

Today's Mass Notices

Children are welcome here

Please do not worry about them making noise or moving around – you are here and are welcome. Junior Church is having a break for the half term holiday but will be back next week. In the meantime, children are very welcome to use their area at the back of the church.

Making yourself comfortable

Toilets in the Parish Centre are available throughout the service. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards – please do join us.

This Week / Next Week

This Week 19 February
10 am Sung Mass with Fr Nick

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Hilary Fletcher

Intercessor: Shirley Aston

Chalice Assistant: Andrew Rustell

Sidespeople: Sally Lowe, Gill Williams

Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines

Next Week 26 February
8:30 am Prayer Book Mass
10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10 am

Reader: Angela Goodwin

Intercessor: David Greenwood

Chalice Assistant: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Lizzie Evans, Sarah Faulkner

Music

Processional Hymn: **494** *Christ is the world's true light*

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Psalm 99

Response: **Exalt the Lord our God, for he is holy**

Gradual Hymn: **178** *'Tis good, Lord, to be here*

Offertory Hymn: Alleluia, song of gladness

Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;

Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;

In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;

Alleluia joyful Mother, all they children sing with thee;

But by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.

Alleluia we deserve not here to chant for evermore;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while give o'er;
For the holy time is coming bidding us our sins deplore.

Therefore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep thine Easter in our home beyond the sky;
There to thee for ever singing Alleluia joyfully.

11th C Latin, translated: John Mason Neale

Anthem: Christ, whose glory fills the skies – *Thomas Frederick H Candlyn*

Voluntary: Fantasia in c minor, BWV 921 – *J S Bach*

Live Streaming Links

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

10 am Mass: <https://youtube.com/live/nLOGO6BeIRw>

Our Facebook livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/saintnicolasguildford/live/>

Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if

you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

Those who have asked for our prayers

Colleen, Greta, Graham, Eileen, Holly and Anne.

The recently departed

Sylvia Jenner, Robert Reiss (priest).

Ash Wednesday

There will be a Mass with Imposition of Ashes here at St Nicolas’ at 12 o’clock on Wednesday. We are also invited to the service for all local churches at St Mary’s at 8pm at which Fr Neil is presiding.

Notices for the week

This week’s services, readings & intentions

M		Mark 9:14-29	
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 9:30-37	
W	12:00 Mass and Ashing 20:00 Ecumenical Imposition of Ashes @ St Mary’s	Matt.6:1-6, 16-21	Ash Wednesday
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 9:22-25	Polycarp
F	09:30 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass 13:00 Stations of the Cross	Matt.9:14-15	
Sat		Luke 5:27-32	
Sun	08:30 Prayer Book Mass 10:00 Sung Mass with Junior Church	Matt.4:1-11	First of Lent

Lent Lunchtimes

This Lent we begin our journey of faith with Mass at 11am. This will be followed by a musical reflection offered in church – more detail below. Having fed ourselves spiritually and musically, we will then fill our tummies at lunch and, so sated, have an opportunity to reflect on the Stations of the

Cross as our Lenten discipline. This **starts next Friday** and will run until Friday 31st March. *Fr Neil*

Coffee will be served from 10:30am and Lunch from 11:30am-1:30pm.

11am Mass

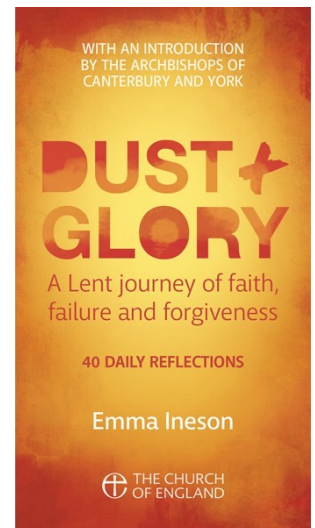
11:45am Concert

12:15pm Lunch

1pm Stations of the Cross

Lent reflections booklet available from next Sunday. If you'd like to follow the text for our Lent course then copies are available from Fr Neil. £2 per copy.

We are very fortunate to present some outstanding musicians. Kate Lowe, mezzo-soprano and Daniel Mahoney, classical guitar and tenor, are known to many of us as they are professional Foundation Singers in St Nic's choir. Other performers include Samantha Barnhart, a superb orchestral trumpeter, who played for services at St Nic's last Christmas and twice in the autumn, and Georgia Morse, a brilliant freelance cellist living in London. Watch for further details on our website, Pews News, and the March Newsletter and come with your friends to enjoy an absolute treat. *Rick*



Beer & Banter

Our Mens' group will meet this Thursday, 23rd February at 7:30pm in church – there was so much interest that we decided that a pub wouldn't be able to accommodate us all to allow for a good chat. Beer and nibbles are being shipped in! If you haven't already, please do email the Parish Office if you will be coming.

Curry and Questions Night

Our first Curry & Questions will be on Thursday 9th March in the hall – again too much interest for the local curry houses to accommodate us. Delicious homemade curry will be on offer with the opportunity to explore faith in more detail. If you haven't already, please do email the Parish Office if you will be coming – and let us know if you have any particular dietary requirements.

