



- o This week Anne will be available on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Friday; Andrew will be in the Holy Land from Thursday.
- o The office will be open Tuesday afternoon and all day Friday this week.
- o All members of St Nicolas' are encouraged to share in some part of the Daily Prayer – just go to our website and click on:



All weekday services include five minutes of silence – and, except for Friday at 11am are held in the Loseley Chapel.

MONDAY 5th

10 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist psalm 1 page 594
5 pm Evening Prayer
7pm PCC Standing Committee in WTJ room

TUESDAY 6th *Martyrs of Japan, 1597; Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952*

8:15 am Morning Prayer
9:45 am Tuesday Group
12:30 pm Christian Meditation Group
6:30 pm Evening Prayer & Eucharist psalm 9 page 601

WEDNESDAY 7th

7:45 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist psalm 119:1-32 page 737
10 – 11:30 am Café Play @ St Nic's for parents and children
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 8th

Pilgrims depart for the Holy Land
No services in church today

FRIDAY 9th

10:30am – 12:30pm Coffee in the Community Centre
11am Morning Prayer & Eucharist psalm 19 page 612
5 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY: SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8:15 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist
10 am SUNG EUCHARIST & Children's Church
5 pm Julian Meeting
6 pm Service of Penitence to prepare for Lent

Notices

Please note that we have an emergency PCC meeting after the 10am Eucharist this morning to discuss the proposed improvements work on the Community Centre. Please do come through for a coffee and chat as usual, but excuse the PCC for needing to ask you to leave by 11:30am so that we can make a start.

Please take with you a copy of the 2018 Lent, Holy Week and Easter programme

- Urgent: please bring back your **palm crosses asap** (to the basket at the back of church) so they can be burned to make the ash for Ash Wednesday!.
- **Saturday Conversation Circle.** Three Saturdays, 10:30 – 11:30am or 4 – 5pm in the WTJ room starting 24th February. We shall be looking at three different ways to understand the significance of the death of Christ. Reference will be made to a useful book written by Rowan Williams, 'God with Us'. Although it will not be necessary to have read the book to enjoy the discussion it is very good. If you'd like a copy please contact the office by 4pm Tuesday.

Do come to Choral Evensong this evening. This will be sung by students from the University of Surrey, led by Alex, our choral scholar.

In partnership with Guildford United Reformed Church & a member of the cluster group with St Saviour's and Holy Trinity & St Mary's, Guildford; sharing the church with Upper Room Ministries.

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**WEEKLY LEAFLET for 4th February
2018
Second Sunday before
Lent**



8:15 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

We begin on page 59; Office hymn 53; Psalms 29 & 67, pages 623 & 667

Second reading Colossians 1:15-20; first and Gospel readings as below

The Lord be with you **and with thy spirit**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

At the Peace turn to page 215 for the Eucharist.

Ask one of the sides-people before the Offertory if you need to receive gluten free holy communion.

Anne will be presiding at 10am today, and on Monday and Friday and at both services next Sunday; Andrew at 8:15am today, and on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**10am
BAPTISM EUCHARIST
with Children's Church & the Ministry of
Healing**

Rory Allsop is to be baptised this morning. We welcome him, his parents, godparents, family & friends.

Please wait until the end of the service before taking any photographs.

There is Children's Church today. The children start in church, then move to the Community Centre, before re-joining us in church for the Baptism and for the end of the service. Please note there are toilet facilities in the Community Centre.

Hymns come from 'New English Hymnal', with the Mass setting by Lank.

The Gathering

♪ ENTRY HYMN 234

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome & Introduction

Introduction & welcome of Rory

Rory and parents come to the front.

Anne: Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Rory and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Andrew: Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

Parents & godparents: With the help of God, we will

Andrew: In baptism Rory begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents & godparents: With the help of God, we will.

Anne: We invite Children's Church to receive God's word.

All: Receive the gift of God's word; through the power of the Spirit, may it fill your hearts with love and your lives with hope and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♪ Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

The collect gathers up all the prayers of our hearts

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the reading. Today's reader is Darrol Radley.

