

# Pews News



**25 May 2025: Easter V**

**Today's Services:**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Baptism

**Welcome to  
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**

**Rector: Fr Neil Roberts**

**Curate: Fr Alistair Milne**

## **Children are welcome here**

We especially welcome today Josephine to be baptised this morning, with her parent Edgars and Agnesa, family and friends. Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. There will be toys and activities for them in their area in St George's Chapel.

## **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 – thank you to Edgars and Agnesa for your contributions!

## **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		John 15:26-16:4	Rogation Day Augustine <i>John Calvin, Philip Neri</i> Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 16:5-11	Rogation Day Walnut Tree Close West Mount

W	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 16:12-15	Rogation Day <i>Lanfranc</i> Wherwell Road Wodland Avenue Woodcote
Th	11:00 <b>Mass</b>	Luke 24:44-end	<b>Ascension Day</b>
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 <b>Mass</b> 13:00 Bible Study	John 16:20-23	Josephine Butler <i>Joan of Arc</i> Apolo Kivebulaya
Sat		Luke 1:38-49	<b>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Commissioning of PCC <b>13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy</b>	John 17:20-end	<b>Sunday after Ascension</b>

### Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion

**10:00 Mass & Baptism** Celebrant: Fr Neil; Preacher: David Greenwood  
*see separate order of service*

### Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Diocese: The Parish of St Peter's Woking.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne, Margaret Colville, Rupert Williams, Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Ian Sherman, Peter & Celia Chapman, Tarina More and Jeremy Pedrick.

The Recently Departed: Steve Culling.

The Year's Mind: David Worthy, Brian Taylor (Rector), Iain Davidson, Derek John Sayer (priest), Robert John Stares, Hilary Elston, Bill Cox, Susan Ann More and Tony Raynes.

### 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 Baptism

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Oriana Rhydderch  
Intercessor: Wendy Gabriel  
Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher  
Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Sally Lowe  
Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines

### Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Mass with PCC Commissioning

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: David Greenwood  
Intercessor: Caroline Coleman  
Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson  
Sidespeople: Angela & Fran Goodwin,  
Jill Sandham  
Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Jo Radley

## This Week's Notices

### Honorary Canon

Fr Neil hopes that you can join him for his installation as an Honorary Canon at Cathedral Evensong at **6pm this evening**.

### Monthly Lunch

Our next lunch is on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> when home cooked food, good company and friendly chat are all to be enjoyed, with the bonus of raising money for good causes. And also that day .....

### ... Bible Study


On Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, Fr Alistair will be exploring the prologue to John's Gospel. It would be lovely to see you there.

### Corpus Christi – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Please start collecting petals from your gardens to use in the procession during our Corpus Christi Mass & Benediction.

### Pilgrimage to Rome

Would you be interested in joining the parish pilgrimage to Rome next year? Flying to Rome on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, we would stay on a half board basis and touring by coach with a guide, visiting San Clemente and Ancient Rome, the Catacombs, the Basilica of St Peter and the Vatican, flying home on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost would be £1,650 per person, based upon 15 people going. We have to **confirm numbers by the end of May** and **pay deposits of £500 by 15<sup>th</sup> June**, so please let Fr Neil or the parish office know if you would like to go. An outline of the accommodation and itinerary are available at the back of church and have been emailed to all on our mailing lists.



The poster is for the Corpus Christi Mass & Benediction. It features a circular logo on the left with a chalice and the text 'CORPUS CHRISTI' and 'IC XC'. To the right of the logo is the text 'ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD' and 'Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW'. The main text in large, bold, orange letters reads 'CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & BENEDICTION'. Below this, in white text, is 'Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 8 pm'. At the bottom, in white text, is 'Music by Schubert, MacMillan, Elgar, Duruflé & Duguet with String Ensemble' and 'followed by refreshments'.

**CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & BENEDICTION**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 8 pm**  
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**followed by refreshments**

## **Walsingham Pilgrimage**

This has been booked for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (with the option to return on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>) If you would like a place, please let the parish office know and arrange to make the initial deposit of £20 by 15<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Visit to Coventry Cathedral**

Plans are beginning to take shape for a day trip to Coventry to visit the Cathedral. This would be during the week of 18<sup>th</sup> August. If you are interested, please let David know which days you are available.  
david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com

## **Calling all singers!**

The Congregation Choir will be leading the services throughout the summer, starting Sunday 6 July. Choir practice will be on Fridays at 12 noon, starting on 20 June, and may switch to after Sunday Mass if that is easier for people. If you feel called to perform this important ministry, you would be most welcome in the choir. No auditions: all that is needed is an ability to hold a tune and a desire to worship God in song. If you are interested then speak to David Greenwood - david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com

## **Flat at Abbot's Hospital**

A first floor flat for a single person will be available soon at Abbot's Hospital, the historic almshouse at the top of Guildford High Street. Residents live independently in the supportive community at Abbot's. Regular activities available to residents include a weekly chapel service. Applicants must be aged 60 or more, with a Guildford connection and entitled to Housing Benefit. For full details please see [www.abbotshospital.org](http://www.abbotshospital.org) or contact the warden, Nicole Clemaron, on [warden@abbotshospital.org](mailto:warden@abbotshospital.org) or 01483 569207.