Flowers In Memory

Would you like flowers in church in memory of a loved one at a particular time of the year? You can sponsor the flowers, perhaps for the shrines, on a specified Sunday. This can be anonymous or noted in the Pews News. If you would like to do this, please sign up on the list in the narthex. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or card reader. *Fr Neil*

Salvation Army Foodbank

The Salvation Army are so grateful for all the donations they receive – there is a box for them at the back of church near the font. This is helping them to reach out and provide for the community in need. The following items are particularly required:



Meal tins – minced beef, spaghetti bolognese etc / Meat tins – hot dogs, corned beef, tinned pies / Jars of cooking Sauce / Peanut Butter, Jam, Chocolate Spread, Marmite / Small jars of coffee and small boxes of teabags / Pot Noodles, Instant Noodles, Cuppa Soup / Biscuits, Chocolate, Sweets / Crisps, Crackers / Porridge Oats / Juice, Squash / Toiletries – toilet roll, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo/ Cleaning items – washing powder/gel, cleaning sprays, washing up liquid.

Our Good Cause for February is Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care



Phyllis Tuckwell is the only Hospice Care service for adults and their families living with cancer of another terminal illness across the whole of West Surrey. Their Hospice Care is

provided through Living Well services, Hospice Care at Home and the In-Patient Unit. In addition they provide counselling for patients and families and bereavement support to both adults and children. Every day they need to raise over £25,000 to provide their services free of charge to their patients and their families, so do please support them. Donations can be made in the wallbox in the narthex or ask to use the card reader.

Support

If you would like to make a bank transfer to support either the Good Cause or St Nicolas' Church, please use the details below and use the reference 'Good Cause' or 'St Nicolas'. Thank you.

PCC of St Nicolas Sort Code: 60-09-21 Account No: 59904003

St Nicolas' is a member of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry.

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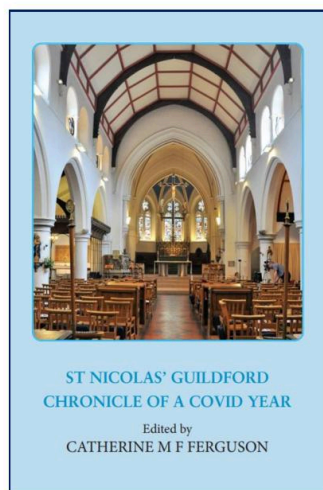


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Based around the contributions of 46 members of St Nicolas' who wrote about their response to the 'Covid Year', March 2020 to April 2021. These first-hand accounts form the core of the book and are set in a national context. They provide a powerful record of a challenging time of pandemic and interregnum, with a wonderful blend of stoicism, compassion, practicality, poignancy and humour.

£10 per copy (proceeds to St Nics)

Free to all contributors

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Electoral Roll Revision

Our Church Electoral Roll is being revised by the PCC beginning on Sunday 26th February and ending on Sunday 12th March.

What is the Electoral Roll? In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in elections, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the parochial church council (PCC). Being on the Electoral Roll doesn't make you a "member" of the church; simply regarding St Nicolas' as your spiritual home does that.

Do I have to join? You can, of course, be a full and active member of St Nicolas' without joining the Roll. Being on it doesn't entail signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the church show its strength. Representation on the governing bodies of the church (synods) depends on the number on the Electoral Roll.

Do I qualify for the Roll? To apply for the Electoral Roll you must be aged 16 or over, be baptised and be a member of the Church of England. You must either live in parish or have attended St Nicolas' regularly for at least 6 months.

Why join the Electoral Roll? Joining the Electoral Roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to St Nicolas' community and to the vision of the church. But it also opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church of England. By joining, you become entitled to participate in the government of the church and to vote at the APCM, where the elections take place for the PCC and the parish's representatives on the deanery synod.

In addition, those who live outside the parish but are on the Electoral Roll enjoy all the rights and privileges that go with being resident in the parish (eg baptisms and weddings).

Numbers are important in the present climate in which the Church of England needs to be aware of the commitment of its people. Church morale is affected by statistics and while it would be wrong to inflate the significance of the Roll it would be a missed opportunity to ignore it.

Joining the roll is an important statement of witness and a step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in our local area and across the Diocese. **If you're a regular at St Nicolas', you should be on the electoral roll! Application forms are at the back of church – please return to the Parish Office.**

THIS WEEK

19th – 26th February 2023

Sunday **SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

10 am Sung Mass

Monday

Tuesday **9 am** Morning Prayer

9:30 am Tuesday Group - *Pancakes*

Wednesday **10 am** Café Play

12 pm Mass and Ashing

8 pm Ecumenical Imposition of Ashes @ St Mary's

Thursday **9 am** Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Beer & Banter in church

Friday **9:30 am** Morning Prayer

from 10:30 am Coffee in the Hall

from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Lent Lunch in the Hall

Lent Journey of Faith

11 am Mass

11:45 am Concert

12:15 pm Lunch

1 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday

Sunday **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 am Prayer Book Mass

10 am Sung Mass with Junior Church