



- o This week Anne will be available on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Friday; Andrew's Sabbath-time this week will be Saturday afternoon with as many early evenings as possible.
- o The office will be open Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning 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:

CofE Daily Prayers

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

MONDAY 19th Joseph of Nazareth

8:30 am Morning Prayer
5 pm Evening Prayer & Eucharist psalms 1 & 112

TUESDAY 20th Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687

8:15 am Morning Prayer
9:45 am Tuesday Group
12:30 pm Christian Meditation Group
6:30 pm Evening Prayer & Eucharist psalm 61 page 662

WEDNESDAY 21st

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop, Reformation martyr, 1556
7:45 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist psalm 55 page 655
10 – 11:30 am Café Play @ St Nic's for parents and children
5 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 22nd

8:15 am Morning Prayer
1 pm Midday Prayer & Eucharist psalm 43 page 642
(5:30 pm Choral Evensong at the cathedral – 8pm *Faith Thru Art in Lent : Two Deaths, One Life* – finishing with Compline at 8:30pm)

FRIDAY 23rd

10:30am – 1:30pm Lent Lunches in the Community Centre
11-12 Lent Course with simple ecumenical Eucharist
5 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 24th Walter Hilton, mystic, 1396; Paul Courutier, priest, ecumenist, 1953; Oscar Romero, archbishop, martyr, 1980

7:30 pm Chantry Singers concert

SUNDAY 25th MARCH: PALM SUNDAY

8:15 am Morning Prayer *No Eucharist at 8:15am today, nor again until Sunday 15th April*

THE LITURGY OF PALM SUNDAY

This year we shall be starting at St Nicolas' with the Eucharist at 9:15am. This will be followed by the Procession of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem at 10am going to the United Reformed Church on Portsmouth Road for a Palm Sunday Service at 10:30am where there will also be activities for children.

You can join the Liturgy at any point.

5 pm Julian Meeting
6 pm Faure's Requiem at the URC (no evening service at St Nicolas')

Notices

We are applying for a **faculty to install wrought iron railings and a gate to the Loseley Chapel**. If you would like to see copies of the design, please ask in the office.

"If you would like to contribute towards making the church look wonderful for Easter we are now asking for donations towards flowers. Please give your donations to me, leave with the clergy, or church office. We need more flower arrangers – come along at 9:30am on Saturday 31st March? No experience necessary! Thank you." *Marian Coom*

The Annual Church Meeting is after the Family Service this morning.



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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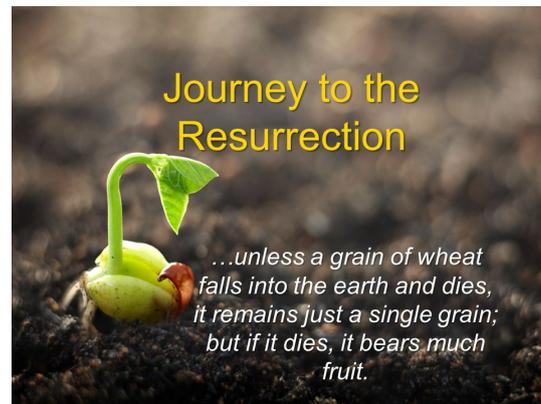
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www.guildford-dragon.com

WEEKLY LEAFLET 18th March 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passiontide begins



8:15 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

We begin on page 59; Office hymn 79;
Psalm 107:1-22, page 724

First reading Hebrews 5:5-10; Gospel reading as below but **NRSV**

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.

At the end please join in the prayer on page 71

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

Anne will be presiding at 8:15am today, on Monday & Friday; Andrew at the Family Service today, then on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday & at 9:15am next Sunday.

10am FAMILY SERVICE



This is a less formal Eucharist for people of all sorts and all ages to help us grow as one people at worship.

The hymns come from the Celebration Hymnal

The Gathering

♪ **ENTRY HYMN 187** This is our God, the Servant King

+ We meet 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

Prayers of Preparation & Penitence

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Listening to the Word

We prepare to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

♪ **GOSPEL HYMN 487** Meekness and majesty

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

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

♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Greeks were among those who had gone to Jerusalem to worship during the festival. They went to Philip (he was from Bethsaida in Galilee) and said, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, and the two of them went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has now come for the Son of Man to receive great glory. I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains. Whoever loves his own life will lose it; whoever hates his own life in this world will keep it for life eternal. Whoever wants to serve me must follow me, so that my servant will be with me where I am. And my Father will honour anyone who serves me. Now my heart is troubled – and what shall I say? Shall I say, 'Father, do not let this hour come upon me'? But that is why I came – so that I might go through this hour of suffering. Father, bring glory to

your name!" Then a voice spoke from heaven, "I have brought glory to it, and I will do so again." The crowd standing there heard the voice, and some of them said it was thunder, while others said, "An angel spoke to him!" But Jesus said to them, "It was not for my sake that this voice spoke, but for yours. Now is the time for this world to be judged; now the ruler of this world will be overthrown. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." In saying this he indicated the kind of death he was going to suffer.)

Good News Bible

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

Presentation

Anne & Liam



We believe

**We believe
in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

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

Our Prayers

Anne: Loving God, remind us afresh of the great love you have shown in Christ. Inspire us through those who responded faithfully to his call, and so help us to give as well as receive for his name's sake.

