

# Pews News



I February 2026: Candlemas

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with 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 hall afterwards.

### An important date for your diary

Fr Alistair will be licensed at St Mary's, Merton on Sunday 1st March at 6:30pm.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com) 01483 564526

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

M		Mark 5:1-20	Beech Lane, Bray Rd, Bury Street
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 5:21-end	Anskar Buryfields Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Mass	Mark 6:1-6a	Gilbert Denzil Road Devon Bank
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 6:7-13	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Mark 6:14-29	Martyrs of Japan Ferry Lane Flower Walk
Sat		Mark 6:30-34	Friary Bridge Genyn Road
Next	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)	Matt.6:25-end	<b>2nd Sunday before Lent</b>
Sun	10:00 Mass with Baptisms & Junior Church		

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### 10:00 Mass

*See separate Order of Service*

### Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

Those who have asked for our prayer: Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Jeremy Pedrick, John West, Chrissie Patterson, Ruth, Adam Dorber, Sam Hughes, Rodney More and Louis Remelard-Lam.

The Year's Mind: Frances Mary Jones, Dion Murray-Jones, David Stephen Taylor, Roger Howland, Clare Wickenden, Phyllis Moore, Patrick Cooney, Hugh Dawes (priest) and Jennie Raynes .

## Live Streaming Link

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

LIVE 

## This Week / Next Week

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10:00 Mass with Junior Church

### On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Rachel Chapman

Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson

Chalice: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Deborah Tizard, Cath Anderson

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Baptisms & Junior Church

### On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Alistair

Reader: Angela Goodwin

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Chalice: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, James Wix

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Phil Thomas

## This Week's Notices

### Fr Alistair

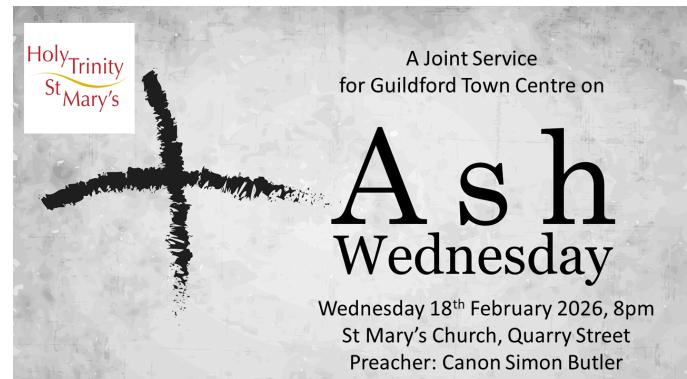
**Next Sunday** will be Fr Alistair's last Sunday with us as he moves to be Vicar of St Mary's in Merton. Do make sure that you are here to be part of our thanks to him for all he has done for us at St Nicolas' whilst he has been here, and our best wishes for him, Carrie, Annabelle and Didi. There will undoubtedly be cake and fizz! If you would like to make a contribution towards a gift for him, please hand cash or cheques to Hilary or ask Cath to use the card reader. Donations can also be made direct into the bank account (see *Support* later in Pews News for details), marking the payment FR ALI.

### Fr Alistair Farewell Drinks

There will be goodbye drinks for Fr Alistair at 8pm on Wednesday 4th February at Wetherspoons - our local reputable establishment. It would be lovely to see you if you're available.

### Ash Wednesday, 18th February

The Joint Service at St Mary's is at 8pm. If you would like to sing in the scratch(ish) choir, please email Helen Lee [hmllee@ntlworld.com](mailto:hmllee@ntlworld.com). There will also be a Mass with Imposition of Ashes here at 11am and we are grateful to Fr Nick for presiding as this will be during the parish pilgrimage to Rome.



## **Fridays in Lent**

You are welcome to come to all or some of our

# **Fridays in Lent:**

Coffee Shop from 10

10 Stations of the Cross

11 Mass

12 Lent Lunch

1 Lent group reflection

Our 5-week Lent Course 'Living the Mystery of Faith' focuses on Mark's Gospel and has been compiled by the Diocese of Chichester. The booklet is available on this link  
<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/lent-course-2026/>

Another resource which you can use throughout the year but may wish to start during Lent is the Church of England app 'Everyday Faith'. It provides daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on a weekly theme. See details here

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith#na>

## **Shrine Flowers**

The shrine flowers are given in memory of David Stephen Taylor whose year's mind we mark today.

## **Keeping the Church Open**

We are very keen to keep the church open to visitors as much as we can on weekday mornings from after Morning Prayer at 10am until midday. This must be at least 2 people at any one time. Hilary has a rota and would welcome more volunteers, particularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are able to help, even occasionally, please let her know.

## Annual Church Meeting

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 22nd March. Ahead of this, we are required to revise our Electoral Roll. This process starts on Sunday 15th February and ends on Saturday 7th March.

The Electoral Roll is our register of electors. It's an important way of confirming your commitment to St Nicolas' community and to the vision of the church. It means you can vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC or Deanery Synod. Being on the Electoral Roll doesn't make you a 'member' of the Church; simply regarding St Nicolas' as your spiritual home does that.

To join the Electoral Roll you must be aged 16 or over (or due to turn 16 this year), you must be baptised and a member of the Church of England and EITHER living in the parish OR have attended St Nicolas' regularly for at least 6 months.

