



Welcome to Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church

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Children are welcome here

Please do not worry about them making noise or moving around – you are here and are welcome. There is no Junior Church today as we take part in the Narrated Mass and celebrate First Communions for some of our Junior Church and school children. There are activities in church for the children.

Making yourself comfortable

If you wish to use a kneeler, they can be found in a box in the narthex or under the back pews. Toilets in the Parish Centre are available throughout the service. Please join us for refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Services This Month

Sunday 28th May 10:00 Sung Mass – *Pilgrims at Walsingham*

Sunday 4th June 10:00 Sung Mass

18:30 Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday

Thursday 8th June 20:00 Corpus Christi Mass & Benediction

Sunday 11th June 10:30 Joint Service at Guildford URC (Scout Parade)

08:30 Prayer Book Mass on 4th June, 11th June

13:00 Roman Orthodox Divine Liturgy each Sunday

This week's services, readings & intentions

M		John 16:29-end	
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	John 17:1-11	
W	09:00 Morning Prayer	John 17:11-19	John & Charles Wesley
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	John 17:20-end	The Venerable Bede
F	09:30 Morning Prayer	John 21:15-19	Augustine; John Calvin; Philip Neri
Sat		John 21:20-end	
Sun	10:00 Sung Mass	John 20:19-23	Pentecost
	13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy		

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) President & Preacher: The Rector

10:00 Narrated Mass (CW) President & Preacher: The Rector

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

ProceSSIONAL Hymn: 271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Readings: Ephesians 1:15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Gradual Hymn: 134 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to the disciples, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am

sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Intercessions



Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of the West Indies.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The success of the Living in Love and Faith initiative; that it will help the whole church to better understand each other and the different perspectives we all hold.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Greta, Graham, Holly and Anthony.

The Year's Mind: Elizabeth Marian Long and Egbert De Grey Lucas (priest).

**Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: 296 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Communion Anthem I will magnify thee, O Lord – *Joseph Corfe*

Organ Voluntary: Carillon de Longpont – *Louis Vierne*

Live Streaming Links

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

10 am Mass: <https://youtube.com/live/h-nZN07FQDs>

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week 21 May
8:30 am Prayer Book Mass
10 am Narrated Mass for Ascension
with First Communions

On Duty @ 10am

Readers: Dina Pandis, Louis Roberts
Intercessor: Caroline Coleman

Next Week 28 May
10 am Sung Mass

On Duty @ 10 am

Reader: Shirley Aston
Intercessor: Rory Fenner

*Sidespeople: David Greenwood,
Gill Williams
Chalice Assistant: Jana Phillips
Coffee: Cath Anderson,
Suzanne Rhydderch*

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Chalice Assistant: David Greenwood
Coffee: Deborah Tizard, Gill Williams*

This Week's Notices

Opening the Church on Weekday Mornings

The PCC has decided to resume the practice of having the church open on weekday mornings, but with a minimum of two people in the building at a time. Philip Hooper is drawing up a list of people prepared to help, from which to prepare a rota. He would welcome any volunteers as the more who put their names forward the more often we can open the church [phone 01483 537789 or email philiphooper491@gmail.com]

Friday 26th May

Fr Neil is on the interview panel for the new Bishop of Dorking, so there will be no Mass next Friday. As a number of people are also away next Friday, and our pilgrims will be heading to Walsingham, there will be no Monthly Lunch. The coffee shop will be open as usual. The next Monthly Lunch will be on Friday 30th June. If you would like to help at one of our lunches, either by preparing a dish or serving / washing up, please speak to Jo or Cath.

Curry & Questions

For our next Curry & Questions on Thursday 15th June, I would like to set up questions by topic and tables based on those topics. Please would you submit the questions you would like to explore (1 or 2) on matters of faith? eg, how do we read the Bible? What does the church say about a particular topic?
Fr Neil

Garden Help Required

Whilst the council mow the grass (although we think they are observing 'No Mow May'), the rest of the church garden needs regular maintenance. Our previous head gardeners are now no longer in a position to help, so we are looking for a new team of people who enjoy weeding, pruning etc. Guidance will be given to the willing but inexperienced! Please contact the parish office if you can help, either regularly or occasionally.

Summer Fayre : Saturday 1st July, 2pm – 4pm in the church & parish centre

We are delighted that the school will be joining us – there will be bouncy castle and skittle alley in the church, with stalls and tombolas in both the church, narthex and parish centre. Tuesday Group have kindly volunteered

to be in charge of the plant stall – they will be grateful for any donations you may have nearer the time.

We plan to have two tombolas – a bottle tombola and a chocolate tombola – and are happy to take your donations from the beginning of June. There will be boxes at the back of the church to receive them. Also donations of books, bric-a-brac etc.

On the day we will be serving tea, cakes and freshly baked cream teas, as well as Pimms and ice creams. Donations of cakes and homemade preserves will be very gratefully received.

If you are able to help man a stall, help set up and/or pack away afterwards, please let Cath or Jo know. As they say, many hands.....

Salvation Army Foodbank



If you are able to support The Salvation Army foodbank- please select items from the following list.”

Tinned potatoes - Tinned Veg - Tinned Soup/Cup-a-Soup -
Baked beans - Long life milk - Small bottles of squash -
Tinned meat (including minced beef, chicken casserole etc) -
Pasta sauce/ Curry Sauce/ Pasta bake sauce - Tinned Tomatoes/ Pasata -
Crisps - Biscuits - Breakfast bars - Jam/Peanut butter - Tinned
Custard / Tinned Rice pudding - Pot Noodles/ InstantNoodles - Toilet
Roll - Shower Gel - Shampoo - Deodorant Men & Ladies - Washing
up liquid - Cleaning Spray - Washing tablets/ powder - Disposable
blue cloths

There is a box near the font at the back of church for your donations.

Our Good Cause for May is Oakleaf Enterprise



MAKING LIFE WORK WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Based in our parish, in Walnut Tree Close, Oakleaf, the charity's aim is to transform the lives and futures of adults managing their mental health and help them secure the skills,

confidence and training needed to return to the workplace. They offer work-related training and employment support, with courses in IT, upholstery and gardening; wellbeing activities and courses designed to build confidence, physical health and wellbeing whilst reducing isolation and loneliness; and access to counseling sessions. They also run Safe Haven, a crisis centre open from 6-11pm every day. Read more about their work on their website <https://www.oakleaf-enterprise.org/>

Donations can be made in the wallbox in the narthex or ask to use the card reader.

Support

To support either the Good Cause or St Nicolas' Church, please make a bank transfer using 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

We are members of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry. The service allows you to:

- Give One-Off amounts by Credit/Debit cards and 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-](https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/guildford-st-nicolas-guildford/)

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Existing contributors can now easily activate their account and manage their account online too

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/my-pgs/>



THIS WEEK

21st – 28th May 2023

Sunday ASCENSION

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Narrated Mass for Ascension with First Communion

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday 9 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Butterflies*

Wednesday 9 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday 9 am Morning Prayer

Friday 9:30 am Morning Prayer

from 10:30 am Coffee in the Hall

Saturday

Sunday PENTECOST

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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Parish Office

Tuesday 13:30 – 18:00 * Thursday 08:30 – 18:00

The Parish Office will not be open on Friday afternoon this week

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