

# Pews News

**12 January 2025: Baptism of Christ  
Today's Services:**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass: Curate



**Welcome to  
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**  
**Rector: Fr Neil Roberts Curate: Fr Alistair  
Milne**  
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## Welcome

We welcome Noelle Coe, Town Chaplain, as our preacher this morning.

## Children are welcome here

Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. Junior Church is back this week so they will go out to the hall for their activities and return at the end to tell us all about it.

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

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

M		Mark 1:14-20	Hilary, Kentigern, George Fox Millmead Millmead Terrace
Tu	10am Morning Prayer	Mark 1:21-28	Mount Pleasant Mountside
W	10 am Morning Prayer	Mark 1:29-39	Nether Mount New Pond Rd
Th	10 am Morning Prayer	Mark 1:40-end	Old Portsmouth Rd Park St

F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am <b>Mass</b>	Mark 2:1-12	Antony of Egypt Charles Gore Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
Sat		Mark 2:13-17	<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b> Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Mass with Ministry of Healing & Junior Church <b>13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy</b>	John 2:1-11	<b>Epiphany II</b>

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### **10:00 Parish Mass & Junior Church: Curate**

*See separate Order of Service*

Mass Setting (choir) Harold Darke in F

### **Intercessions**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa.

Diocese: The Parish of The Good Shepherd Farnborough.

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

The Year's Mind: Cynthia Clee, Mervyn Spenser Underhill (priest) Beatrice Clee, Albert Hoare, John Farmer and Elaine Turner.

## 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**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Mass & Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: Rachel Chapman*

*Intercessor: Cath Anderson*

*Chalice Assistant: Jana Phillips*

*Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, James Wix*

*Coffee: Iain Ferguson, Tarina More*

### **Next Week**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Mass for Healing  
& Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: Deborah Nobbs*

*Intercessor: Philip Hooper*

*Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith*

*Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, John Vines*

*Coffee: Angela & Fran Goodwin,  
Cath Anderson*

## **This Week's Notices**

### **“God loves a cheerful giver”**

On Advent Sunday, we launched a Cheerful Giving campaign. Each member of the congregation and electoral roll received a letter signed by the Rector and the Planned Giving Officer, together with leaflets setting out the financial challenges faced by St Nicolas’.

You were invited to consider prayerfully your financial contribution to the life of our church and to determine whether you are able to increase your giving and to regularise it via the Parish Giving Scheme. A pledge form was included with your letter with a request to return it to the Planned Giving Officer, Philip Thomas.

We have had a gratifying response, which is much appreciated. Thank you to those who have returned their pledge forms. We are now asking those who are yet to do so to give this their attention and respond to the call we are making.

Please complete your pledge form and return it either via the offertory plate or directly to Philip Thomas or via the office. If you no longer have your form, then you can pick one up from the back of the church or obtain one from Philip, Cath or David.

It may be that, after prayerful consideration, you conclude that you are unable to increase your level of giving. This is understandable and it is also understood that people give in other ways, through their time, talents and witness. Even if you are unable to increase your contribution, it is still important that you should say via your pledge form what you actually plan to give during 2025.

And I urge you to move your regular giving onto the Parish Giving Scheme as this makes our financial planning and administration so much easier.

Thank you for giving this your attention.

*Father Neil*

## **Beer & Banter**

Beer & Banter is a men's group which meets monthly, alternating between discussing a topic in the Loseley Chapel and, to please the crowds, meeting in a pub for a social. The next Beer & Banter will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7:30pm in the Loseley Chapel where we will be discussing the topic which we failed to discuss in November because of certain event in the CofE ... is it right to have so many Christian denominations?

*Father Alistair*

## **Concerts**

Huge thanks go to John Varney and all those involved in the U3A Christmas concert. The collection taken in aid of St Nicolas' was £337.74.

We are also hugely grateful to Stevens & Bolton. Their choir rehearse here each week and they have held their Christmas concert here for the last few years. We have just received from them a donation of nearly £1,000 following their recent Christmas concert, for which we are hugely grateful.

## **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 below for details) or please ask to use the card reader.

## **Salvation Army Food Bank**

Any donations are very welcome. Please put them in the box in the narthex.



## **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/>



# Looking Ahead

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January : Epiphany II

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

**10 am** Parish Mass with Ministry of Healing & Junior Church

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January : Conversion of Paul

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

**10 am** School Sunday Mass - Pet Service with GURC

## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February

**4 pm** Messy Church

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February : Candlemass

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

**10 am** Parish Mass with Junior Church

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February : Fourth Before Lent

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

**10 am** Parade Service with Cubs & Beavers – Joint with GURC

**11:30 am** Choral Mattins

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

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

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** Monthly Lunch

## BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (social @ Wetherspools)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April (social @ Wetherspools)

## FIZZ & FRIENDS

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

# THIS WEEK

12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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## Sunday

### BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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

**10 am** Parish Mass with Junior Church

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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## Monday

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## Tuesday

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Tuesday Group – Quiz (*two teams*)

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## Wednesday

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Café Play

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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

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## Saturday

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## Sunday

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**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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