

Pews News



2 February 2025: Candlemas
Today's Services:
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass with Junior Church: Curate

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 is Junior Church in the hall this week, so they will be going out to enjoy their activities before returning and telling us what they have been up to.

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.

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 5:1-20	Anskar Buryfields, Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
Tu	10am Morning Prayer	Mark 5:21-end	Gilbert Denzil Road Devon Bank
W	10 am Morning Prayer 12 pm Mass	Mark 6:1-6a	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road

Th	10 am Morning Prayer	Mark 6:7-13	Martyrs of Japan Ferry Lane Flower Walk
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	Mark 6:14-29	Friary Bridge Genyn Road
Sat		Mark 6:30-34	Guildford Park Ave Guildford Park Road
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parade Service with Cubs & Beavers & GURC 11:30 Choral Mattins 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Luke 5:1-11	Fourth before Lent

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see separate Order of Service

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia.

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: Roger Howland, Clare Wickenden, Phyllis Morse, Patrick Cooney, Hugh Dawes (priest), Jennie Raynes and Kitty Kimber.

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 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

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10:00 Parade Service with Cubs &
Beavers & GURC
11:30 Choral Mattins

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Member of Scout Group

Intercessor: Member of Scout Group

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew

Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

This Week's Notices

Electoral Roll

This is our register of electors. It's an important way of confirming your commitment to St Nicolas' community and to the vision of the church. It means you can vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – which this year is on Sunday 6th April – and stand for election to the PCC or Deanery Synod. Being on the Electoral Roll doesn't make you a 'member' of the Church; simply regarding St Nicolas' as your spiritual home does that.

This year the Electoral Roll has to be completely renewed – no names are carried over from the old Roll and everyone must make a new application to be included.

To join the Electoral Roll you must be aged 16 or over (or due to turn 16 this year), you must be baptised and a member of the Church of England and EITHER living in the parish OR have attended St Nicolas' regularly for at least 6 months.

The renewal will start on Tuesday 4th February. There will forms available from church and from the parish office; there will be a downloadable electoral roll form on our website; and an easy-to-fill online form for which we will include the link in Pews News each week. Paper forms should be returned to the parish office or to Fr Neil.

Fizz & Friends

The next gathering of our Ladies Group is on Friday 7th February, 8-10pm – a chance to relax amongst friends, enjoy some calming activities, soak up the atmosphere in our beautiful church and, of course, enjoy some fizz! (Non-alcoholic drinks also available!) This open to any women of any age and you

will be very welcome. It would be helpful to know if you are coming (but don't worry, you can just turn up) so please drop Nicky an email to let her know (missionenableer@saintnics.com)

Choral Mattins, next 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. After your coffee please do come back into the church and relish this 'Jewel in the Crown'.

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!

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.



www.zarek.co.uk

Good Cause



Our Good Cause for February is Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders). MSF is an international, independent medical humanitarian organization providing medical assistance to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from healthcare. Its teams are made up of tens of thousands of health professionals, logistics and administrative staff – most of them hired locally. Its actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of impartiality, independence and neutrality.

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/>



Parish Office opening hours this week

Tuesday 13:30 – 18:00 * Thursday 08:30 – 18:00 * Friday 13:30 – 18:00

www.saintnics.com parishoffice@saintnics.com 01483 564526

Looking Ahead

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

Sunday 23rd February : Second Before Lent

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Saturday 1st March

4 - 6 pm Messy Church @ GURC

Sunday 2nd March : Next Before Lent

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

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

2nd – 9th February 2025

Sunday

CANDLEMASS

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Birthday Beetle Drive*

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

12 pm Mass

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

8 – 10 pm Fizz & Friends

Saturday

7 pm Zarek Trio Concert

Sunday

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