

# Pews News



**30 March 2025: Lent IV**  
**Mothering Sunday**  
**Today's Services:**  
8:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Mass with Junior Church

**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 in the hall this morning, so they will return towards the end of the service to show us what they've been doing.

## **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	16:30 Evening Prayer <b>17:00 Mass</b>	John 4:43-end	<i>John Donne</i>
Tu	<b>08:00 Mass</b>	John 5:1-3,5-16	<i>Frederick Denison Maurice</i> Annandale Road Artington Walk
W	<b>12:00 Mass</b>	John 5:17-30	Beech Lane, Bray Rd Bury Street
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 5:31-end	Buryfields Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue

F	09:30 School Easter Service 10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 <b>Mass</b> 13:00 Lent Study Group	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Denzil Road Devon Bank
Sat	16:00 – 18:00 Messy Church @ GURC	John 7:40-52	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass 13:00 <b>Romanian Orthodox</b> Divine Liturgy	Luke 13:1-9	<b>Lent V</b> <i>Passiontide begins</i>

## Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Fr Alistair

**10:00 Mass & Junior Church:** President: Fr Neil; Preacher: Fr Alistair

*see Separate Order of Service*

**Reader:** Naomi Parkin-Tyrie **Reading:** 1 Samuel 1:20-28

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

**Reading:** Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Gospel Reading:** John 19:25b-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### **Intercessions**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Diocese: All those who do not yet know Christ.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne, Margaret Colville, Rupert Williams, Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Ian Sherman, Jenny Potter, Tarina More, Jeremy Pedrick and Frances Farmer.

The recently departed: Roger Nicholas.

The Year's Mind: Hilary Elston, Bill Cox, Susan Ann More, Tony Raynes, Anja Anneli Standbridge, Iris Morris and Jeanette Shaw.

### **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: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie*

*Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson*

*Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher*

*Sidespeople: Philip Thomas*

*Coffee: Deborah Tizard, Julia Williams*

#### **Next Week**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: John Varney*

*Intercessor: Caroline Coleman*

*Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith*

*Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Rory Fenner*

*Coffee: Angela Goodwin, Andy Anderson*

### **This Week's Notices**

#### **Beer & Banter**

We will be meeting for a social at Wetherspoons at 7.30 pm on Tuesday the 1st of April ... free drinks for the first one there!

*Fr Alistair*

#### **Prayer Tree**

Have you noticed that the illuminated tree in the narthex is now our prayer tree. There are tags next to it on which to write your prayers and then hang

them on the tree. The prayers will be gathered before Mass each Friday and included in our intercessions.

## **Easter Family Fun Day – 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Nicky is looking for volunteers who can help her run the Easter Family Fun Day on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 10:30am - 3pm. We would need volunteers to help with refreshments and some to be available to welcome and speak with visitors and support craft activities. Also, we will need cakes provided for refreshments.



There will be an Easter egg hunt, telling the story of Holy Week, as well as games and crafts. If anyone wanted to do something specific like guided tours at set times, that is also something that she would love to include as well.

As we will be open for quite a long time, we hope that volunteers might be able to stay for a couple of hours on a rota basis.

Please get in touch with Nicky and let her know if you can help, when you are free and what you might like to do. [missionenabler@saintnics.com](mailto:missionenabler@saintnics.com)

## **Curry & Questions**

We are delighted that Bishop Paul will be joining us for our next Curry & Questions on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm. Continuing our Lent theme, he will lead our discussion on Vocation. Please sign up on the list at the back of church or email [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com) - the cost of the meal is £10 and you are welcome to bring your own drinks.

## **Lilies for the Altar of Repose**

On Maundy Thursday we plan to adorn the Altar of Repose with lilies and are asking for your donations towards these. This is a lovely way to remember your loved ones who are no longer with us. Donations can be made by cash or cheque, directly into the bank account (ref LILIES) or using the card reader. With many thanks.



## **Maundy Thursday Watch**

We traditionally keep watch through the night, but need to ensure that there are at least two people in church at any time. So please sign up on the list at the back of church.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Our annual meeting will be held after Mass next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. Please see the board at the back of church for details of elections that will be taking place at that meeting. If you have not received a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts by email, please speak to Cath.

## **This Week's Lent Diary**

**Today's** homily theme – Liturgy as a celebration of our vocation

### **Friday**

10:30 am Coffee Shop

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Lent Lunch in aid of the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund Lent Appeal.

1 pm Lent Study on Sunday's homily theme – led by Fr Alistair

## **Looking Ahead in Lent**

There will be another opportunity to enjoy **Stations of the Cross & Benediction** on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am.

