

Pews News



9 August 2026: Trinity X
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 member of the welcome team will unlock the Centre for you. Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

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/>



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

M		Matt. 17:22-end	Laurence Henley Fort Hitherbury Close
Tu		Matt. 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	Clare of Assisi <i>John Henry Newman</i> Lawn Road, Littleton Lane, Ludlow Road
W	10 am Morning Prayer	Matt. 18:15-20	Madrid Road Mareschal Road
Th		Matt. 18:21- 19:1	Jeremy Taylor <i>Florence Nightingale</i> <i>Octavia Hill</i> Millmead Millmead Terrace
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	Matt. 19:3-12	<i>Maximilian Kolbe</i> Mount Pleasant Mountside
Sat	1 pm Nuptial Mass	Luke 1:46-55	Nether Mount New Pond Road
Next Sun	10:00 Mass	Luke 1:46-55	The Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

10:00 Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Rector

Voluntary: Adagio – *Franz Liszt*

Processional Hymn 354 Eternal Father, strong to save

Gloria: Lourdes Gloria

Reader: Cath Anderson **Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9-18

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I

alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

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

Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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Gradual Hymn 200 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It

is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church.

Parish: St Francis, Westborough & St Clare’s, Park Barn and Emmanuel Stoughton.

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

The Recently Departed: Tina Williams, John Yeomans & James Everett .

The Year’s Mind: Harry Clee, Elizabeth Robertson and John Victor Macmillan (Bishop of Guildford).

Offertory Hymn - We walk by faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e’er spoke, but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice; and cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,
To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Henry Alford, 1810-1871

Mass Setting: Gathering Mass – *Paul Inwood*

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune – *David N Johnson*

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Cath Anderson

Intercessor: Rory Fenner

Sidespeople: Angela Goodwin, James Wix

Coffee: Andy & Cath Anderson

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Nicholas Edwards

Reader: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie

Intercessor: John Varney

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, John Vines

Coffee: Jo Radley & Daniel Vines

This Week's Notices

Wedding Bells

Our Sacristan Alister and his fiancée Rachel are marrying here on Saturday 15th August at 1pm. It will be a Nuptial Mass and all are very welcome to attend.

Worshipping from Home

If you are an online worshipper or can no longer get to church, you are a very valued part of the St Nic's family. Is there a way that you would like to contribute to the life of the church from home? For instance through prayer ministry? Or fulfilling admin tasks at home? Or in any other way? If so, please contact Fr Neil to talk about it.

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>

The tickets are £20 each and bought via the link above - or ask the parish office to order for you - there will be a small additional charge to cover card fees etc. To find out more about the choir and listen them in action go to <https://www.ckgospelchoir.com>

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.

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. Belgium has seen a significant increase in the number of homeless people, a significant proportion of whom are undocumented migrants. USPG supports Holy Trinity Brussels have responded by using

their facilities to distribute hot food to those in need, and by creating a safe and welcoming space for volunteers from all walks of life. 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).

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 15th August

1 pm Nuptial Mass

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

10 am Mass

Sunday 23rd August : Trinity XII

10 am Mass

Sunday 30th August : Trinity XIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Wednesday 2nd September

12 pm Mass

Thursday 3rd September

7 pm Mass, followed by PCC Meeting

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Harvest Lunch	Sunday 6th September
150th Anniversary Lecture	Tuesday 8th September
Beer & Banter	Tuesday 15th September, 7:30pm in the Loseley Chapel
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	Friday 30th October

Fizz & Friends dates coming soon

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer care better for everyone, whoever and wherever they are

Place: St Nicolas Parish Centre

Date: Friday 25th September

Time: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Contact: parishoffice@saintnics.com



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Macmillan Cancer Support is a registered charity in England and Wales (2622071), Scotland (SC039951) and the Isle of Man (1434). Also operating in Northern Ireland: MAC20587

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Experience the power of gospel fusion

The CK Gospel Choir is a dynamic 10-piece collective of world-class London vocalists bringing their incredible blend of close harmonies, intense energy and full live rhythm section to Guildford.

Founded by Harlano Weekes, the group has spent nearly 20 years captivating audiences across the UK and Europe, backing stars like Stevie Wonder, Rod Stewart and Beverley Knight. Expect a powerful, professional performance that seamlessly blends traditional gospel with jazz, soul, blues and funk.

Don't miss this soaring, high-octane night of world-class music in a beautiful acoustic setting!

Tickets & seating

Full Price: £20

Members: £18

Unreserved seating

On the night

Doors open: 19:00

Main show: 19:45

Bar before & interval

Location & travel

St Nicholas Church,

Bury Street, GU2 4AW

Parking & transit nearby

Scan to book & view full info:
guildfordjazz.org.uk



THIS WEEK

9th - 16th August 2026

Sunday

TRINITY X

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

Thursday

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

Saturday

1 pm Nuptial Mass

Sunday

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy



**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS
THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 11:00 - 18:00

Friday 08:30 - 13:30

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