

Pews News



19 October 2025
Trinity XVIII
Today's Services:
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass & 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 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

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

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

M		Luke 12:13-21	Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 12:35-38	St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 12:39-48	Stakescorner Road Testard Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 12:49-53	The Firs, The Mount
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 12:54-end	The Piccards The Ridges
Sat		Luke 13:1-9	Crispin & Crispinian The Valley Turnham Close
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass	Luke 18:9-14	Trinity XIX

Today's Services

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10:00 Mass & Junior Church: Celebrant: Fr Alistair; Preacher: Craig Nobbs

Voluntary: Allegro Maestoso, and Andante Religioso, Organ Sonata IV in B flat – *Felix Mendelssohn*

Processional Hymn 476 Ye servants of God

Mass Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena – *Healey Willan*

Reader: Shirley Aston **Reading:** Genesis 32:22-31

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned

it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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Gradual Hymn 186 Tell out my soul

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church of the United States.

Diocese: The Parish of St Nicholas, Great Bookham.

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

The Recently Departed: Daniela Patkova.

The Year's Mind: Roger Gabriel, Ivy Rawlings, Sylvia Murdoch, Charles Hazelden, Ivor Watkins (Bishop of Guildford) and Doris Rivett.

Offertory Hymn 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Anthem: Hear my prayer (Psalm 55:1-7) – *Felix Mendelssohn*

Voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott – *Georg Friedrich Kauffmann*

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

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10:00 Mass & Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Shirley Aston
Intercessor: Debbie Nobbs
Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson
Sidespeople: Jo Radley, John Vines
Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Debs Tizard

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Debbie Nobbs
Intercessor: Cath Anderson
Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher
Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, Jill Sandham
Coffee: Cath Anderson, Rory Fenner

This Week's Notices

Film Club : This Thursday @ 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. Do come along - drinks and snacks will be available.



School Harvest Service : This 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.

Bible Study

Come along to our Bible Study Group. The next meeting will be at 1pm on Friday 31st October. David Greenwood will lead on the first reading of Morning Prayer for that day, the Book of Job, Chapter 22.

Congregation Choir

The choir will be singing at the services next Sunday, 26th October, and Sunday 16th November. If you would like to join them, you would be most welcome. There will be a rehearsal on Friday 24th October at 12:30pm.

Carol Singing

Last Christmas, members of our congregation sang carols at the care homes in our parish, giving joy to people who don't necessarily have a lot of it in their lives. We were very well received and we would be welcomed again. We have arranged the following dates - late afternoon 15th and 16th December. Those who would be willing to join in please let David Greenwood know either in person or on 07534 328408 or david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com."

Cards for Good Causes shop is open

CARDS
FOR GOOD CAUSES

We delighted that the Cards for Good Causes Shop is back with us. It will be open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm with a wide range of Christmas cards and gifts. They will also be open after Mass on Sundays from 9th November. 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!

Vacancy at Caleb Lovejoy Almshouses



Situated in Bury Street, the single occupancy almshouse is part-furnished and comprises a living room, kitchen and bathroom on the ground floor and one bedroom on the first floor. A modest but delightful garden surrounds

the almshouses and residents share responsibility for maintaining the garden with the help and guidance of a gardener. Residents benefit from this communal outdoor space, which has helped develop a sense of community. It is hoped that applicants would welcome being part of this.

To be a beneficiary of Caleb Lovejoy's Almshouse Charity, applicants must:

- be in financial need.
- be capable of independent living.
- have lived in the Borough of Guildford for at least two years. If the trustees are unable to find applicants who meet all these criteria, they may consider those who have resided in Guildford for less than two years, or who have strong local connections to Guildford through family or employment.

The current monthly charge is £935 (£215.77 per week). This includes all property maintenance, heating, water, 24-hour emergency care alarm, gardening and window cleaning. Residents are responsible for Council Tax (Band B) and electricity. Pets and smoking are not permitted.

If you would like to apply or have any questions, please contact Jo Smalley, Manager & Clerk to the Trustees. The deadline for applications is Friday 7th November. clerk@caleblovejoy.com 07762 250032

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_wQ97UGAhlIPRluZBHgSwJlnmqL4lUNEZESzUIWktVNUgzVVpMTVAzUzBSU0paRi4u&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. 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 funding of our 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 until Saturday 8th November

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

Sunday 16th November : Trinity XXII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

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

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19th – 26th October 2025

Sunday	TRINITY XVIII 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass & 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>Card games – simple fun for all</i> 7:30 pm Beer & Banter – social @ Wetherspoon's
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer 7 pm Film Club – <i>Cider House Rules</i>
Friday	9:30 am School Harvest Service 10 am Morning Prayer in the Loseley Chapel 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass
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