

# Pews News



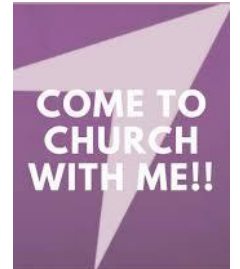
**21 June 2026: Trinity III**  
**Today's Services:**  
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Mass & Junior Church

**Welcome to**  
**Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**  
**Rector: Canon Neil Roberts**

**Fr Neil says "Who have you invited to church lately and who are you going to invite next?"**

## **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 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.

**SEE & RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION  
ON MERROW SCHOOLS**

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

|             |                                    |                     |  |
|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| M           |                                    | Matt.7:1-5          | Alban<br>Stakescorner Road<br>Testard Road                 |
| Tu          |                                    | Matt.7:6,12-14      | Etheldreda<br>The Firs, The Mount                          |
| W           | 10 am Morning Prayer               | Luke<br>1:57-66, 80 | Birth of John the<br>Baptist<br>The Piccards<br>The Ridges |
| Th          | 10 am Morning Prayer               | Matt.7:21-end       | The Valley<br>Turnham Close                                |
| F           | 10 am Morning Prayer<br>11 am Mass | Matt.8:1-4          | Ember Day<br>Upper Guildown Rd<br>Upperton Road            |
| Sat         |                                    | Matt.8:5-17         | Cyril, Ember Day<br>Walnut Tree Close<br>West Mount        |
| <b>Next</b> | 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)         | Matt.16:13-19       | <b>Ss Peter and Paul</b>                                   |
| <b>Sun</b>  | 10:00 Mass & Junior Church         |                     |  |

### Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

### 10:00 Mass

Celebrant: Rector, Preacher: Craig Nobbs

**Voluntary:** Fantaisie en C – *César Franck*

**Processional Hymn 440** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (**omit \* verses**)

**Gloria:** Lourdes Gloria

**Reader:** Shirley Aston      **Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah cried out: O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends

are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

### **Reading:** Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

### **Gradual Hymn** They cast their nets in Galilee

They cast their nets in Galilee just off the hills of brown;  
Such happy, simple fisherfolk, before the Lord came down.

Contended, peaceful fishermen, before they ever knew  
The peace of God that filled their hearts brim-full, and broke them too.

Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, homeless, in Patmos died.  
Peter, who hauled the teaming net, head-down was crucified.

The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod,  
Yet let us pray for but one thing – the marv'lous peace of God.

*William Alexander Percy, 1885-1942*

### **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

## **Offertory Hymn 74** O for a heart to praise my God

### **Intercessions**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of South India.

Diocese: Godalming Deanery and Revitalise Trust.

Those who have asked for our prayer: Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Chrissie Patterson, Andrew, Julia Wake, Jerry Floyd, Steve Reeds and Jean Mackenzie.

The Recently Departed: Ruth.

The Year's Mind: John Michael Allen (priest).

**Mass Setting:** Gathering Mass – *Paul Inwood*

**Voluntary:** Rigaudon – *Andre Campra*

### **Live Streaming Link**

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



### **This Week / Next Week**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

#### On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Shirley Aston

Intercessor: Jill Sandham

Chalice: Jana Phillips

Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Cath Anderson

Coffee: Jo Radley, Cath Anderson

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Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Caroline Coleman

Intercessor: David Greenwood

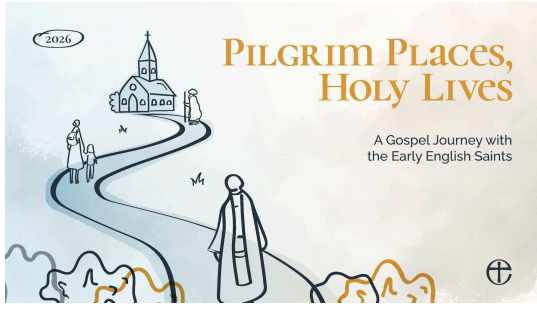
Chalice: David Greenwood

Sidespeople: Angela Goodwin, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Helen Gould

## This Week's Notices

### Please join us for this course on Fridays at 12 noon, repeated at 7pm



Travel through places made holy in the spread of Christianity through the lives of English Saints, and discover fresh light for our journeys with God.

