

Pews News

23 August 2026 Trinity XII

Today's Service:

10:00 Mass



**Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**

Rector: Canon Neil Roberts

Welcome

We welcome Canon Julian Hubbard to lead our worship this morning.

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		Luke 22:24-30	Bartholomew the Apostle The Piccards The Ridges
Tu		Matt.23:23-26	The Valley Turnham Close
W	10 am Morning Prayer	Matt.23:27-32	Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
Th		Matt.24:42-end	Monica Walnut Tree Close West Mount
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	Matt.25:1-13	Augustine Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue Woodcote
Sat		Matt.25:14-30	Beheading of John the Baptist
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass	Luke 1:46-55	Trinity XIII

Today's Services

10:00 Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Julian Hubbard

Voluntary: Partita on Amazing Grace – *Charles Callahan*

Processional Hymn 205 Christ is made the sure foundation

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Jon Hebditch **Reading:** Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the

peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Reading: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Gradual Hymn 272 All for Jesus!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa.

Parish: Camberley St Michael Yorktown.

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

The Recently Departed: James Everett & Pam Clearie.

The Year's Mind: Arthur Dansey Jones, Helen Painting, Elizabeth Matthews, Anne Hopkins & Angela Dart.

Offertory Hymn 172 Thou art the Christ, O Lord

Voluntary: Prelude to a Te Deum – *Marc Antoine Charpentier*

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

10:00 Mass

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Canon Julian Hubbard

Reader: Jon Hebditch

Intercessor: Donald Thompson

Chalice: Jana Phillips

Sidespeople: Jill Sandham, Daniel Vines

Coffee: Deborah Tizard, Rory Fenner

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Louis Roberts

Intercessor: David Greenwood

Chalice: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Pauline Oldroyd

This Week's Notices

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.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage

'..and did those feet in ancient times walk upon England's pastures green?' Wouldn't it be wonderful if the legend which inspired Blake's hymn was true and that Joseph of Arimathea did bring our Lord with him on a visit to the mines in the Mendip Hills. In that case those on the Glastonbury Pilgrimage would be following in His footsteps.



We can't know in this life but anyone who has been on the pilgrimage does know that it is a deeply moving event in the inspiring ruins of the Abbey surrounded by a lovely park in the centre of the town.

The day starts with High Mass at 12 noon celebrated by numerous bishops and clergy. Then after lunch we gather in the High Street for a procession singing hymns back into the Abbey for Benediction.

This year it will be on 5th September and I do hope that we will be able to get one or more car loads to go. We normally leave at 8.30am getting back about 7pm. If you are interested in going, please send me a message via the parish office (parishoffice@saintnics.com)

Philip Hooper

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.

The tickets are £20 each and bought via the link below - 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>



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](https://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk)



<https://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk/product/p/ck-gospel-choir-sept-2026>

Harvest Lunch

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 6th September and will be serving a simple soup lunch after Mass. Details of how you can book will be in next week's Pews News.

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. There is a box near the font for your donations, thank you.

Good Cause for July & August

The logo for USPG (United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel) is displayed in white text on a magenta rectangular background.

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. USPG supports The Diocese of Jerusalem's central ministry of healthcare. The Al-Ahli Anglican Hospital in Gaza offers quality healthcare in one of the world's most troubled environments, making the receiving and administering of aid complicated and unpredictable.

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.



**Come & Sing Evensong
@ St Nicolas' Guildford**

Saturday 10th October

2pm Rehearsal * 4pm Evensong
5pm Tea

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LOOKING AHEAD

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

Saturday 5th September

4 - 6 pm Messy Church

Sunday 6th September : Harvest Thanksgiving

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass, followed by lunch

Tuesday 8th September

7:30 pm 150th Anniversary Lecture:

Charles O'Brien, editor of Pevsner Surrey Buildings

"The Ugliest Church in Surrey? - a reassessment of St Nicolas' and its Victorian designers"

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

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 (213177). Company
10127997 and the City of London 10127997. Also registered in Northern Ireland 10127997.

THIS WEEK

23rd - 30th August 2026

Sunday

TRINITY XII

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

Sunday

TRINITY XIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy



**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS
THIS WEEK**

Friday 08:30 - 18:00

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