

Pews News



19 January 2025: Epiphany II
Today's Services:
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Mass with the Ministry of Healing &
Junior Church: Fr Nicholas Edwards

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. Junior Church is taking place 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

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

M		Mark 2:18-22	<i>Richard Rolle</i> Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
Tu	10am Morning Prayer	Mark 2:23-end	Agnes St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
W	10 am Morning Prayer	Mark 3:1-6	<i>Vincent of Saragossa</i> Stakescorner Road Testard Road
Th	10 am Morning Prayer	Mark 3:7-12	The Firs, The Mount

F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	Mark 3:13-19	Francis de Sales The Piccards The Ridges
Sat		Matt.19:27-end	Conversion of Paul The Valley Turnham Close
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 School Sunday Pet Service with GURC 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Matt.8:1-13	Conversion of Paul

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Voluntary: Prelude on the Huron carol 'Twas in the moon of wintertime' – R Erickson

Processional Hymn 206 Christ is our corner-stone

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Deborah Nobbs **Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5

The LORD says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reading: I Corinthians 12:1-11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of

miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gradual Hymn 48 Bethlehem, of noblest cities

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Diocese: The Parish of St Mary & All Saints, Dunsfold & St Peter's, Hascombe.

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

The Year's Mind: Max Adrian, Roy Anderson, Helen Joyce Coppinger, Philip Charsley, Peggy Fletcher and Sylvia Jenner.

Offertory Hymn 280 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (**omit * verse**)

Anthem: *O sacrum convivium* – Giovanni Croce

*O sacrum convivium! in quo Christus sumitur:
recolitur memoria passionis eius: mens impletur gratia:
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.*

O sacred banquet! in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given. Alleluia.

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

Voluntary: Two settings of *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* – *Johann Christoph Bach and Georg Philipp Telemann*

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)

10:00 Parish Mass with 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

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 School Sunday Pet Service
with GURC

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: School

Intercessor: School

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, Daniel Vines

Coffee: Lizzie Evans, Julia Williams

This Week's Notices

Pet Service NEXT Sunday 26th January

Next Sunday, the 10 o'clock service will NOT be a Mass. It will be a Blessing of Animals Service. Our friends from Guildford URC will join us.

Please bring your pets to church with you.

If you have loved and lost pets, please bring a photograph or if that is not possible, perhaps their toy or blanket and we shall offer God's blessing on them or the memory of a pet we have loved and who has loved us.

Living Lent

We are beginning to think about how we can live and keep a holy Lent this year.

The theme for our Sunday homilies and consequently the Bible studies the following Fridays after Lent lunches will be based on VOCATION. This reflects our Planned Giving and Stewardship Campaign, *Cheerful Giving*. We shall reflect upon how all that we do (as the Offertory Prayer reminds us) is given to God - not just the pounds in our pockets. Our lives, our skills, time, talents and good will - without which St Nicolas would not operate! We look forward to focussing upon the following themes throughout the Sundays in Lent:

Lent 1 Our Baptism as the beginning of our Christian vocation

Lent 2 The Eucharist as the nourishing of our vocation

Lent 3 Discipleship as the Way of our vocation

Lent 4 Liturgy as a celebration of our vocation

Lent 5 Ministry as particular expressions of vocation (lay and ordained)

These will be explored at Mass in the Homily and the following Friday after the Lent Lunches.

Additionally, for those who cannot make a Friday in the working week, we shall offer The Big Lent Brunch – on Saturday 22nd March at St Nicolas - to explore a little of each of these topics in our Lenten discipline of Learning and Praying with Brunch!

Congregation Choir

Last month, a group of singers from our congregation sang carols in care homes around the parish, bringing some joy to their residents at Christmas. Particularly pleasing was how well the group sang. True, we did all the familiar easy unchallenging stuff, but it was delivered with strength and energy, grounds for optimism about what might be achieved with the Congregation Choir this coming year.

A choir from the congregation will be needed at Sunday Morning Mass on the following dates:

16th February; 30th March; 6th April; 27th April and 18th May. We will be leading the hymns and a simple Mass setting (probably Murray, at least to begin with) and hopefully we can sing a simple anthem appropriate to the day.

We hope many of you will be ready, willing and able to join in. Please speak to David Greenwood or contact him on david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com.

Hopefully, 2025 can be the year when a choir based on our congregation becomes an integral part of the fabric of our worship. Looking forward to it!

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 this Tuesday, 21st 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*

Good Grief Club

Good Grief Club, a place of comfort and support for the bereaved, will be meeting at the Cosy Club at 2pm on Wednesday 29th January. All are welcome, or for more information contact Helen on 07554 004557 / helentrussler@hotmail.co.uk

Concert – Saturday 8th February

We are pleased to welcome Zarektrio who are using the church for a concert on Saturday 8th February. They like to capture the joy and thrill of live chamber music, performing on period instruments. If the concert goes well, they would like to return for a series of performances so it would be really good to give them our support. Tickets are available on the ticket source website <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/zarektrio/zarektrio-mudlark/2025-02-08/19:00/t-gaklxkz>

MUDlark!

Saturday 8th February, 7pm
St Nicolas Church, Guildford
Tickets £12, concessions £8, under 12 free

[click this link to book tickets](#)

Weird. Poignant. Wonderful. MUDlark! is a cabinet of curiosities, thieveries, and musical mysteries.



One hour of music by Purcell, Playford, Hume, Handel and more from the English Baroque and beyond.



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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 at the back of church.



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/>



SCHOOL SUNDAY

PET SERVICE

At St Nicolas Church, Guildford, Gu2 4AW



SUNDAY
26TH JANUARY
10AM

COFFEE AND CAKE
SERVED AFTER



BRING YOUR PETS ALONG TO CHURCH FOR
THIS SPECIAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE AND
GIVE THANKS FOR OUR ANIMALS.
CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO HELP RUN THIS SPECIAL SERVICE.

Please contact parishoffice@saintnics.com for more
information and to sign children up to a role.

Parents/carers must accompany children at this service

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Looking Ahead

Sunday 26th January : Conversion of Paul

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday Pet Service with GURC

Saturday 1st February

4 pm Messy Church

Sunday 2nd February : Candlemass

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 9th 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

Thursday 13th February

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 31st January Monthly Lunch (11:30-13:30)

Friday 28th February Monthly Lunch (11:30-13:30)

**Friday 7th March to
Friday 11th April** Lent Lunches (11:30-13:30)

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 21st January

Tuesday 11th February (social @ Wetherspoons)

Tuesday 18th March

Tuesday 1st April (social @ Wetherspoons)

FIZZ & FRIENDS

Friday 7th February

Friday 9th May

Friday 11th July

THIS WEEK

19th – 26th January 2025

Sunday

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Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Winter-themed craftwork*

7:30 pm Beer & Banter in the Loseley Chapel

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

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

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

CONVERSION OF PAUL

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday Pet Service with GURC

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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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