

Pews News

28 May 2023
Pentecost



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 or next Sunday as it is the half term holiday, but there are fun activities at the back of church.

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 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)

Sunday 18th June 10:00 Sung Mass with Junior Church

08:30 Prayer Book Mass on 4th June, 11th June, 18th June

13:00 Roman Orthodox Divine Liturgy each Sunday

This week's services, readings & intentions

M		Mark 10:17-27	Ordinary Time resumes
T		Mark 10:28-31	Josephine Butler; Joan of Arc; Apolo Kivebulaya
W		Luke 1:39-49	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
T	09:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 10:46-end	Justin
F	09:30 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Mark 11:11-26	
Sat	16:00 Messy Church @ GURC	Mark 11:27-end	Martyrs of Uganda
Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)	Matt.28:16-end	Trinity Sunday

10:00 Parish Mass

13:00 Romanian Orthodox

Divine Liturgy

18:30 Choral Evensong

Today's Service

10:00 Sung Mass (CW) President & Preacher: Fr Nick Edwards

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Processional Hymn: 137 Come down, O love divine

Readings: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Responsorial Psalm 104: Response: **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, that the face of the earth be renewed.**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of

healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Gradual (choir): I will not leave you comfortless – *Everett Titcomb*

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Intercessions



Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Extra-Provincial Churches.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Diocesan Safeguarding Team, that they will be successful in creating a church that is safe for all.

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

The Year's Mind: Millie Black, Mary Claydon, Caroline Williams, Vera Peake, George Massey Wheeler (Rector), Rebecca Elston and Katharine Beckett.

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: 431 O Thou who camest from above

Anthem: O lux beatissima – *Howard Helvey*

O lux beatissima, reple cordis intima tuorum fidelium.

Sine tuo nimine, nihil est in homine, nihil est innoxium.

O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful.

Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.

From the 13C Whitsuntide sequence *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Post Communion Hymn: 342 Breathe on me, Breath of God

Organ Voluntary: Variations on Down Ampney – *Jan Bender*

Live Streaming Links



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

10 am Mass: <https://youtube.com/live/6njugh5QHhY>

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

This Week / Next Week

This Week 28 May

10 am Parish Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Shirley Aston

Intercessor: Rory Fenner

*Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew,
Rory Fenner*

Chalice Assistant: David Greenwood

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Gill Williams

Next Week 4 June

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

6:30 pm Choral Evensong

On Duty @ 10 am

Reader: John Varney

Intercessor: Linda Sharpin

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Jo Radley

Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Tarina More

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]

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

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

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 next Sunday. 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



With food inflation still high and other costs increasing, people need foodbanks even more. At the same time, people donating food are finding it harder to balance their own budgets and so make fewer donations. The Salvation Army Foodbank is now very low on food and if they don't have it, they can't give it out.

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



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-parish/guildford-st-nicolas-guildford/>



Existing contributors can now easily activate their account and manage their account online too <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/my-pgs/>

Could you spare a morning (or two, or five!) to help at Holiday Club?

Could you make cakes for refreshments?

Please get in touch with Nicky missionenabler@saintnics.com

And book your children in early to be sure of a space!

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9:30-12pm**

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Saint Nicolas or Guildford URC
www.saintnics.com
www.guildfordurc.org.uk

THIS WEEK

28th May – 4th June 2023

Sunday

PENTECOST

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday **9 am** Morning Prayer

Friday **9:30 am** Morning Prayer

from 10:30 am Coffee in the Hall

11 am Mass

Saturday **4 – 6 pm** Messy Church @ Guildford URC

Sunday **TRINITY SUNDAY**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

6:30 pm Choral Evensong

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts

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Parish Office

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

The Parish Office will not be open on Thursday this week

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