

Pews News



12 October 2025
Harvest Thanksgiving
Trinity XVII

Today's Services:
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass & Parade with Cubs & Beavers
& Junior Church

Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church

Rector: Canon Neil Roberts
Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

Welcome to our Cubs & Beavers and all the children

Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. Junior Church is for children aged 4-11 and takes place 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 refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

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		Luke 11:29-32	Edward the Confessor Millmead Millmead Terrace
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 11:37-41	Mount Pleasant Mountside
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 11:42-46	Teresa of Avila Nether Mount New Pond Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 11:47-end	Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass (Loseley Chapel)	Luke 12:1-7	Ignatius Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
Sat		Luke 10:1-9	Luke the Evangelist Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass & Junior Church	Luke 18:1-8	Trinity XVIII

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Cubs & Beavers Parade & Junior Church:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

see separate Order of Service

Voluntary: Prelude on Kremser – Jan Zwart

Voluntary: Choral Fantasia on Nun Danket – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Live Streaming Link



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

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda.

Diocese: The Parish of St Mark's, Tattenham Corner.

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

The Recently Departed: Daniela Patkova.

The Year's Mind: Joyce Baddeley, Donald Sidnell, Frederick Hutley, Angela Agullo and Gillian Margaret Creek.

This Week / Next Week

This Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass & Junior Church with
Cubs & Beavers Parade

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Benedict Roberts

Intercessor: Craig Nobbs

Chalice Assistant: Jana Philips

*Sidespeople: James Wix, Angela &
Francesca Goodwin*

Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

Next Week

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

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Shirley Aston

Intercessor: John Varney

Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, Jill Sandham

Coffee: Susanne Rhydderch, Rory Fenner

This Week's Notices

Guildford Shakespeare Company arrive

We are so pleased to welcome back Guildford Shakespeare Company as they prepare for their production of *Frankenstein*, which runs from Monday 20th October to Saturday 8th November. This week they will be building the stage, installing the lighting and carrying out technical and other rehearsals. Just for this Friday, the 11am Mass will be in the Loseley Chapel. Once the shows are underway, they will generally be in the church from 5pm each day and from 12pm on days when there are matinees (Saturdays, plus Wednesdays 29th October and 5th November).

Mission Action Plan – One Year On!

Enclosed are thoughts on developing the Narthex and West end of the church. If you haven't yet responded, please do so via the post-it notes and suggestion box at the back of church, or email parishoffice@saintnics.com

Cards for Good Causes shop opens this week



We are also delighted to welcome back the Cards for Good Causes Shop, which opens this Wednesday, 15th October. They will be open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm with a wide range of Christmas cards and gifts. They will also open some Sundays after Mass – we will let you know the dates in advance. Please do support them, as St Nicolas' benefit from a percentage of the sales. They will also be selling our 150th Anniversary Gin, Glasses, Calendar, Teatowel and other gifts and we will let you know when that stock arrives!

Zero@St Nic's Community Fridge: can you help?

We still need 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.

We are also looking for volunteers to do the collections from Tesco, Sainsbury's (High Street) and Gail's Bakery on Sunday afternoons. Full instructions given!

Film Club : 23rd October @ 7pm

"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.

School Harvest Service : Friday 24th October

We welcome our Infant School to the church for their Harvest Thanksgiving Service – for the youngest children, this will be their first visit with school. To make this happen, they need people to help accompany them as they walk down and as they walk back. **Could you help?** You would need to be up at school to walk down with them for 9:30am – the service lasts for about 30 minutes, and walk them back at 10am. Coffee on Fr Neil at church afterwards! Please let him know if you can help.

All Souls : 2nd November @ 4pm

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.

Hope and Vision: Your Voice Counts

Guildford Cathedral is beginning an exciting new chapter: shaping its vision and strategy for the years 2026-2030. Rooted in prayer and reflection, this journey will guide it as it seeks to serve God faithfully and remain a beacon of hope for our community. The Cathedral believes its future must be shaped together so are inviting friends across Guildford and the diocese to share their hopes and ideas. Please visit this link to complete the questionnaire:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=K8yrGh0nJUa8Fx_wQ97UGAhIIPRluZBHgSwJlnmqL4IUNEZESzUIWktVNUgzVVpMTVAzUzBSU0paRi4u&route=shorturl

Good Cause



Our Good Cause for October is Water Aid's Harvest Appeal. Half of Burkina Faso's population still lives without clean water nearby. In homes, schools and hospitals, people still have to rely on dirty rivers and faraway boreholes. It's almost impossible for a child to thrive. Dirty water makes them sick. Long walks for water keep them out of school. And failed harvests leave them without the food they need. By installing clean water supplies, families can protect themselves from deadly diseases and communities can celebrate abundant harvests, year after year. 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

***We welcome Guildford Shakespeare Company who will be with us
from Monday 13th October to Saturday 8th November***

Sunday 19th October : Trinity XVIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

Sunday 26th October : Trinity XIX

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Saturday 1st November

4 – 6 pm Messy Church @ Guildford URC

Sunday 2nd November : All Saints & All Souls

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

4 pm All Souls' Service

Sunday 9th November : Remembrance Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Act of Remembrance

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 31st October Monthly Lunch

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

21st October – Social @ Wetherspoons

18th November

FILM CLUB

Thursday 23rd October

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

21st November

GOOD GRIEF CLUB

Wednesday 29th October, 2pm
at The Cosy Club, Tunsgate

THIS WEEK

12th – 19th October 2025

Sunday	HARVEST THANKSGIVING 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass with Cubs/Beavers Parade & Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	10:30 am – 12:00pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge
Tuesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Tuesday Group <i>“Local animal wildlife” – individual contributions</i>
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass in the Loseley Chapel
Saturday	
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