First reading (Proverbs 8:1, 22-31)

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

♪ GOSPEL HYMN 58

Gospel Acclamation

♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading (John 1:1-14)

Please turn to the reader.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

♪ Glory to you, O Lord

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

♪ This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon Andrew
followed by a time of quiet

The Liturgy of Baptism

The Decision

Andrew: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask the parents and godparents:

Do you turn to Christ?

Parents & godparents: **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

Parents & godparents: **I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

Parents & godparents: **I renounce evil.**

Signing with the Cross and Anointing

The sign of the cross is made on Rory's forehead:

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Prayer over the Water

Before the water of baptism:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, for your gift of water in creation,
we give you thanks and praise.

For your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life,
we give you thanks and praise.

For your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan,
we give you thanks and praise.

For your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
we give you thanks and praise.

For your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins,
we give you thanks and praise.

Father, accept our sacrifice of praise;
may your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.
Lord, receive our prayer.

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church.
Lord, receive our prayer.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ
in the freedom of your kingdom.
Lord, receive our prayer.

For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever.

Alleluia. Amen.

Profession of Faith

Anne: Friends, let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ:

Andrew Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Andrew: This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Baptism

Water is poured three times:

Andrew: Rory Felix I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

*After the baptism, Rory is then anointed with the oil of chrism
in looking forward to his Confirmation.*

Andrew: May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people, you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

We all return to our seats as the organ plays.

Kneel or please stay standing for the

Prayers of Intercession

Anne: As we remember with gratitude all that God has done for us, let us bring to his love the needs and concerns of the world.

... Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy.

Marian Coom:

- First we remember our Church Council meeting after this service to make a difficult decision about the higher cost of improving the Community Centre.
- The Diocesan Education Team with its director Alex Tear as they support all our church schools, and so we remember especially our own St Nicolas' Infant School; also all university chaplains in the diocese and so especially Fr Andrew Bishop at the University of Surrey.
- Our fellow Anglicans in the Church of Burundi with their bishop Martin Nyaboho.
- Rory and his family.
- For the group from St Nicolas' going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land on Thursday for ten days
- With *United Society Partners in the Gospel* (we support them as they support projects through Anglican Churches around the world – see map in the narthex) we pray this week for an end to the war in Syria, that humanitarian aid will reach those most in need and for the refugees who have fled in search of safety.
- With *Green Christians* we give thanks for plans to develop electric planes for all commercial flights, so praying for a radical implementation of this approach around the world.
- We remember the anniversary of the deaths of Clare Wickenden, Phyllis Morse, Gwen Trustam, Patrick Cooney, Kitty Kimber and Jeffrey Christmas.

Anne: In silence, we pray our individual petitions to our heavenly Father who has promised to hear us. *Pause*

Almighty Father, hear the prayers we offer, and use our bodies, minds and spirits in establishing your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand as we exchange a handshake as a Sign of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 265

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you O God, spirit of life,
in your goodness we have these gifts to share,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
Blessed be God for ever.

♪ The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing Sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels,
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. ...**

♪ ... Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues and we all respond boldly: Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

♪ **Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

We offer the grace of this communion for the poor, the
homeless, those suffering from war and hunger, and of the
earth so exploited, ravaged and harmed by humanity.
from 'God is Green' by Robert Shore-Goss

*The bell rings as a sign to come for communion or a blessing.
All who usually receive Holy Communion are welcome to do
so, others to come for a blessing.*

*If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing
of any kind (with anointing for an acute need) please go to the
aisle on the left immediately after receiving communion.*

A time of quiet follows

CHOIR ANTHEM

*We hear what the children have been doing and receive any
final announcements.*

*After the service please do join us for refreshments in the
Community Centre (turn left as you leave the church).*

Giving of a lighted baptism candle to Rory

*Andrew: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have
received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of
your life.*

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

FINAL HYMN 466

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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5 pm Julian Meeting – weekly ½ hour silence –
in church this evening

6 pm Choral Evensong
sung by University of Surrey students
see special order of service





“Five gospels record the life of Jesus. Four you will find in the books and one you will find in the land they call holy. Read the fifth gospel and the world of the four will open to you.”