Anne: Lord, in these days of mercy,
make us quiet and prayerful,
in these days of challenge,
make us stronger in you;
In these days of emptiness,
take possession of us;
In these days of waiting,
open our hearts to the mystery of your cross. Amen

Sharing 'The Peace'

The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking,
but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14.17

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share the handshake of peace with your neighbours.

♪ **OFFERTORY HYMN 167** Father, we love you

*During this a collection is taken for the work of the church,
and the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

Preparation of the Bread and Wine

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 Great Thanksgiving

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Tune 'Celebration Hymnal' 258

**Holy, holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love;
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

A time of silence is kept.

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
Celebration Hymnal 457

Please join in with the response after the choir:
Hear our prayer, Lamb of God, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The bread is broken in silence, then:

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
Christ is the bread of life.

The cup is lifted up:

On the cross he entrusted himself to the Father's
unconditional love.
Christ is risen from the dead!

The Invitation

Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

*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.*

A time of quiet follows

CHOIR ANTHEM There's a wideness in God's mercy (*Bevan*)

We receive any final announcements.

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

The Annual Church Meeting follows when we are all ready.

🎵 **FINAL HYMN** Let us recall

Let us recall how this God has walked with us,
faithful through struggles, through joy and despair.
Let us rejoice in this glorious friendship -
God who has rescued us, God always there.

Let us embrace all God offers as future,
trusting that, somehow, our way will be clear.
only this God can defend and sustain us,
guiding our footsteps and quelling our fear.

Let us commit to God's challenging future,
risking renewal, regardless of cost.
God who expended so much for our rescue
surely will see that no effort is lost.

Let us depend on God's marvelous future,
though it remains largely hidden from sight;
trusting our Saviour to bring to completion
wonders untold 'til each wrong is put right.

So, let us choose to be faithful and thankful,
looking to God as our helper each day,
daily depend on the gifts of God's goodness,
giving us strength as we follow God's way.

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God's blessing as we go

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May the Lord fill your life with peace,
may the Lord fill your heart with love,
may the Lord fill your mind with light;
and the blessing of God almighty,
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with us always.
Amen.

We go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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5 pm Julian Meeting

*The weekly ½ hour silence – in the WTJ room this
evening*



6 pm Evening Worship – Journey to the Cross

*In the last of these simple Sunday evening liturgies during
Lent we shall conclude our reflections on the Stations of the
Cross.*

Hymn 79
Psalm 34:1-31
Hymn 73

Preparing for Holy Week

This is the most important time of the year at St Nicolas' because it takes us to the heart of our spirituality.

We need to make time to enter fully into the week – and the Risen Christ will fill us with new life!

First, please sign the list today to enable us to keep the Watch throughout the night on Maundy Thursday into Good Friday.



We do need to ensure that there are at least two people in church at any time, so please be quick to sign on the chart for the Watch - if there is not complete cover we shall finish at midnight and resume at 5:30am.

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

At 8pm each evening there will be a quiet and simple Eucharist with an address by Dean Dianna Gwilliams.



Bishop Jo will be presiding one evening, and on another Phillip Jones, our URC Minister, at an ecumenical celebration.

Our hope is that these evenings will be something special for us to offer the wider Christian family in our town.

THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY 8pm

Eucharist of the Lord's Supper with Reception of the Oils & Washing of Feet, then the Stripping of the Sanctuary & Watch

Volunteers to have a foot washed will be asked for this morning – please consider opening yourself to the experience.

It is our custom at St Nicolas' to watch with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane all through the night.

Good Friday begins with ecumenical worship 9:30 am at St Mary's then gathering 10:30 am at the bottom of North Street for the Walk of Witness.



Children then gather at St Nicolas' for activities & hot cross buns 12 noon until 1pm.

THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY 1:30 pm

Liturgy of the Word, Proclamation of the Cross, Prayers of Intercession and Holy Communion

This is our key service of the day – most important to attend – a starkly simple, but very moving liturgy in which we focus on the Cross and the love which shines through it.

THE EASTER LITURGY

starting on HOLY SATURDAY at 8:30pm

The Service of Light outdoors – into church for the Vigil in darkness with readings – then bursting gloriously into the First Eucharist of the Resurrection

and continuing in the morning at 10am

*with the Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows
All members of St Nicolas' are asked to be present for both.*

Sunday 15th April

To celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy, you are cordially invited to join us for tea at our celebratory Angel Cake Party, in the heated marquee at Guildford Cathedral.

Everyone is invited to bring a friend or colleague or two, to enjoy free refreshments, live music from "The Accidentals" and a few other surprises, with speeches at 4.30pm. Children are welcome to explore our themed craft corner!

There will be an opportunity to find out more about the work of the Chaplaincy, celebrate our fabulous volunteers, and discover more about plans for our tenth Anniversary year, including **Guildford Street Angels, Volunteer Chaplains** and our new **Community Angels** project.

Admission free, donations invited toward the "Be An Angel" Tenth Anniversary Appeal.

Anyone who is interested in the work of the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy is most welcome to join us, simply register via eventbrite for your free ticket to help us plan this event. The link is:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/be-an-angel-celebration-cake-party-tickets-43750022495>

For more information visit www.gtcc.org.uk

I do hope you can join us.

Kind regards

Rod

Rod Boreham