## **Part-Time Assistant Verger Wanted @ St Martha-on-the-Hill**

St Martha's is recruiting for one or possibly two part-time assistant Vergers to work to cover Saturday and Sunday in a given week twice a month. (6 hours per day). The role consists of assisting with services, welcoming visitors, members of the Church community and pilgrims as well as keeping the Church clean and tidy. Helping with other roles (eg serving at afternoon teas) can also be important. Pay is £16 per hour. If you are interested please contact the Rev David Oakden email [revdavid@parishofchilworth.org.uk](mailto:revdavid@parishofchilworth.org.uk) or 07770 596503 or text or call Helen (Church Warden) on 07710750909.

## **Good Cause**



Our Good Cause for May is ZANE: Zimbabwe A National Emergency. This is a charity that was proposed by our friend the late Roger Nicholas, a long-time supporter. Its work in Zimbabwe is varied: providing aid, comfort and support to impoverished pensions; looking after aged and frail veterans and their widows; organizing education programmes for



women and children living in extreme poverty; clubfoot correction programmes to treat children etc. Learn more about their work at <https://www.zane-zimbabweanationalemergency.com/>

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**

The Salvation Army food bank needs the following items for its food and hygiene bags:

Longlife semi skimmed and full fat milk; small bottles of squash; baked beans; tinned spaghetti; tinned tomatoes; tinned meatballs/hotdogs; tinned stewing steak/minced beef; tinned chicken in white sauce; Super Noodles, Pot Noodles & Mugshots; cereals and porridge oats; tinned ham and corned beef; Frey BENTOS pies; rice bags/pouches; tinned tuna; shampoo; shower gel; toothpaste; men/ladies deodorant; small packets of tissues; wet wipes; toilet rolls.

Please put them in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

### **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/>





A poster for a Messy Church Pentecost event. The background is a textured orange-brown with a white dove in flight. At the top, the word 'Messy' is in large white letters with a red splash, and 'Church' is in yellow. To the right, the words 'SONGS', 'GAMES', 'STORY', and 'CRAFTS' are listed in white. Below that, 'Pentecost' is written in large white letters. The event details are: 'Saturday 7th June 4-6pm' and 'at St Nicolas Church, Bury Street, GU2 4AW'. A note says 'Free of charge, Donations welcome.' At the bottom, it says 'All are welcome as we explore what Pentecost means. Followed by supper for everyone.' Contact information is provided: 'For more information contact Nicky on families.worker@guildfordurc.org.uk' and 'www.saintnics.com / www.guildfordurc.org.uk'. Logos for 'ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD' and 'Guildford United Reformed Church' are at the bottom, with the text 'in partnership with' between them.

# Looking Ahead

## **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May : Ascension Day**

**11 am** Mass

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June : Sunday after Ascension**

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

**10 am** Mass with PCC Commissioning

## **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

**4 – 6 pm** Messy Church

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June : Pentecost**

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

**10 am** Mass with Blessing of Ministries

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June : Trinity Sunday**

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

**10:30 am** Joint Service with Beavers & Cubs  
at Guildford URC

## **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June : Corpus Christi**

**8 pm** Mass & Benediction *followed by refreshments*

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June : Safeguarding Sunday**

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

**10 am** Mass with Junior Church

## **YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May** Monthly Lunch (11:30-13:30)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** Monthly Lunch (11:30-13:30)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July** Summer Fayre (14:00-16:00)

## **BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)**

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

15<sup>th</sup> July

# THIS WEEK

25<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>EASTER V</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP) <b>10 am</b> Mass with Baptism <b>1 pm</b> Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer
	<b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> Coffee Shop <b>11 am</b> Mass <b>11:30 am – 1:30 pm</b> Monthly Lunch <b>1 pm</b> Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP) <b>10 am</b> Mass with Junior Church <b>1 pm</b> Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

## Parish Office Opening Hours This Week

\* Thursday 08:30 – 18:00 \*

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