26th June Living for the Gospel

3rd July Light of the Gospel

Sign up on the list in the narthex or email [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com)

There is an accompanying booklet should you also wish to follow at home; it can be purchased through this link and costs £3.99

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/books/9781781405550/pilgrim-places-holy-lives-single-copy>

### Summer Fayre

Due to a number of factors, we have decided not to hold a Summer Fayre this year. We have lots of other 150th Anniversary events for us all to support and hope that you enjoy all that is coming up.

### St Nicolas' School Leavers Gift

We will be giving each child leaving our Infant School a boxed St Nicolas' keyring for them to wear on their backpacks at their new schools. If you would like to donate towards these gifts, please ask to do so by donating cash or making a payment on the card reader. Thank you.

### Shrine Flowers

The shrine flowers this Sunday have been donated in loving memory of Anthony Tye, who would have been 100 years old this weekend. If you would like a loved one remembered in this way, please contact the parish office to discuss dates and costs.

### Walsingham Pilgrimage 2027

We have provisionally booked next year's pilgrimage for the weekend of **Friday 30th April to Sunday 2nd /Monday 3rd May**. If you have never been to Walsingham then do consider joining us, you would be very welcome. **Deposits of £40 are required** by mid-July to confirm our booking. For further information, please contact Donald Thompson or Cath.

### 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. They desperately need Tinned meat meals, Tinned potatoes, Tinned Veg, Jars of coffee, Teabags, Biscuits, Tinned soup, Frey Bentos pies, Tinned Spaghetti Bolognese, Baked Beans, Tinned Tomatoes, Jam, Chocolate Spread, Squash, Sugar, Tinned corned beef, Tuna, Tinned Ham.



## **Merrow Schools Federation**

The Merrow Schools Federation consists of a church school (Merrow CofE Infant School) and a Local Authority school (Merrow Junior School). Both schools have the same Governing Body, Head and senior leadership team.

In the current area, birth rates are falling, and the impact on each school (and nursery) is stark. The schools in this Federation are struggling with both pupil numbers and finances. On its current trajectory, if the Federation continues as it is, then both schools will be unviable by September 2027.

This has caused the Governing Body to want to take clear and decisive action to safeguard both schools and the future educational opportunities for children right across the Merrow area, as top quality education is such an asset and draw for families to this area.

Following long deliberations, and fully championed by the Head, Mrs Louisa Dormer, the Governing Body has taken the decision to merge both schools, amalgamating to become a single Church of England Primary school, on the site of the current Junior School by September 2027. The excellent support offered by the Diocese of Guildford to the current Merrow Church of England infant school would thus extend to cover the new amalgamated school, and their very strong record in school improvement and personal support is one of the key reasons why the new school would be in the best possible hands to drive outstanding educational outcomes for all children.

This new school will continue to be an inclusive, small and nurturing school for children in the Merrow community and will exist alongside the other three schools in Merrow. With both schools moving to one site, it is hoped that Surrey County Council will be able to take on the Infant school site and create a new SEN school for Guildford and the surrounding area, something so desperately needed across Surrey.

This is a wonderful idea but it won't become a reality unless those in favour vote for it, as part of a wider community consultation which is run by SCC.

If you have further questions, please do get in touch with The Rev'd Tim Clifford Hill ([rector@saintjohns.org.uk](mailto:rector@saintjohns.org.uk)) because we would love to hear your views, answer any concerns you have and share more of why we fully endorse this proposal. But we really need your support.

Please click on the consultation link below and make your voice heard!

[Consultation on the future of Merrow C of E Controlled Infant School and Merrow Junior School](#)

## Good Cause for June



The Mission to Seafarers provides help and support to the 1.89 million crewmen and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat. Working in over 200 ports in 50 countries and available 365 days a year, they provide help and support no matter what nationality, gender or religion.

