

# Pews News

**23 February 2025: Second before Lent**

**Today's Services:**

8:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

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. Junior Church will be back next week when we will be looking at the Transfiguration.

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

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

M		Mark 9:14-29	The Piccards The Ridges
Tu	10 am Morning Prayer	Mark 9:30-37	The Valley Turnham Close
W	10 am Morning Prayer	Mark 9:38-30	Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
Th	10 am Morning Prayer 7 pm <b>Mass</b> before PCC meeting	Mark 9:41-end	George Herbert Walnut Tree Close West Mount
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am <b>Mass</b>	Mark 10:1-12	Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue Woodcote

Sat 4 – 6 pm Messy Church @ Mark 10:13-16 David  
GURC

**Next** 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) Luke 9:28-36 **Next before Lent**

**Sun** 10:00 Mass & Junior Church

13:00 Romanian Orthodox

Divine Liturgy

## Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

**10:00 Mass: Rector, David Greenwood preaching**

Voluntary: Trio and Fugue on Dundee – *Austin C Lovelace*

**ProceSSIONAL Hymn 233** Glory to thee, who safe hast kept

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

**Reader:** Wendy Gabriel **Reading:** Genesis 2:4b-9,15-25

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground – then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

**Reading:** Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a

throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

**Processional Hymn 393** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 8:22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

### **Intercessions**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Diocese: Parish of Camberley St Michael Yorktown.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne, Margaret Colville, Rupert Williams, Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Ian Sherman, Penny Lucas, Roger Nicholas and Jenny Potter.

The recently departed: Marjorie Singleton and Dave Fisher.

The Year's Mind: Betty Waters, Sarah Hutley, Edward Rawlings, Graham Nicholls, Florence Durant, Roy Collingsworth and Elizabeth Hobden.

**Offertory Hymn 354** Eternal Father, strong to save

Mass Setting: New Plainsong Mass – *David Hurd*

## **Anthem:** Geistliches Lied – *Johannes Brahms*

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee;  
Heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee.  
Why brood all day on sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee  
God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy.  
Be true in all endeavour and ply bravely;  
What God decrees brings joy and peace. He'll stay thee. Amen.  
- *Paul Flemming, 1609-1640, translated Walter R Buszin*

Voluntary: *Gaudeamus* – *Alec Rowley*

## **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

*On Duty @ 10am*

*Reader: Wendy Gabriel*

*Intercessor: Donald Thompson*

*Chalice Assistant: Jana Phillips*

*Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Rory Fenner*

*Coffee: Cath Anderson*

### **Next Week**

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

*On Duty @ 10am*

*Reader: Angela Goodwin*

*Intercessor: John Varney*

*Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith*

*Sidespeople: David Greenwood, James Wix*

*Coffee: Iain Ferguson, Monica Pino*

## **This Week's Notices**

### **We all have to reapply to join the Electoral Roll – have you done your application yet?**

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 6<sup>th</sup> April – and stand for election to the PCC or Deanery Synod.

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.



### **Good Grief Club**

The next meet up of the bereavement support group is this Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm at The Cosy Club.

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

We shall be burying **Fred Hutley's ashes** after the 11am Mass on Friday. Do come to support Jean and her family. On the same day it is our **Monthly Lunch**, which will be followed at 1pm by **Bible Study**. David Greenwood will lead on the Conversion of St Paul and the events leading up to it, as described in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 7 to 9.

### **Can you help?**

Would you be able to help keep the Church open one weekday morning each week from 10am to 12pm? The task is not arduous, but your help would be much appreciated, especially in the early part of the week. With the imminent arrival of the Zero Carbon fridge on Monday mornings, we will particularly need help that day when the food is on offer.

If you are interested, please speak to Hilary Fletcher who can tell you more.

### **Thank you to Cards for Good Causes**

We love to host the card shop in the run-up to Christmas each year. Not only does it give us the opportunity to welcome people through the doors, we also receive a percentage of the sales that they make. We were delighted to hear this week that we will receive nearly £1800! We would like to say a huge thank you to the shop managers for running it and to the many volunteers from our own congregation, the local community and beyond.

### **And thanks from Guildford Besom**

“We wanted to write to say a Huge Thank You for the wonderful Christmas Hampers given by St Nicolas Church! We were able to take them to young families living in a Families' Hostel and to others who are living in supported accommodation. They were all so very grateful and it really helped to brighten up their Christmas!”

## Ash Wednesday – 5<sup>th</sup> March

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](mailto: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, which reflects our 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 (9<sup>th</sup> March) Our Baptism as the beginning of our Christian vocation

Lent 2 (16<sup>th</sup> March) The Eucharist as the nourishing of our vocation

Lent 3 (23<sup>rd</sup> March) Discipleship as the Way of our vocation

Lent 4 (30<sup>th</sup> March) Liturgy as a celebration of our vocation

Lent 5 (6<sup>th</sup> April) 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.

The first **Lent Lunch** will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, running through to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, with the **Lent study half hours** starting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March for 5 weeks.

For those who cannot make a Friday in the working week, we shall offer The **Big Lent Brunch** – from 10:30am to 12:30pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in church - to explore a little of each of these topics in our Lenten discipline of Learning and Praying with Brunch!

There will be two opportunities to enjoy **Stations of the Cross & Benediction** – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

## The next Archbishop of Canterbury - how will the process work?

The CofE is consulting on names for the next Archbishop of Canterbury. You can do that here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance/archbishops/canterbury-crown-nominations-commission/consultation-nomination-106th-archbishop-canterbury>



While the public can put forward names, it is the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) which recommends the final candidate. The CNC consists of:

- The chair (a layperson) - to be appointed by the prime minister
- A bishop - to be elected by the House of Bishops
- The Archbishop of York or, if he chooses not to be a member of the CNC, a further bishop to be elected by the House of Bishops
- Three representatives elected from the Diocese of Canterbury by their Vacancy in See (Diocesan Synod) Committee
- Six representatives (three clergy and three lay) elected by General Synod to serve as members of the Commission for a five year period
- Five representatives from other churches in the Anglican Communion - one each from Africa; the Americas; Middle East and Asia; Oceania and Europe

### **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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> March

4 - 6 pm Messy Church @ GURC

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March : Next Before Lent

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March : Ash Wednesday

11 am Mass with the Administration of Ashes

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

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March : Lent I

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

11:30 am Choral Mattins

*with soloists, choir, strings and organ presenting Buxtehude's  
Jesu Meine Freude (in English)*

2 - 4 pm Junior Church Pancake Party

5 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February Monthly Lunch (11:30-13:30)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March to  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April Lent Lunches (11:30-13:30)

## BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

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

## FIZZ & FRIENDS

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

## CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April





# THIS WEEK

23<sup>rd</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

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## Sunday

### SECOND BEFORE LENT

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

**10 am** Mass

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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## Monday

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## Tuesday

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Tuesday Group – *A Flower for February*

**5 – 6:30 pm** Toastie Tuesday for School Years 3 – 6

**7 pm** Mass before PCC meeting

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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 – 1:30 pm** Coffee Shop & Monthly Lunch

**11 am** Mass with interment of Ashes

**1 pm** Bible Study

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## Saturday

**4 – 6 pm** Messy Church @ GURC

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## Sunday

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**10 am** Mass with Junior Church

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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