

Pews News



7 September 2025: Trinity XII

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 returns today and the children will go out to the hall for their activities, before returning to church to tell us what they have been up to. This term they will be continuing to look at people from the Old Testament.

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		Luke 6:6-11	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Accession of King Charles III Guildford Park Ave Guildford Park Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 6:12-19	<i>Charles Fuge Lowder</i> Guildown Avenue Guildown Road

W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 6:20-26	Henley Fort Hitherbury Close
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer 19:30 Walsingham Cell Mass	Luke 6:27-38	Lawn Road, Littleton Lane, Ludlow Road
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 6:39-42	Madrid Road Mareschal Road
Sat		Luke 6:43-end	John Chrysostom Millmead Millmead Terrace
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Choral Mattins & Junior Church 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Exodus 14:19-end Romans 14:7-12	Battle of Britain Sunday

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church: Celebrant: Fr Alistair; Preacher: The Rector

Voluntary: Adagio, First Organ Sonata – *Felix Mendelssohn*

Processional Hymn 233 Glory to thee (*tune: NEH 244*)

Gloria: Lourdes (see insert)

Reader: Daniel Vines **Reading:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

For the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love

for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

For the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 76 Take up thy cross

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

Intercessions *lead by Jill Sandham*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Diocese: The Parish of St Peter’s Newdigate

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

The Recently Departed: Pat Turner

The Year’s Mind: Arthur Rawlings, Thomas Allen (priest), HM Queen Elizabeth II, William Jebb Few (Rector), Margaret Schuyleman, Peter Clee, Cecil Stafford Ford (priest), Stella Walden-Dowdell and Robert Read.

Offertory Hymn 305 Soul of my Saviour

Mass Setting: Gathering Mass – *Paul Inwood* (see insert)

Voluntary: Fanfare – *Henry Purcell, arr E Power Biggs*

Live Streaming Link

Our YouTube livestream: <http://youtube.com/@SaintNics>



This Week / Next Week

This Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Massn & Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Daniel Vines

Intercessor: Jill Sandham

Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher

*Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Angela &
Fran Goodwin*

*Coffee: Cath Anderson,
Suzanne Rhydderch*

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Choral Mattins & Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, Jill Sandham

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Rory Fenner

This Week's Notices

Next Sunday is Battle of Britain Sunday

Our 10am service will be Choral Mattins with our Foundation Choir. If you wish to make your communion, there will be the 8:30am service as usual.

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.

Welcome to our Cathedral

During the week of 15th September, the Cathedral will be closed for filming and we are delighted that they are 'moving down the hill' and holding their

heritage open days

**Saturday 13th
September
Church Open
10am - 4pm**

10:30 Tower Tour
11:30 Tower Tour
12:00 Guided Tour of Church & Loseley Chapel
14:30 Talk: The Rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral

**Refreshments
available all day**

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GUILDFORD**

services with us all week. There will, therefore, be a change to the pattern of our weekday services as follows:

Monday 15 th	08:30 09:00 17:30	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evensong
Tuesday 16 th	08:00 08:30 17:30	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evensong
Wednesday 17 th	08:30 09:00 17:30	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Thursday 18 th	08:30 09:00 17:30	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evensong
Friday 19 th	08:30 09:00 11:00 17:30	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Mass Evensong

Staying Safe Online Presentation – Thursday 18th September

Are you worried about how to keep your information safe on the internet? Would you like to find out how you can better protect yourself? Stuart Murdoch is an industry expert on cybersecurity and has generously offered to share some simple hints and tips on how we can all stay safe online. This will be held in the hall on Thursday 18th September at 7:15pm. All are very welcome.

Choral Evensong – Sunday 21st September at 4:30pm

We are delighted that Amy Bebbington has arranged for Choral Evensong to be held here, which will be led by Fr Neil and Craig. Amy teaches choral conducting, including at The Royal Academy of Music and The University of Cambridge, and is Musical Director for a number of choirs. The music for Choral Evensong includes settings by Howells as well as other beautiful choral pieces. Do make every effort to be here to enjoy it.

All Souls

Our All Souls Service is approaching (2nd November) and, as ever, we like to remember before God the earthly lives of those whom we love and see no longer. If you would like to make a donation to the flowers used on that day or if you would like a name read aloud at that service, please sign the list at the back of church.

Funerals

Inextricably linked to the service of All Souls is the matter of our own humanity. If you have not yet recorded your wishes as to what funeral arrangements you have in mind, please do have a think about this important service. You can make plans and share them with the Rector who will keep your wishes under lock and key and can be changed at any time. Having those directions means that we at least have an idea of what we can do for you and the family when the time comes.

Good Cause



Our Good Cause for September is Macmillan Cancer Support, who we will be supporting too at our Coffee Morning on Friday 26th. Macmillan nurses help with cancer diagnoses and treatment, whilst offering information and emotional and practical support. Support Line Advisors offer confidential support to people through the physical and emotional challenges of living with cancer. Please support 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 welcome your donations which 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/>

Looking Ahead

Thursday 11th September

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass

Saturday 13th September

10 am - 4 pm Heritage Open Day

Sunday 14th September : Battle of Britain Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Choral Mattins & Junior Church

Sunday 21st September : St Matthew

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

4:30 pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 28th September : St Michael

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

Looking even further ahead.....

Sunday 5th October Dedication Festival & Lunch

Sunday 12th October Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 26th September Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sunday 5th October Dedication Festival Lunch – tickets on sale!

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

23rd September

21st October – Social @ Wetherpoons

18th November

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

19th September

THIS WEEK

7th – 14th September 2025

Sunday	TRINITY XII 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass & Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	10:30 am – 12:30pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge
Tuesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Tuesday Group <i>'Something I learned in the holidays'</i>
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer 7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass
Saturday	10 am – 4pm Heritage Open Day 10:30 Tower Tour 11:30 Tower Tour 12:00 Guided Tour of Church and Loseley Chapel 14:30 Talk on the Rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral
Sunday	BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Choral Mattins & Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 13:30 – 18:00 * Thursday 08:30 – 18:00 * Friday 13:30 – 18:00
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