Their network of chaplains, staff and volunteers can help with any problem - whether it's emotional, practical or spiritual support needed. They visit ships to check crew members are well, provide SIM cards to connect crew members with loved ones and transport when they are on land, provide emergency support and operate seafarers' centres where crew members can relax, connect to wifi and have something to eat and drink.

As St Nicolas is the patron saint of sailors, this is a charity that we have supported over the course of many years and hope that you will support them this month by donating in the wallbox in the narthex, to our bank account (see below for details using the reference GOOD CAUSE) or by using the card reader (find someone on duty and say that your donation was for the Good Cause).

## Caleb Lovejoy Almshouse Charity Job Vacancy - Manager & Clerk to the Trustees

The Board of Trustees wish to appoint a Manager and Clerk and invite applications for this part-time post. The successful applicant will work on a self-employed basis at an hourly rate of £30 per hour. The work load can be variable, however it is anticipated that around eight hours per week will suffice in normal circumstances. The successful candidate will have good administrative, financial and IT skills. Strong interpersonal skills are essential. A flexible attitude and ability to work largely unsupervised are also essential attributes. As the role involves visits to the almshouses semi-regularly, it may suit someone living locally. Please ask at the parish office for a full job description. CVs to be submitted to Trustee Jennie Wisher at [jenniewisher@gmail.com](mailto:jenniewisher@gmail.com).

## 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/>

### 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



**CRAFT MATERIALS NEEDED - Box in the narthex**

**Cardboard boxes (flat packed and tape removed for storage please)**

**Cereal boxes (also flattened please)**

**Toilet roll centres**

**Odd socks (washed and without holes please!)**

The  
*Chantry*  
singers

Con brio

|| HRTCT

The Humphrey Richardson Taylor  
Charitable Trust

Peter Hicks - Conductor

Asher Oliver - Organ

Special guests:

The Stag Consort

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026

St Nicolas Church

Guildford GU2 4AW

# Songs of Farewell

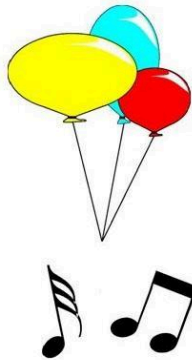
## A Musical Celebration

Tickets: £18 (16 and under: £2)

Click below or phone 07969 906 439

### *Guildford u3a Singers*

present



# "With a Voice of Singing"



*SONGS  
for  
SUMMER*

with guests

### *Milford u3a Singers*

at

## St Nicolas Church

Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW

at

2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 23 June 2026

Entry is free with a retiring collection in aid of church funds

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*Surrey Hills*  
CHAMBER  
CHORUS

*Surrey Hills*  
SINGERS

# Beyond the Chamber...



Join us for an evening of chamber music without boundaries

7pm, Sunday 28th June

St. Nicolas' Church, Bury St., Guildford. GU2 4AW

Tickets: Adults £20; Under 16s £5  
available from [www.singsurreyhills.com](http://www.singsurreyhills.com)

# LOOKING AHEAD

## Tuesday 23rd June

2 pm Guildford U3A Choirs Summer Concert

## Friday 26th June

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch

12 pm & 7 pm Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives course

8 pm Fizz & Friends

## Saturday 27th June

4 - 6 pm Beer & Banter @ The Britannia

7:30 pm Chantry Singers Concert

## Sunday 28th June : Ss Peter & Paul

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

7 pm Surrey Hills Concert

## Friday 3rd July

12 pm & 7 pm Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives course

## Sunday 5th July : Trinity V

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

## Sunday 12th July : Trinity VI

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

### Beer & Banter

Saturdays - Loseley Chapel

25th July

26th September

28th November

Saturdays - The Britannia

27th June

29th August

24th October

19th December

**Fizz & Friends** Fridays

26th June

17th July

**Monthly Lunch** Fridays

26th June

# THIS WEEK

21 - 28 June 2026

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**Sunday**

**TRINITY III**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass & Junior Church

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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**Monday**

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

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**Tuesday**

**10 am** Tuesday Group

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**Wednesday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Café Play

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**Thursday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

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