

Pews News



17 August 2025: Trinity IX
Today's Services:
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass

Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church
Rector: Canon Neil Roberts
Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

Children are welcome here

Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. Junior Church is now on its summer holiday, but there are always toys and activities in their area.

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

Please be aware that our services are generally live-streamed so if you do not wish to appear on camera, please sit in the designated rows. The congregation will not be filmed during the distribution of the Sacrament.

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

M		Matt.19:16-22	Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.19:23-end	Rookwood Court Rupert Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.20:1-16	Bernard; William & Catherine Booth Sandy Lane Scholars Walk

Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.22:1-14	St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt.22:34-40	Stakescorner Road Testard Road
Sat		Matt.23:1-12	The Firs, The Mount
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Luke 12:32-40	Trinity X

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10:00 Mass Celebrant & Preacher: Rector

Voluntary: Adagio – *Franz Liszt*

Processional Hymn 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Craig Nobbs **Reading:** Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed of Israel through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,

since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gradual Hymn They cast their nets (*tune: St Peter*)

They cast their nets in Galilee just off the hills of brown;
Such happy, simple fisherfolk, before the Lord came down.

Contented, peaceful fishermen, before they ever knew
The peace of God that filled their hearts brim-full and broke them too.

Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, homeless in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net, head-down was crucified.

The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod.
Yet, brothers, pray for but one thing – the marvellous peace of God.

William Alexander Percy

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

Intercessions *lead by John Varney*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese: Chaplains and other deanery PTOs

Those who have asked for our prayers: Rupert Williams, Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Tarina More, Chris Ross and Jeremy Pedrick.

The Recently Departed: Pat Turner

The Year's Mind: Marion Durant, Ernest Spink, John Colson, Peggy Colson, Norman Smith, Arthur Dansey Jones and Helen Painting.

Offertory Hymn Lord of all power (*tune: Slane*)

Lord of all power, I give you my will
In joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
And, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
Rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
Is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
Your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
Your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
If e'er I disown you I stumble and fall;
But, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Jack C Winslow. 1882-1974

Communion Hymn 468 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

Voluntary: Gaudeamus – Alec Rowley

This Week / Next Week

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On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Craig Nobbs

Intercessor: John Varney

Chalice Assistant: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Debs Tizard

Next Week

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Reader: David Greenwood

Intercessor: Deborah Nobbs

Chalice Assistant: David Greenwood

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson

Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines

This Week's Notices

Heritage Open Day – Saturday 13th September

We will again be opening our doors for visitors to our church buildings and will need volunteers please to greet them, make them feel welcome, give information etc. There is a sheet at the back of the church for people to sign up to an hour's slot (or two!) Many thanks.

Good Cause



Our Good Cause for July and August is USPG, the Anglican mission agency that partners with churches and communities worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice. This charity, which we have supported for many years here at St Nicolas', has over 60 programmes across the world. For example, in Oceania USPG provides a platform for voices from the Pacific to share their experiences of climate change and to inspire the wider Anglican Communion to respond. Please help us to continue our support for this very worthy cause by donating in the wallbox in the narthex, to our bank account (see below for details) or please ask to use the card reader.

Salvation Army Food Bank

The Salvation Army are beginning to pack Summer Holiday food parcels for families. They work with 15 schools in Guildford and 20 families from each school will be referred to them to receive support. They would particularly welcome the following:

- Chocolate or strawberry milkshake (longlife)
- Brioche buns
- Biscuits
- Juice and squash
- Tinned goods – fruit, meatballs, spaghetti
- Pot Noodles / Super Noodles
- Breakfast Bars
- Wraps (long dated)

They are, of course, grateful for any donations and these can be left in the box near the font. If you are able to contribute anything, it will be very much appreciated.

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

Monday 12:30 – 17:30 * Wednesday 09:15 – 17:15 * Friday 09:00 – 13:00

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Looking Ahead

Sunday 24th August : St Bartholomew

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Sunday 31st August : Trinity XI

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Saturday 6th September

4 - 6 pm Messy Church

Sunday 7th September : Trinity XII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

Thursday 11th September

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass

Saturday 13th September

10 am - 4 pm Heritage Open Day

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 26th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

23rd September

21st October – Social @ Wetherpoons

18th November

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

19th September

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