Forms are available from church and from the parish office and an easy-to-fill online form which you'll find by following this link:

<https://guildfordstnicks.myiknowchurch.co.uk/form/load/bkFkdm4xc2pybk1peml4RE5PL3JxcXcrQ2JIU0NBMFI0L2JTSXVNbzFiSWdkeHJsQ0Q1a0UvR1dTZHMI>

or scan this QR code.



Paper forms should be returned to the parish office or to Fr Neil.

## Good Causes

The PCC are seeking your suggestions for charities to support each month during 2026. We will be supporting our regular good causes - The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund, USPG, Macmillan Cancer Support, The Children's Society - but welcome your suggestions of other charities we might consider. Please email your suggestions to [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com). Many thanks.

## This Month's Good Cause



Patron: HM The Queen

Our Good Cause until Lent is Medical Detection Dogs. These highly trained animals can detect minute changes in an individual's personal odour which is triggered by their medical condition and alert them to an impending medical event, helping them manage complex life-threatening or life-limiting medical conditions and improve confidence and independence.

The charity also carries out pioneering work training Cancer and Bio Detection dogs - they have so far trained 18 dogs to detect 9 different diseases including cancers, malaria and Parkinson's Diseases. It costs £29,000 to care, support and train one Medical Alert Assistance

Dog and £7,000 needed every day to continue the charity's life-saving work. 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

## **Tuesday 3rd February 2026**

1 pm Lunchtime Concert by musicians from St Catherine's School  
7:30 pm 150th Anniversary Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson FSA  
The Loseley Chapel

## **Sunday 8th February : Second before Lent**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10 am Mass with Baptisms & Junior Church

## **Saturday 14th February 2026**

4 - 6 pm Messy Church at Guildford URC

## **Sunday 15th February : Next before Lent**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10 am Mass  
11:30 am Choral Mattins

## **Wednesday 18th February : Ash Wednesday**

11 am Mass with the Imposition of Ashes  
8 pm Joint Ash Wednesday Service for Guildford Town Centre at St Mary's

## **YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR**

Friday 20th February

Weekly Lent Lunches begin

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# LUNCHTIME CONCERT AT ST NICOLAS' PARISH CHURCH



**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1pm

**VENUE:** St Nicolas' Parish Church, Bury Street,  
Guildford, GU2 4AW

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Enjoy fine chamber music and solo works performed by talented young musicians from St Catherine's School, Bramley. The retiring collection will be in aid of St Nicolas' Church. Free entry.



St Catherine's School  
BRAMLEY

**MUSIC:**  
St Catherine's



**GREAT little ORCHESTRA VIENNESE WHIRL**

Great Classics associated with Vienna, City of Music

**R. STRAUSS - FOUR LAST SONGS**

**J. STRAUSS II - EMPEROR WALTZ**

**W.A. MOZART - FIGARO OVERTURE**   **F. LEHAR - VILJA**

**J. STRAUSS II - ADELE'S LAUGHING SONG**

Featuring soprano *Hannah McKay*

<https://buytickets.at/greatlittleorchestra/2020817>

7.30pm, Friday  
March 13<sup>th</sup>  
2026

St. Nicolas' Church  
Guildford, GU2 4AW

*"GLO..such a high standard"*  
Tim

**HATCH MANSFIELD**  
UK Specialists in Premium Wine

*"The GLO were shockingly good"* Susan

**Messy Church**

SONGS  
GAMES  
STORY  
CRAFTS

# VALENTINE'S DAY: LOVE, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT!

at Guildford URC, Portsmouth Road, GU2 4BS

This is a free event, no booking required.

**Saturday  
14<sup>th</sup> February  
4-6pm**

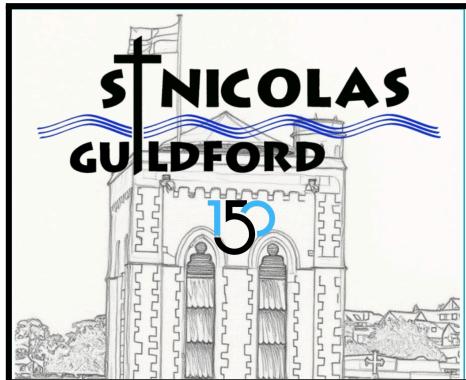
For more information contact Nicky on families  
[worker@guildfordurc.org.uk](mailto:worker@guildfordurc.org.uk)

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**St NICOLAS GUILDFORD**

**Guildford United Reformed Church**



## 150th Anniversary Programme

### A few highlights - more dates to follow

**Tuesday 3rd February** Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson FSA

**7:30pm** The Loseley Chapel

**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

**Tuesday 10th Nov** Lecture: Canon Nicholas Thistlethwaite

**7:30pm** Victorian Church Music

# THIS WEEK

**1st - 8th February 2026**

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>CANDLEMAS</b>
	<b>8:30 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)
	<b>10 am</b> Mass with Junior Church
	<b>1 pm</b> Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:30 am – 12:00pm</b> Zero@St Nics Community Fridge
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer
	<b>10 am</b> Tuesday Group – <i>Springtime craftwork</i>
	<b>1 pm</b> Lunchtime Concert by St Catherine's School
	<b>7:30 pm</b> 150th Anniversary Lecture: The Loseley Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer
	<b>10 am</b> Café Play
	<b>12 pm</b> Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer
	<b>10:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> Coffee Shop
	<b>11 am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7 pm</b> Boilerroom Concert - <i>Scott Matthews</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>
	<b>8:30 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)
	<b>10 am</b> Mass with Baptisms & Junior Church
	<b>1 pm</b> Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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