

# Pews News



**6 September 2026**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**  
**Today's Services:**  
8:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Mass

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

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## **Children are welcome here**

Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. Whilst Nicky is preaching, we do not plan to hold Junior Church but there are always toys etc 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

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| M           |                                                                  | Luke 6:6-11   | Friary Bridge<br>Genyn Road                                                                                                   |
| Tu          |                                                                  | Luke 6:12-19  | Birth of the Blessed<br>Virgin Mary;<br><i>Accession of King<br/>Charles III</i><br>Guildford Park Ave<br>Guildford Park Road |
| W           | 10 am Morning Prayer                                             | Luke 6:20-26  | <i>Charles Fuge Lowder</i><br>Guildown Avenue<br>Guildown Road                                                                |
| Th          | 10 am Morning Prayer                                             | Luke 6:27-38  | Henley Fort<br>Hitherbury Close                                                                                               |
| F           | 10 am Morning Prayer<br>11 am Mass                               | Luke 6:39-42  | Lawn Rd, Littleton<br>Lane, Ludlow Road                                                                                       |
| Sat         |                                                                  | Luke 6:43-end | Madrid Road<br>Mareschal Road                                                                                                 |
| Next<br>Sun | 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)<br>10:00 Mass<br>11:30 Choral Mattins | Luke 12:16-30 | <b>Battle of Britain<br/>Sunday</b>                                                                                           |

### Today's Services

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

**10:00 Mass**

Celebrant: The Rector; Preacher: Nicky Geraghty

*See separate Order of Service*

#### Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Parish: St Mary Magdalene, Holmwood (Surrey Weald Team).

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, Jean Hewlett & Tim Bryers.

The Year's Mind: Thomas Allen (priest), HM Queen Elizabeth II, William Jebb Few (Rector), Margaret Schuyleman, Peter Clee, Cecil Stafford Ford (priest) and Stella Walden-Dowdell.

**Opening Voluntary:** Prelude on Nun danket – *Georg Friederich Kaufmann*

**Mass Setting:** (choir) Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena – *Healey Willan*

**Closing Voluntary:** Choral Fantasia on Nun Danket – *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

## Live Streaming Link

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

**LIVE** 

## This Week / Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Mass

### On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Readers: Jon Hebditch, Naomi Parkin-Tyrie

Intercessor: Jon Cotterill

Chalice: David Greenwood

Sidespeople: Jill Sandham, Phil Thomas

Coffee: Andrew & Cath Anderson

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

11:30 Choral Mattins

### On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Rachel Tottle

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Chalice: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, John Vines

Coffee: Daniel Vines, Rory Fenner

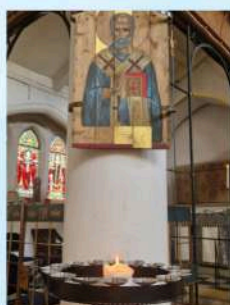
## This Week's Notices

### 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.



## Harvest Lunch

We will be serving a simple soup lunch after Mass this morning. If you haven't already signed up, please ask and we will see if we can accommodate you. Donations will be welcomed so that we cover the costs of lunch.

## Tuesday Group

Our Tuesday Group will begin its Autumn series of meetings on Tuesday September 8th at 9-45am for 10am in the Parish Centre. This friendly social gathering is open to everyone, and new members are always welcome. At our first meeting we will be sharing news and making plans for the forthcoming term. Some interesting talks are already arranged. We look forward to seeing you.

Hilary Fletcher

## 150th Anniversary Lecture

We are looking forward to the next in the lecture series when we are delighted to welcome Charles O'Brien FSA. Charles is Listing and Architectural Research Director at Historic England and until 2022 was the joint Series Editor of the Pevsner Architectural Guides, including the Surrey volume. He is a former Commissioner of Historic England and has served as an advisor to government on local heritage.

The title of his talk is "The Ugliest Church in Surrey? - a reassessment of St Nicolas' and its Victorian designers" and takes place **this Tuesday 8th September at 7:30pm.**

## Welcoming Families to School

We are serving refreshments at school to families as the church's way of welcoming them to St Nicolas'. This will be on **Friday 18th September** at pick up time. Would you be able to make some cakes (no nuts) for this? Might you be able to come and staff the refreshments - a lovely way to help us to welcome families? We will be setting up from 2:30pm, serving 3-4pm. Please let Nicky if you can help in any way.

## Dedication Festival - Sunday 4th October

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Paul to our Dedication Festival Mass & Benediction on Sunday 4th October at 10am. The Mass will be followed by our traditional Lunch. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or email the parish office if you want a ticket. £10 per person. Junior age children free. Secondary school children £5.

Might you be able to make a fruit crumble for dessert? If so, please let Cath or Jo know.



## CK Gospel Choir at St Nics on Friday 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 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.

This dynamic live performance, with the choir's own fabulous rhythm section, will feature soul, pop and gospel classics performed with CK Gospel Choir's outstanding energy and vocals. An exciting evening lies ahead!