## **Funeral Service for Roger Nicholas**

This will be held here on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am.

## **Movie Night**

Starting in the Autumn – Week 1: movie, drinks and popcorn; Week 2: let's talk about it! More news nearer the time....

## **Good Cause**

Our Good Cause for March & April is the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund Lent Appeal. Last year the Fund supported projects run by parishes or church-linked organisations that reach out into their local communities and provide real practical support. Grants helped fund meals for the vulnerable, cafes for the isolated, youth and community workers etc.

Bishop Andrew asks: "Please prayerfully consider giving this Lent. Together we can reflect God's love and compassion, bringing light to those in darkness."

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/>



*The Chantry Singers*  
Peter Hicks - Conductor

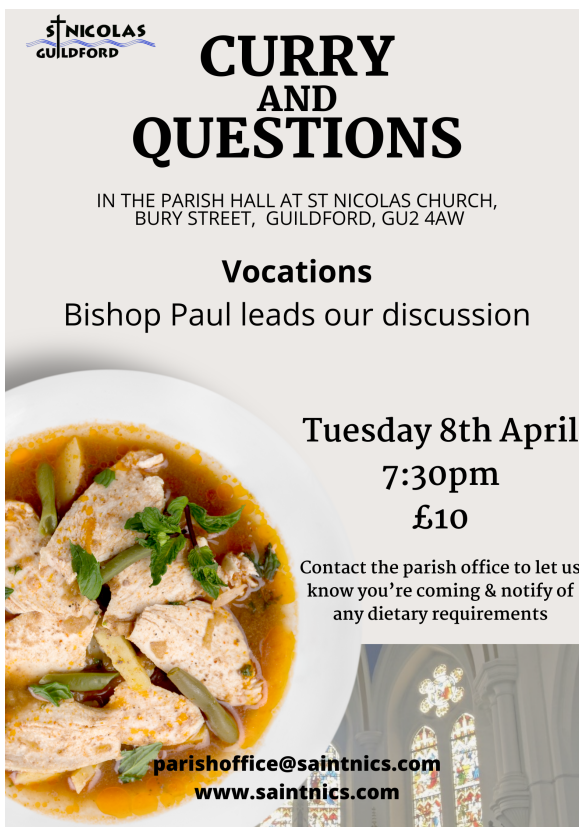
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**IHRTCT**  
The Humphrey Richardson Taylor Charitable Trust

Saturday 5th April  
St Nicolas Church  
Guildford GU2 4AW

Tickets: £16 (16 and under: £2)  
Click below or phone 07969 906 439



**ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD**

**CURRY AND QUESTIONS**

IN THE PARISH HALL AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH,  
BURY STREET, GUILDFORD, GU2 4AW

**Vocations**  
Bishop Paul leads our discussion

Tuesday 8th April  
7:30pm  
£10

Contact the parish office to let us know you're coming & notify of any dietary requirements

[parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com)  
[www.saintnics.com](http://www.saintnics.com)

# Looking Ahead

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**4 - 6 pm** Messy Church @ GURC

**7:30 pm** Chantry Singers Concert

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April : Lent V

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

**10 am** Mass, followed by the APCM

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April : Palm Sunday

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

**10 am** The Liturgy of the Palms and Procession to GURC

## Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week

**8 pm** Mass

## 17<sup>th</sup> April: Maundy Thursday

**8 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper & Stripping of the Altars

## 18<sup>th</sup> April: Good Friday

**1 pm** Veneration of the Cross

## 19<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Saturday

**8 pm** Vigil & First Mass of Easter

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April : Easter Day

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

**10 am** Mass

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

**Fridays until 11<sup>th</sup> April** Lent Lunches (11:30-13:30)

## BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

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

13<sup>th</sup> May

10<sup>th</sup> June (social @ Wetherspoons)

15<sup>th</sup> July

## FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

9<sup>th</sup> May

11<sup>th</sup> July

## CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April with Bishop Paul

# THIS WEEK

## 30<sup>th</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b> Evening Prayer <b>5 pm</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8 am</b> Mass <b>10 am</b> Tuesday Group – <i>Archaeology – a guided discussion</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10 am</b> Café Play <b>12 pm</b> Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> School Easter Service <b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:30 am – 1:30 pm</b> Coffee Shop & Lent Lunch <b>11 am</b> Mass <b>1 pm</b> Lent Study Group
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4 pm</b> Messy Church @ GURC <b>7:30 pm</b> Chantry Singers Concert
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