“Some of you may recall how during Lent 2016 we thought about the Holy Land with sermons and illustrated talks describing and reflecting on that beautiful haunting place, where the prophets walked, where Jesus lived, died and rose again.

From those beginnings, a group from St. Nicolas' Church and friends from other congregations are on the point of departing for an 11-day pilgrimage through the Holy Land. The journey to this point has had many twists, turns and points where it could easily have folded, but it has become clear over the time that God is smiling on our enterprise and wishes it to succeed. It is really going to happen!

As is always the case, our group is diverse comprising longstanding and newer members of St. Nicolas', some who have been before, many who are going for the first time (including our Rector), members of churches in Bramley and Horley, Anglicans and Catholics, each with their own particular hopes and expectations. No one can predict at this stage how each will respond but each experience will be unique, valuable and significant. We also hope to grow together as a group.

Our group comprises – Father Andrew, Marian and David Coom, Sister Grace, Philip and Elizabeth Hooper, James Wix, Pauline May, Caroline Coleman, John Varney; Derek Bangs, Bob and Jenny Heyes, and David Greenwood.

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a great event in any Christian's life. All who go are changed, are sad to leave, returning home humbled by the privilege of the encounter and by being a bridge between two worlds. Pilgrims become aware that the scriptures have been opened to them by being in the places where God interacted with the human race and where the central events of Jesus' life and of our faith took place.

And although most of you will not be joining us, we hope you will think it an important event in our church's life and will journey with us in your imagination and in spirit. We hope you will think of us and pray for us, as we will remember you in our prayers at the various places we will visit..” *David Greenwood*

To help you do this, here is a brief itinerary:

DAY 1 Thursday 8th February. Fly from Gatwick to Tel Aviv. Travel to Bethlehem for a 5-night stay.

DAY 2 Friday 9th February. Visit Beit Sahour (Shepherds Fields) and the Basilica of the Nativity. University of Bethlehem. In the evening visit a Jerusalem synagogue to welcome in the Sabbath with the congregation.

DAY 3 Saturday 10th February. Visit Beit Jala (St.Nicolas' Greek Orthodox Church); the Judean Desert; the River Jordan (renewal of baptismal vows); Jericho; the Dead Sea (chance to swim or at least float !!).

DAY 4 Sunday 11th February. Visit Jerusalem. Parish Mass at St. George's Anglican Cathedral. Mount of Olives to Gethsemane & St. Peter in Gallicantu.

DAY 5 Monday 12th February. Visit Jerusalem. St Anne's Church. The Pools of Bethesda. The Via Dolorosa with Stations of the Cross. Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Mount Zion. The Western Wall. Visit to the Jerusalem War Cemetery to commemorate three of our parishioners who lie buried there.

DAY 6 Tuesday 13th February. Leave Bethlehem. Drive north via Ein Karem and Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Memorial). Emmaus. Stay overnight on Mount Tabor (Mountain of the Transfiguration)

DAY 7 Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday. Travel on to Nazareth for 4-night stay. Basilica of the Annunciation. Chemin Neuf. Souk; Spice Mill; Synagogue Church; Mary's Well. Visit Christian Aid supported project in Nazareth

DAY 8 Thursday 15th February. Sea of Galilee. Capernaum; Tabgha & the Mount of the Beatitudes. Dalmanutha and the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Chance to swim in the Lake.

DAY 9 Friday 16th February. Cana. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Mary of Magdala's village.

DAY 10 Saturday 17th February. Visit Kafir Birem (Mass with local community). Caesarea Philippi. Upper reaches of the River Jordan.

DAY 11 Sunday 18th February. To Tel Aviv via Mount Carmel and Caesarea Maritima. Fly home.