There will be a bar before the event and during the interval. 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>  
<https://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk/product/p/ck-gospel-choir-sept-2026>



## Heritage Open Day - Saturday 19th September

We will be opening the church from **10am to 4pm**. Dr Catherine Ferguson will be giving a tour of the church at 12 pm and a tour of the Loseley Chapel at 1:30pm. Our ringers will be giving tours of the bell tower at 10:30am and 11:30am and light refreshments will be served all day. We need volunteers to be stewards on the day - giving visitors a warm welcome to St Nicolas' and recording numbers etc. There is a list at the back of church to sign up - just an hour or so would be so helpful so please consider offering your time.

## 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 September

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT** Our Good Cause for September is Macmillan Cancer Support. Macmillan nurses help with cancer diagnoses and treatment, whilst offering information and emotional and practical support. Support Line Advisors offer confidential support to people through the physical and emotional challenges of living with cancer. Please support this very 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.

We will be holding a **Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September, 10:30am - 1:30pm**. Donations of cakes etc to sell would be very much appreciated. We will be serving hot savoury treats for lunch too.

### 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, wherever they are

Place: St Nicolas Parish Centre

Date: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Contact: [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com)



Macmillan Cancer Support is a registered charity in England and Wales (105177), Scotland (SC039987) and the Isle of Man (10340). Also operating in Northern Ireland. PNC01087

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

## **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.

## **A VERY IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **150th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

**with The Great Little Orchestra & Harlequin Chamber Choir,  
John & Lily Suchet**

**SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER**

***Featuring the world premiere of Will Todd's piece commissioned for  
our 150th anniversary***





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

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**2pm Rehearsal \* 4pm Evensong  
5pm Tea**

**[www.saintnics.com](http://www.saintnics.com) \* [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com)**



# Fizz & Friends

## Women's Group

A chance to relax amongst friends; enjoy some calming activities and soak up the atmosphere in our beautiful church.

For more information please visit our website  
or contact Nicky,  
[missionenabler@saintnics.com](mailto:missionenabler@saintnics.com)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 8th October

7:30pm

£10



## CURRY AND QUESTIONS

in the parish hall at St Nicolas Church,  
Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW

‘Children of the same heavenly Father’  
– in conversation with Rabbi Alex

Contact

[parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com) to let  
us know you're coming & notify of  
any dietary requirements

**beer  
and  
banter**



## MEN'S GROUP

*Time for a catch up with the rector over  
a pint - or any other preferred beverage!*

15th September (Loseley Chapel)

27th October (The Britannia)

17th November (Loseley Chapel)

Contact [rector@saintnics.com](mailto:rector@saintnics.com) for more information

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**Location:**

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

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# LOOKING AHEAD

## 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"

## Sunday 13th September : Battle of Britain Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

11:30 am Choral Mattins

## Tuesday 15th September

7:30 pm Beer & Banter in the Loseley Chapel

## Thursday 17th September

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass, followed by chip supper

## Saturday 19th September: Heritage Open Day

10 am - 4pm Church Open for Visitors

## Sunday 20th September : Trinity XVI

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

|                                  |                                                      |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>150th Anniversary Lecture</b> | Tuesday 8th September                                |
| <b>Beer &amp; Banter</b>         | Tuesday 15th September, 7:30pm in the Loseley Chapel |
| <b>Heritage Open Day</b>         | Saturday 19th September - Church open 10am - 4pm     |
| <b>Macmillan Coffee Morning</b>  | Friday 25th September                                |
| <b>CK Gospel Choir Concert</b>   | Friday 25th September                                |
| <b>Dedication Festival Lunch</b> | Sunday 4th October                                   |
| <b>Curry &amp; Questions</b>     | Thursday 8th October                                 |
| <b>Fizz &amp; Friends</b>        | Friday 9th October                                   |
| <b>Come and Sing Evensong</b>    | Saturday 10th October                                |
| <b>Beer &amp; Banter</b>         | Tuesday 27th October, 7:30pm at The Britannia        |
| <b>Monthly Lunch</b>             | Friday 30th October                                  |
| <b>150th Anniversary Concert</b> | Saturday 14th November                               |

# THIS WEEK

## 6th - 13th September 2026

|                  |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)<br><b>10 am</b> Mass, followed by soup lunch<br><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> Tuesday Group<br><b>7:30 pm</b> 150th Anniversary Lecture: “The Ugliest Church in Surrey? - a reassessment of St Nicolas’ and its Victorian designers” by Charles O’Brien, FSA |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer<br><b>10 am</b> Cafe Play                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer<br><b>10:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> Coffee Shop<br><b>11 am</b> Mass                                                                                                  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)<br><b>10 am</b> Mass<br><b>11:30 am</b> Choral Mattins<br><b>1 pm</b> Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy               |



### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Wednesday 09:00 - 17:00

Thursday 09:00 - 18:00

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