

Pews News



2 November 2025

All Saints' Day

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

15:00 All Souls' Service for Remembering
the Faithful Departed

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 on its half term break but there are activities for them in church as usual.

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 08:30 – 18:00 * Friday 13:30 – 18:00

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

M		Luke 14:12-14	Richard Hooker, <i>Martin of Porres</i> Buryfields Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue Denzil Road Devon Bank
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 14:15-24	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Mass	Luke 14:25-33	Leonard William Temple Ferry Lane Flower Walk
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 15:1-10	Willibrord Friary Bridge Genyn Road
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 16:1-8	Saints and martyrs of England Guildford Park Ave Guildford Park Rd
Sat		Luke 16:9-15	
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Act of Remembrance	Luke 20:27-38	Remembrance Sunday

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass: Celebrant: The Rector; Preacher: David Greenwood

See separate Order of Service

Reader: Stuart Murdoch **Reading:** Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, 3 and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

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

Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:20-31

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa.

Diocese: The Parish of St Peter's, Chertsey.

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

The Recently Departed: Daniela Patkova and Peggy Bailey.

The Year's Mind: George Dandridge (Rector), Dorothy Grover, Leonard Richard, Enid Allen, Jacky Norman and Jim Medland.

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

This Week / Next Week

This Week

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

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Stuart Murdoch
Intercessor: John Varney
Chalice Assistant: David Greenwood
Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Rory Fenner
Coffee: Cath Anderson

Next Week

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

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Caroline Coleman
Intercessor: Shirley Aston
Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith
Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Daniel Vines
Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

This Week's Notices

All Souls : **this afternoon @ 3pm**

Our choir will be singing at this service this afternoon, where we will read out the names of our loved ones who we would like remembered. Do make the effort to return for this.

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 – this year during the late afternoon of 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."

Guildford Besom Hampers

Imagine Christmas without presents, decorations or special food: this is a reality for many people today. But we can make a difference and bring a bit of sparkle into homes that have so little. We would like to put together hampers of Christmas goodies that will then be distributed by Guildford Besom to those in need. The recipients will include single parents, families in temporary accommodation, people living alone with health problems, the elderly and refugees. There are boxes at the back of church for your donations that we will then make up into hampers – to be with Besom during the first week of December. If you would prefer to donate cash, Cath is happy to shop for you. Suggested items (especially lovely if not from the 'value' range) are:

Christmas Cakes, Mince Pies, Biscuits, Chocolates & Sweets, Chocolate Tree Decorations, Crisps, Party Snacks, Fizzy Drinks, Sparkling Fruit Juices, Soups, Cereals (eg selection packs), Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Tinned Food, Fruit Juices, Honey, Jam, Tea & Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing Mix, Luxury Soaps & Shower Gels, Washing Powder, Washing Up Liquid, Candles (battery), Baubles, Napkins, Paper Table Cloth, Crackers.

Cards for Good Causes shop



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 next week. Please do support them, as St Nicolas' benefit from a percentage of the sales.

They will also be selling our 150th Anniversary Gin, Glasses, Calendars (now in stock), Teatowels and other gifts and we will let you know when that stock arrives!

Surrey Hills Choirs Christmas Concert

The Surrey Hills choirs are proud to bring joy and celebration to the season with our annual Christmas concert on Sunday 7th December, 7pm, at St Nicolas Church. Creating a magical spectacle within this beautiful setting by filling it with candlelight and using the length and breadth of the church, we hope to entertain and enchant you. Our Christmas concerts have become an indispensable part of the festive season. Tickets available to book online from Friday 21st November at www.singsurreyhills.com - £15 for Adults and £5 for under 16s - drinks and nibbles included.

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

We still 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 that would otherwise be wasted.

