

Pews News



21 December 2025

Advent IV Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

11:00 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

16:00 Travelling Nativity from GURC to
St Nicolas'

**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, for children aged 4-11, is now on holiday but returns on Sunday 11th January. Today there are activities for them at the back of church.

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.

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

M		Luke 1:46-56	<i>O Rex Gentium</i> Stakescorner Road Testard Road
Tu		Luke 1:57-66	<i>O Emmanuel</i> The Firs, The Mount
W	15:00 Christingle 17:00 Christingle 23:30 Midnight Mass	Luke 1:67-79	Christmas Eve The Piccards The Ridges
Th	10:00 Mass	John 1:1-14	Christmas Day The Valley Turnham Close
F		Matt.10:17-22	Stephen Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
Sat		John 21:19b-end	John Walnut Tree Close West Mount
Next Sun	10:00 Mass	Matt.2:13-18	The Holy Innocents

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see separate Order of Service

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Live Streaming Link



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

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Diocese: Godalming Deanery, Revitalise Trust.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Jeremy Pedrick, John West, Chrissie Patterson, Ruth, Adam Dorber and Sam Hughes.

The Year's Mind: Barbara Hooper and Peter Nicholson.

This Week / Next Week

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& Carols

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- GURC to St Nicolas'

Next Week

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 11am

Celebrant: Fr Neil

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson,
Rory Fenner

Coffee: Cath Anderson,
Angela Goodwin

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Nick

Reader: Shirley Aston

Intercessor: Rory Fenner

Chalice: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Daniel Vines

Coffee: Jo Radley

This Week's Notices

Christingle – Christmas Eve – 3pm and 5pm



We are really looking forward to our very special Christingle Services. Entry is by ticket only. **There are only a handful of tickets left for 3pm - more tickets available for 5pm!** The links are on this page

<https://saintnics.com/whatson/christmas-2025/>

Details of the other services over the Christmas period are also on that page.

Christingle Making

We will be putting together the Christingles on Tuesday 23rd December at 11 am in the hall. Please do come along to help - coffee and mince pies on offer!

Friday Coffee Shop

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help with the Friday Coffee Shop and for everyone who supports it. It will reopen on Friday 9th January with the first Monthly Lunch on Friday 30th January. There is always room for more volunteers - just let me know. *Andy*

Good Cause

The Children's Society

Our Good Cause for December is The Children's Society. Every year they help tens of thousands of children and young people through their support services. Whether they are at risk of exploitation, struggling with their mental health, or in the care system - The Children's Society is there for them. And they campaign tirelessly for the big changes that will make life better for millions more. Their impact is clear to see: in young lives transformed, and in the steps taken towards a society built for all children. 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.

Salvation Army Food Bank

The Salvation Army welcomes your donations which can be left in the box near the font. If you are able to contribute, 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

Wednesday 24th December : Christmas Eve

3 pm Christingle – **limited** tickets bookable now

5 pm Christingle – tickets bookable now

11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December : Christmas Day

10 am Christmas Morning Mass

Sunday 28th December : The Holy Innocents

10 am Mass

Sunday 4th January 2026 : Christmas II

10 am Mass

Tuesday 6th January 2026 : Epiphany

10 am Mass

Sunday 11th January 2026 : Epiphany

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Three Wonders Sung Mass with Junior Church

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 13:30 – 18:00

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YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 30th January

Monthly Lunch

Friday 20th February

Weekly Lent Lunches begin



150th Anniversary Programme

A few highlights - more dates to follow

- Tuesday 13th January** Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson FSA
7:30pm The long history of St Nicolas: three churches and one parish
- Tuesday 3rd February** Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson FSA
7:30pm The Loseley Chapel and its occupants
- Tuesday 10th March** Lecture: Canon Jeremy Haselock FSA
7:30pm The theology of the Oxford Movement and its influence on church architecture
- Holy Week & Easter** We will be joined by The Right Reverend Peter Hancock
- Thursday 7th May** Lecture: Dr Michael Shapland, senior archaeologist
7:30pm University College, London
 The Hill of the Dragon: A medieval wayside shrine and regional assembly site by St Catherine's Chapel (in the Parish Centre)
- Thursday 4th June** Corpus Christi Mass - preacher, Fr Victor Stock, former Dean
8pm of Guildford Cathedral
- Saturday 20th June** Midsummer Dinner with comedian Paul Kerensa
- Thursday 8th Sept** Lecture: Charles O'Brien FSA
7:30pm "The Ugliest Church in Surrey?" - a reassessment of St Nicolas' and its Victorian designers
- Sunday 4th October** Dedication Festival Mass & Lunch - preacher, Bishop Andrew

THIS WEEK

21st - 28th December 2025

Sunday

ADVENT IV

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

4 pm Travelling Nativity - GURC to St Nicolas'

Monday

10:30 am – 12:00pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge

Tuesday

Wednesday

CHRISTMAS EVE

3 pm Christingle - *ticketed*

5 pm Christingle - *ticketed*

11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Thursday

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am Christmas Morning Mass

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

10 am Mass