

# Pews News



**22 December 2024: Advent IV**

## **Today's Services:**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector  
11:00 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols: Rector  
16:00 The Road to Christmas

## **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 children making noise or moving around. There are activities at the back of church for them.

### **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 mulled wine and mince pies 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 1:57-66	<i>O Emmanuel</i> The Firs, The Mount
Tu	15:00 Christingle 17:00 Christingle 23:30 Midnight Mass	Luke 2:15-21	<b>Christmas Eve</b> The Piccards The Ridges
W	10:00 <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	John 1:1-14	<b>Christmas Day</b> The Valley Turnham Close
Th		Matt. 10:17-22	<b>Stephen</b> Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road

F	John 21:19b-end	<b>John</b> Walnut Tree Close West Mount
Sat	Matt.2:13-18	<b>The Holy Innocents</b> Wherwell Road Wodland Avenue Woodcote
<b>Next</b>	10:00 Mass	Luke 1:39-45
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13:00 Romanian Orthodox</b> Divine Liturgy	<b>Advent IV</b>

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### **11:00 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols: Rector**

*See separate Order of Service*

### **16:00 The Road to Christmas**

#### **Intercessions**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda.

Diocese: The Parish of All Saints, Grayswood

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: Barbara Hooper, Peter Nicholson, Robin Hind, Francis Durrant (priest), Jack Holwill and Alan Baddeley.

## 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)  
11am Service of Nine Lessons &  
Carols  
4pm The Road to Christmas (starting  
at GURC)

On Duty @ 11am

*Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson,  
Rory Fenner  
Coffee: Cath Anderson, Monica Pino*

### **Next Week**

10am Mass

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: Rory Fenner  
Intercessor: Shirley Aston  
Chalice: Jonathan Neil-Smith  
Sidespeople: Jo Radley, John Vines  
Coffee: Pauline May*

## **This Week's Notices**

### **Christingle Making**

We will be putting together the Christingles tomorrow, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

### **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](http://www.guildfordurc.org.uk)


# Looking Ahead

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

**3 pm** Christingle Service

**5 pm** Christingle Service

**11:30 pm** Midnight Mass

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

**10 am** Mass

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

**10 am** Parish Mass

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**4 – 6 pm** Messy Church @ GURC

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January : Epiphany

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

**10 am** *Three Wonders* Sung Mass

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January : Baptism of Christ

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

**10 am** Parish Mass with Junior Church

**The Parish Office will be closed next week**

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## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

There is no Coffee Shop on 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January** Coffee Shop re-opens

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** Monthly Lunch

# THIS WEEK

22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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**Sunday**

**ADVENT IV**

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

**11 am** Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

**4 pm** The Road to Christmas

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**Monday**

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

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

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