

Pews News



14 September 2025
Battle of Britain Sunday

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Choral Mattins & Junior Church

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 for children aged 4-11 in the Parish Hall next door during the service. Younger children are welcome to join if accompanied by their grownup or they are equally welcome to stay with us in church. If you haven't been to us before, adults please follow the Junior Church team out with your child and they will make you feel very welcome.

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.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 13:30 – 18:00 * Thursday 08:30 – 18:00 * Friday 13:30 – 18:00
parishoffice@saintnics.com 01483 564526

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

M	08:30 Morning Prayer 09:00 Holy Communion 17:30 Evensong	Luke 7:1-10	Cyprian Nether Mount New Pond Road
Tu	08:00 Morning Prayer 08:30 Holy Communion 17:30 Evensong	Luke 7:11-17	Ninian; Edward Bouverie Pusey Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
W	08:30 Morning Prayer 09:00 Holy Communion 17:30 Evening Prayer	Luke 7:31-35	Hildegard Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
Th	08:30 Morning Prayer 09:00 Holy Communion 17:30 Evensong	Luke 7:36-end	Priory Court River Wey Close, Rivermount Gardens
F	08:30 Morning Prayer 09:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Mass 17:30 Evensong	Luke 8:1-3	Theodore Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Sat		Luke 8:4-15	John Coleridge Patteson Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass & Junior Church 16:30 Choral Evensong	Matt.9:9-13	Matthew

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Choral Mattins with Junior Church: Celebrant: The Rector

see separate Order of Service

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South America

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

The Recently Departed: Pat Turner and Marie Hanlan

The Year's Mind: Reginald Newman, Frances Greenwood, Dilys Grigg, Peter Fletcher and Annie Maggs.

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Choral Mattins & Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Readers: James Clare,
Naomi Parkin-Tyrie
Sidespeople: Cath Anderson
Jill Sandham

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Rory Fenner

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass & Junior Church
16:30 Choral Evensong

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Louis Roberts
Intercessor: Donald Thompson
Chalice Assistant: Jana Phillips
Sidespeople: David Greenwood,
Philip Thomas
Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

This Week's Notices

Welcome to our Cathedral

This week, the Cathedral will be closed for filming and we are delighted that they are 'moving down the hill' and holding their services with us all week. Do try to come to one of the services if you are able.

Welcome back to our Foundation Choir

It's lovely to welcome them back. HUGE thanks to the Congregation Choir for covering the summer months.

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.

Fizz & Friends returns this Friday

All women are invited to join us for a relaxing evening of conversation and cross stitch!

Zero@St Nic's Community Fridge

This new venture is a fabulous way of meeting local need and reducing waste. It chimes perfectly with St Nic's vision of answering the call to be Christlike,

for the sake of our local community. Although offered to all comers, it is very clearly meeting the needs of those who are struggling.



Food is collected from local supermarkets, and then offered for free the following day. What we collect is what otherwise would be wasted - each week is a surprise in terms of quantity and range. We have a regular group of customers who are always grateful for whatever is on offer. It is a very rewarding ministry, not hard to do, and fun!

We have two teams of volunteers - those who collect from supermarkets each Sunday afternoon/evening, and those who staff the fridge in the church hall each Monday morning. We are open from 10.30-12.00, with additional setting up and clearing up time.

We urgently need more volunteers for Monday mornings - ideally we would like a bigger team, so that members are on duty just once a month, always with a lead person. The total time commitment is from 9.45 to 12.15. Could this be a new ministry for you? - ideally for the whole morning, but if you can only offer less time, we could look at a couple of shifts, say from 9.45-11.15 and 11.15-12.15. The busiest time is the first hour.

Please contact Cath in the parish office if this is something you can offer.



And of course any member of the congregation is welcome to come along after 10.30 to choose and take away produce which would otherwise be wasted.

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.

Dedication Festival – Sunday 5th October

Tickets are on sale now for the lunch after our Dedication Festival. £10 per adult, under 12's free. If anyone is able to provide a fruit crumble for the dessert, please let Cath know. These proved very popular last year – there will be plenty of custard, cream and ice cream to go with it!

Film Club

“The first rule of film club is.....” if you recognise that quote you’re a film buff! Whether you are or not, I’d like to invite you to St Nic’s Film Club. Beginning on Thursday 23rd October at 7pm, we will meet in the hall to watch a film and then discuss the issues raised. We start with *The Cider House Rules*. It raises issues of segregation and abortion amongst other things. If you’re interested then sign up at the back of church. Drinks and snacks will be available.

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.

Guildford in Bloom

Congratulations to the Caleb Lovejoy Almshouses, just along the road from us, who won the Gold Award for Best Community Garden in the Guildford in Bloom presentations earlier this week.

Good Cause



Our Good Cause for September is Macmillan Cancer Support, who we will be supporting too at our **Coffee Morning on Friday 26th – could you bake something for it? Please bring a friend along.** 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

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

Saturday 4th October

4 – 6 pm Messy Church

Sunday 5th October : Dedication Festival

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church followed by lunch

Sunday 12th October : Harvest Thanksgiving

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Cubs/Beavers Parade & Junior Church

Looking even further ahead.....

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

14th – 21st September 2025

Sunday	BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Choral Mattins & Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	8:30 am Morning Prayer 9 am Holy Communion 10:30 am – 12:30pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge 5:30 pm Evensong
Tuesday	8 am Morning Prayer 8:30 am Holy Communion 10 am Tuesday Group – <i>Quiz for two teams</i> 5:30 pm Evensong
Wednesday	8:30 am Morning Prayer 9 am Holy Communion 10 am Café Play 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
Thursday	8:30 am Morning Prayer 9 am Holy Communion 5:30 pm Evensong
Friday	8:30 am Morning Prayer 9 am Holy Communion 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass 5:30 pm Evensong 8 pm Fizz & Friends
Saturday	
Sunday	ST MATTHEW 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass & Junior Church 4:30 pm Choral Evensong