We are also looking for volunteers to do the collections from Tesco, Sainsbury's (High Street), Lidl 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 **this Friday** 7th November. clerk@caleblovejoy.com 07762 250032

Good Cause

Our Good Cause for November is Lend With Care, a charity which we have supported in the past and which is administered for us by Catherine Ferguson. Run by CARE International UK, it brings together entrepreneurs in low-income countries with lenders, like us. From launching a scrap recycling business to diversifying crops and everything in between, these entrepreneurs are busting with ideas and just need a helping hand to get started. They approach a local development partner for a loan and, if approved, are given the go ahead. Lenders, like us, choose which businesses to support and can see how they are progressing. The loan is then paid off in installments and credited back to our account. We can then choose to invest in another business, so the money is recycled and can help people many people.

Please support this 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.

lendwithcare.org
Microloans from CARE International



Make a loan, change a life



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/>



GASKIN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHES 2025

FREE LUNCH

24th December

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEAL
INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM
MARTA 07855846957

FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME
DELIVERY WITHIN 10 MILES OF GUILDFORD
DELIVERY BETWEEN 12PM - 3PM

WE NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS TO DELIVER

FREE EVENT - LONELY, STUDENTS, HOMELESS, VULNERABLE, OPEN TO EVERYONE IN NEED

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The poster is a festive Christmas-themed announcement for Gaskin's Christmas Lunches 2025. It features a yellow background with a border of holly leaves and red berries. The text is in various colors (green, red, black) and fonts. There are several Christmas icons including trees, candy canes, bells, and gift boxes. The poster provides contact information for reservations and delivery details, and also seeks volunteer drivers.



FRI 14 NOV 7:00 PM

**ST NICOLAS' PARISH CHURCH
GUILDFORD GU2 4AW**

Tickets: www.folkinspiration.org



Harlequin
Chamber Choir

VWS Vaughan Williams Singers

I Heard a Voice From Heaven

Saturday 15th November 2025, 7.30pm
St Nicolas Church, Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW

Musical Directors: Amy Bebbington & Ian Assersohn

Harlequin Chamber Choir and Vaughan Williams Singers join forces for the first time to bring the listener a deeply moving and sublime concert focusing on themes of peace, loss, faith and eternal rest. Howells' impassioned Requiem and Parry's intensely personal and powerful Songs of Farewell frame our performance.

Tickets:
Adult £18 (Early Bird offer £16 before 1st November)
12-18s £5, under 12s free
Booking fee applies
www.vwsingers.org/futureevents

Proud members of **making music**

The Chantry Singers

Conductor: Peter Hicks - Conductor

Handel's Messiah

Saturday 29th November 2025 7.30 pm
St Nicolas Church
Guildford
GU2 4AW

Tickets: £18 (16 and under: £2)
Click below or phone 07969 906 439

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Surrey Hills
CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

A festive night of songs and carols with the Surrey Hills Choirs

7pm, Sunday 7th December
St. Nicolas' Church, Bury St., Guildford. GU2 4AW

Tickets: Adults £15, Children £5, including refreshments
from www.singsurreyhills.com. Booking opens Friday 21st November

Looking Ahead

***We welcome Guildford Shakespeare Company who are with us
until Saturday 8th November***

Sunday 9th November : Remembrance Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

10:45 am Mass Act of Remembrance

Thursday 13th November

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass

Sunday 16th November : Trinity XXII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

Sunday 23rd November : Christ the King

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday Mass & Junior Church

Sunday 30th November : Advent Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Advent Hymns & Junior Church

Saturday 6th November

4 pm – 6 pm Messy Church @ GURC

Sunday 7th December : St Nicolas

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Pontifical Patronal Mass & Confirmation
with Bishop Andrew

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 28th November Monthly Lunch

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

18th November

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

21st November

THIS WEEK

2nd – 9th November 2025

Sunday	ALL SAINTS' DAY 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass 3 pm All Souls' Service
Monday	10:30 am – 12:00pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge
Tuesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Tuesday Group – <i>Christmas Tree Decorations</i>
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 12 pm Mass in the Loseley Chapel
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass
Saturday	
Sunday	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass with Act of Remembrance 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

