

Pews News

16 February 2025: Third before Lent
Today's Services:
10:00 Mass



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. As it's half term, there is no Junior Church but there are activities for them at the back of church.

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 after Mass.

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 8:11-13	Janani Luwum Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
Tu		Mark 8:14-21	Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
W		Mark 8:22-26	Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Th	10 am Morning Prayer	Mark 8:27-33	Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	Mark 8:34-9:1	St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill

Sat Mark 9:2-23 [Stakescorner Road](#)
[Testard Road](#)
Next 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) Luke 8:22-25 **Second before**
Sun 10:00 Mass **Lent**
13:00 Romanian Orthodox
Divine Liturgy

Today's Services

10:00 Mass with the Ministry of Healing: Fr Nicholas Edwards

Voluntary: Fantaisie in C – *César Franck*

Processional Hymn 388 Jesus shall reign

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Rory Fenner **Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reading: I Corinthians 15:12-20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Processional Hymn 341 Blest are the pure in heart

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude

you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh.

Diocese: Chaplaincies & other Guildford & Surrey Heath deanery PTOs (including Frimley Park Hospital, Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy, Gordons School)_.

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

The recently departed: Elena, Marjorie Singleton.

The Year's Mind: Jennifer Nicholas and Gladys Hoare.

Offertory Hymn 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

***The Ministry of Healing will take place in St George's Chapel
after the administration of Holy Communion***

Voluntary: Kleine Prelude and Fugue in F, BWV 556 – J S Bach

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

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Rory Fenner

Intercessor: Jill Sandham

Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Daniel Vines

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Wendy Gabriel

Intercessor: Donald Thompson

Chalice Assistant: Jana Phillips

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Pauline May

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.

Forms are available from church and from the parish office and an easy-to-fill online form which you'll find by following this link:

<https://guildfordstnicks.myknowchurch.co.uk/form/load/bkFkdm4xc2pybkIpe ml4RE5PL3jxcXcrQ2JIU0NBMFI0L2JTSXVNBzFiSWdkeHJsQ0QIa0UvRIdTZ HMI>

or scan this QR code.

Paper forms should be returned to the parish office or to Fr Neil.



Congregation Choir

We are grateful to our congregation choir for leading our singing this morning. They will also be singing on 30th March, 6th April, 27th April and 18th May. If anyone else would like to join in, please speak to David Greenwood or contact him on david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com.

Good Grief Club

The next meet up of the bereavement support group is on Wednesday 26th February, 2pm at The Cosy Club.

Zero Carbon food collectors from M&S and Gail's...

Zero Carbon are on the move again soon and we want to support them again by making St Nicolas a more permanent outpost. The chief aim of their community fridge is to avoid food waste by giving food away.

What would we have to do? We would collect a car boot full of food from M&S and Gail's on Sunday afternoon, and then have it on tables in the Narthex on a Monday. Carbon Zero would provide the signs and we would simply enable folks to come and collect what they want - limited to a number of items per person.

Can you help? Thank you to those who have already volunteered, but would welcome anyone else who can. We will then put together a rota and nobody will be doing it too often. Collectors would drop off the food in the Narthex and then the Monday Open Church team will simply open the doors whilst they are on duty. If anyone else would like to be around on Monday mornings, that would also be much appreciated.

If you could be one of those willing to drive to collect and bring the food to church, or to help man the fridge on a Monday, let Cath or Fr Neil know.

Ash Wednesday

There will be a Mass here at 11am as usual, and we are also invited to the Guildford Town Centre Service at 8pm, at St Mary's Church. There is an opportunity to join a 'scratch' choir to sing William Byrd's Three Part Mass. If you are interested, please email Helen Lee, director of music at St Mary's (hmllee@ntlworld.com) to assist with numbers. The rehearsal will be at 7pm.

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!

Quiz for a Cause

Guildford Cathedral is hosting a pub-style quiz night on Friday 7th March. Doors open at 6:30pm and food will be served as you arrive. The quiz starts at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £20 and desserts, drinks and raffle tickets are available to purchase on the evening. If you would be interested in being part of a St Nicolas' team, please speak to Jonathan Neil-Smith (or let the parish office know and we'll pass on your details).



Good Cause

Our Good Cause for February is Medecins Sans Frontieres (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/>



Looking Ahead

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

Wednesday 5th March : Ash Wednesday

11 am Mass with the Administration of Ashes

8 pm Joint Mass for Guildford Town Centre @ St Mary's

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 18th March

Tuesday 1st April (social @ Wetherspoons)

FIZZ & FRIENDS

Friday 9th May

Friday 11th July

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 8th April



**ST NICOLAS
GUILDFORD**

**Junior Church
Pancake Party**

**Sunday 9th March
2-4pm**

Games
Fun
Pancakes

Please let us know you're coming,
parishoffice@saintrics.com



THIS WEEK

16th – 23rd February 2025

Sunday

THIRD BEFORE LENT

10 am Mass with the Ministry of Healing

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

SECOND BEFORE LENT

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Parish Office opening hours this week

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

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