

Pews News



19 July 2026: Trinity VII
Today's Services:
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass

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 on holiday for the summer, planning lots of exciting activities for September. In the meantime, toys are available for use during the service.



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

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		Matt.12:38-42	<i>Margaret of Antioch</i> <i>Bartolomé de las Casas</i> <i>Sandy Lane</i> <i>Scholars Walk</i>
Tu		Matt.12:46-end	<i>St Catherine's Drive</i> <i>St Catherine's Hill</i>
W	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am School Leavers' Service	John 20:1-2, 11-18	<i>Mary Magdalene</i> <i>Stakescorner Road</i> <i>Testard Road</i>
Th	10 am Morning Prayer	Matt.13:10-17	<i>Bridget</i> <i>The Firs, The Mount</i>
F	10 am Morning Prayer <i>11 am Mass</i>	Matt.13:18-23	<i>The Piccards</i> <i>The Ridges</i>
Sat		Matt.20:20-28	<i>James the Apostle</i> <i>The Valley</i> <i>Turnham Close</i>
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass	Matt.13:31-33, 44-52	Trinity VIII

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

10:00 Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Rector

Voluntary: Prelude on King's Lynn – *Charles Callahan*

Processional Hymn 333 All my hope on God is founded

Gloria: Lourdes Gloria

Reader: Angela Goodwin **Reading:** Wisdom of Solomon 12:13,16-19

There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with

good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

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

Reading: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Gradual Hymn 369 Happy are they

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of

their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!’

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Diocese: Parish of St Mary & All Saints, Dunfold & St Peter's, Hascombe.

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: Isobel Charsley and Tina Williams.

The Year's Mind: Gill Stein, Arthur Radley, John Richmond, Brenda Caple, Betty Bloomfield, Herbert Browne, Michael Hugh Gale and Dorothea Rosamond Smith.

Offertory Hymn 492 O God of earth and altar

Mass Setting: Gathering Mass – *Paul Inwood*

Communion solo: Panis Angelicus – *Cesar Franck* (Stephen Petch, *tenor*)

Voluntary: War march of the priests – *Felix Mendelssohn*

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Angela Goodwin

Intercessor: Donald Thompson

Chalice: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: David Greenwood,

Jill Sandham

Coffee: Iain Ferguson, Lizzie Evans

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Jessica Furber

Intercessor: Jill Sandham

Chalice: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Jo Radley

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Deborah Tizard

This Week's Notices

The next Bishop of Guildford

The consultation to help identify the next Bishop of Guildford closes at 8am tomorrow, Monday 20th, and the Vacancy-in-See Committee wants to hear from people of all ages and backgrounds across the diocese as it seeks to discern whom God is calling to be our next Bishop.



Please scan this QR code to be taken to a site to complete a short survey or at this link [Next Bishop Consultation Survey](#). It only takes a few minutes to complete. Every response matters and will help shape the Statement of Needs and the appointment process.

Praying

Each week in Mass we pray for the church, the world and we thank God for His goodness. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers - the sick and the dying and our dead. You can light a candle and leave it burning in church. If you would like your name included on a Sunday please speak with the Rector.

Prayer Group

Each term our Prayer Group meets to pray for particular intentions (people, places etc). If you would like something or yourself included, let the Rector know. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Group which meets online once a term, also contact the Rector.



Prayer Tree

If you would like a particular prayer or intention mentioned at the Friday Mass, for you or someone else (with their permission) then you should write your intention in the narthex and leave it on the prayer tree. Prayers will be included for 2 weeks - after that time you will need to add a new tag.



Save the date - CK Gospel Choir at St Nics on September 25th



To celebrate our 150th anniversary we are combining forces with Guildford Jazz to present an evening of world class gospel and soul music as part of this Autumn's Guildford Jazz and Soul Festival. CK Gospel Choir is one of the UK's leading gospel choirs. The choir is a dynamic collection of London based vocalists known for their rich harmonies, infectious energy and unforgettable performances. Tickets are on sale NOW and are likely to sell out. <https://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk/product/p/ck-gospel-choir-sept-2026> To find out more about the choir and hear them listen in action go to <https://www.ckgospelchoir.com>

Save the date - Macmillan Coffee Morning on September 25th

We will once again be supporting Macmillan during September. More details of the Coffee Morning will follow soon.

Salvation Army Food Bank

The Salvation Army asks if you can help with donations of tinned and packet food, cereals and longlife milk for its food bank. They are in desperate need of tinned foods (potatoes, veg, tomatoes, baked beans, spaghetti, fruit, custard, evaporated milk, rice, tuna, meat, mince meals, stewing steaks), jam/chocolate spread/peanut butter, biscuits, crisps, super noodles/pot noodles, mayonnaise, ketchup, teabags, coffee, sugar, Angel Delight, jelly packets, pasta sauces, curry sauces, Frey Bentos pies, toiletries. This is an extensive list but items they pack each week in the food parcels they give out to people.

Craft Materials for Holiday Club

There is a box at the back of church for the following: cardboard boxes (flat packed and tape removed for storage), cereal boxes (also flattened), toilet roll centres and odd socks (washed and without holes please!). Many thanks.

Good Cause for July & August



USPG is a leading global mission agency at the heart of the Anglican Communion. Working across the world, we will highlight different projects each week. The Church of Bangladesh has witnessed the devastation and pain caused by human trafficking and has responded by raising awareness amongst congregations, building partnerships, enhancing the capacity of frontline responders, advocating for stronger policies and leveraging technology for victim identification and investigations. USPG 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).

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/>

On Mondays 27th July & 3rd August, the Community Fridge will operate from the church.

*On Friday 31st July,
there will be no coffee shop after Mass*

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 22nd July

11 am School Leavers' Service

Sunday 26th July : Trinity VIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Monday 27th - Friday 31st July

Holiday Club @ GURC

Sunday 2nd August : Trinity IX

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Sunday 9th August : Trinity X

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Sunday 16th August : The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10 am Mass

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Harvest Lunch	Sunday 5th September
150th Anniversary Lecture	Tuesday 8th September
Heritage Open Day	Saturday 19th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Friday 25th September
CK Gospel Choir Concert	Friday 25th September
Dedication Festival Lunch	Sunday 4th October
Curry & Questions	Thursday 8th October
Come and Sing Evensong	Saturday 10th October
Monthly Lunch	30th October

Beer & Banter / Fizz & Friends

From September, we will be slightly rearranging the dates for Beer & Banter and for Fizz & Friends. Both will be in the week and half termly - dates to follow.

THIS WEEK

19th - 26th July 2026

Sunday

TRINITY VII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

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

Tuesday

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

11 am School Leavers' Service

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

TRINITY VIII

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10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday 09:00 - 17:00

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