

Pews News

**26 January 2025: Conversion of Paul
Today's Services:**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 School Sunday Pet Service



**Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts

Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

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Children (and pets!) are welcome here

Please do not worry about children (or pets!) making noise or moving around. There is no Junior Church this week but happens on Sunday mornings during term time so will be back next Sunday.

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 refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards, or if it's easier for your pet, we will bring coffee to you. Pet treats also available!

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

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| M | | Mark 3:22-30 | Walnut Tree Close West Mount |
| Tu | 10am Morning Prayer | Mark 3:31-end | Thomas Aquinas Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue Woodcote |
| W | 10 am Morning Prayer | Mark 4:1-20 | |
| Th | 10 am Morning Prayer | Mark 4:21-25 | Charles |

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| F | 10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass 1 pm Bible Study | Mark 4:26-34 | <i>John Bosco</i> |
| Sat | 4 – 6 pm Messy Church | Mark 4:35-end | <i>Brigid</i> Annandale Road Artington Walk |
| Next Sun | 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Junior Church 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy | Matt.8:1-13 | Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass) |

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see separate Order of Service

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Diocese: Cranleigh School.

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: Ernest Chown (priest), Maureen Hibberd, Phyllis Beryl Kennedy, Frances Mary Jones, Dion Murray-Jones and David Stephen Taylor.

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 School Sunday Pet Service
with GURC

On Duty @ 10am

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson,

Coffee: Julia Williams

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Craig Nobbs

Intercessor: Shirley Aston

Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson

*Sidespeople: David Greenwood,
Rory Fenner*

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Deborah Tizard

This Week's Notices

Monthly Lunch

The lunch returns next Friday, 31st January. Join us for good food, good company and all for a good cause – USPG. There will be a veggie main course for those who require it, together with a choice of desserts.

Monthly Bible Study

This also returns! Next Friday, 31st January, Fr Ali will explore the story of the prodigal son. The study will start at 1pm after the monthly lunch. Do come along if you're free and have a read of the story in Luke 15 before if possible.

Choral Mattins, Sunday 9th February

Our next choral Matins service, led by our Choir will be on Sunday 9th February at 11.30, following on from our 10am Parade Service with Cubs and Beavers and coffee. As increasingly fewer parish churches and cathedrals provide this particularly Anglican worship, St Nic's is indeed blessed and fortunate to be able to offer this form of Divine worship to God once or twice a term. After your coffee please do come back into the church and relish this 'Jewel in the Crown'.

Matins (also spelt Mattins) and Evensong are the sung versions of the Book of Common Prayer morning and evening offices (Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer). Both are derived and amalgamated from the ancient monastic canonical hours in the 1549 Prayer Book for use in 'ordinary' (non-monastic) places. As such they consist mainly of prayers and Psalms. The Venite (Psalm 96) comes after the Prayer of Absolution and Lord's Prayer, followed by the psalm appointed for the day. A canticle follows each of the scripture readings: the Benedicite (or alternatively the Te Deum) after the first, and since 1552 the Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100) after the second. In Quires and places where they sing an anthem may follow the collects.

The music for our February Matins includes a responsorial setting of the Benedicite by Roger Petrich to encourage the congregation to join in singing, and a Charles Wood setting of the Jubilate based, in part, on the Old 100th tune from 1551. Developing the theme of the Gospel lesson used at the 10am Mass, where Jesus calls his first disciples, the anthem In the year that King Uzziah died is a dramatic setting by the mid-20thC New York organist David McK Williams.

Rick Erickson

Living Lent

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

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!

Good Grief Club

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

Concert – Saturday 8th February

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

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/>



Looking Ahead

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

Sunday 16th February : Third before Lent

10 am Parish 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 11 February (social @ Wetherspoons)

Tuesday 18th March

Tuesday 1st April (social @ Wetherspoons)

FIZZ & FRIENDS

Friday 7th February

Friday 9th May

Friday 11th July

THIS WEEK

26th January – 2nd February 2025

Sunday

EPIPHANY II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday Pet Service with GURC

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Birthday Party!*

5 - 6:30 pm Toastie Tuesday for school years 3 - 6

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 1:30 pm Coffee Shop / Monthly Lunch

11 am Mass

1 pm Bible Study

Saturday

4 pm – 6 pm Messy Church

Sunday

CANDLEMASS

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

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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