christmas

Tuesday 24th December : Christmas Eve

8 am Mass

3 pm Christingle Service

5 pm Christingle Service

11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December : Christmas Day

10 am Mass

Sunday 29th December : Christmas I

10 am Parish Mass

Saturday 4th January 2025

4 – 6 pm Messy Church @ GURC

Sunday 5th January : Epiphany

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

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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15th – 22nd December 2024

Sunday	ADVENT III 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass for Healing & Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	5:15 pm Evening Prayer (BCP) 5:45 pm Mass (BCP)
Tuesday	8 am Mass 10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Tuesday Group – <i>Pre-Christmas Party</i> 5 – 6:30 pm Toastie Tuesday for School Years 3 - 6
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play 12 pm Mass
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer
Friday	9:30 am School Christmas Service 10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop in the Hall 11 am Mass 12:30 pm Bible Study
Saturday	6:30 pm Occam Singers Concert
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