

Pews News



10 December 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Service:

10:00 Parish Mass with the
Ministry of Healing & Junior
Church: Fr Nick Edwards

Welcome to Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts

Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

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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. Junior Church is meeting in the hall this week and will come back at the end of the service and tell us what they've been doing.

Making yourself comfortable

Kneelers can be found in the narthex or under the back pews. Toilets are in the Parish Centre. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

This week's services, readings & intentions/parish streets

M		Luke 5:17-26	Lawn Rd, Ludlow Rd
T	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.18:12-14	Madrid Road Mareschal Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.11:28-end	Lucy, Samuel Johnson, Ember Day Millmead, Millmead Terrace
T	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.11:11-15	John of the Cross Mount Pleasant, Munstead View
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt.11:16-19	Ember Day Nether Mount New Pond Road
Sat		Matt.17:10-13	Ember Day Old Portsmouth Road Park Street

Next Sun 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) Mark 1:1-8

**11:00 Service of
Lessons & Carols**

**13:00 Romanian Orthodox
Divine Liturgy**

ADVENT III

Today's Service

ProceSSIONal Hymn 14 The advent of our God

Mass Setting: Missa de Lumine - plainsong

Reader: David Greenwood **Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gradual Hymn 12 On Jordan's bank

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the

thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Intercessions: led by Catherine Ferguson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The United Church of Pakistan.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parish of Hindhead.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Greta, Graham Henderson, Holly Gregory, Anthony Drake, Chrissie & Gordon Paterson, Fr Adrian, Peter Davis, Joyce, Barbara Nicholls and Anne.

The Recently Departed: John Finch and Jacky Norman.

The Year's Mind: Ruth Ferguson, Anthony Hardcastle (priest), Malcolm Graham Williams, Cyril Easthaugh (bishop) and Audrey Tye.

Offertory Hymn 10 Long ago, prophets knew

Communion Solo Comfort ye, *Messiah* – G F Handel

Stephen Petch, tenor

The Ministry of Healing will take place in the Lady Chapel after the administration of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn The King shall come

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Not, as of old, a little Child, to bear, and fight, and die;
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that aye shall last;

And let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
When right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

Translated from the Greek, John Brownlie

Voluntary: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Saviour of the nations, come) –
Dietrich Buxtehude

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: https://youtube.com/live/_hIAlyBOatw

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week 10 December

10 am Parish Mass with the Ministry

Next Week 17 December

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

of Healing & Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: David Greenwood

Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Hilary Fletcher, Tarina More

Coffee: Helen Gould, Julia Williams

11 am Service of Lessons & Carols

On Duty @ 11am

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Rory Fenner

Refreshments: Cath Anderson,

Caroline Coleman

This Week's Notices

Mince Pies



We are serving mulled wine and mince pies after our Service of Lessons & Carols, 11am on Sunday 17th December. Please sign up on the list at the back of church if you are able to donate some mince pies. Thank you.

Christmas Flowers



The floral displays in church are always so beautiful, but the flowers are increasingly expensive. Could you make a donation towards them? Perhaps in memory of loved ones no longer with us? Donations can be made by cash, BACS or with the card reader.



Christingle – Christmas Eve 3pm and 5pm



Tickets are going fast – all of the 3pm tickets have now gone but there are still tickets for the 5pm service. You can order them on this link:

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NDkIMy04/t>

Carol Singing

The itinerary for singing at care homes in our parish is:

Monday 18th: St Catherine's House 3pm; Kathryn's House 4:30pm

Wednesday 20th: Hillier House 4:30pm; Pilgrim Wood 6pm.

If you are able to join in please let David Greenwood know either in person or on 07534 328408 or david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com

Our Good Cause for December is The Children's Society



The Children's Society provides specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. "Young people come to us when they have low self-esteem. When they're living in families who can't afford the next meal, the next size up in school uniform. Or when there's no one else to lean on. Refugee and migrant children land in this country alone and look to us for guidance to achieve the life they dreamed of. We see teenagers in our services who want to quit using drugs or alcohol. Who are looking after mum, dad, or their siblings more than they bargained for. Or who have been taken advantage of and find themselves carrying drugs to far away towns, or having sex with strangers."

Read more about their work on <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/> and please support this very good cause. 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



Christmas Tree Festival

The Godalming Band Carol Concert with
Wey Valley Community Gospel Choir

An Hour and a Half of Carols with Audience Participation

Sunday 10th December at 5pm

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Free Admission

Guildford United Reformed Church
83 Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BS



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/>



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ADVENT REFLECTIONS
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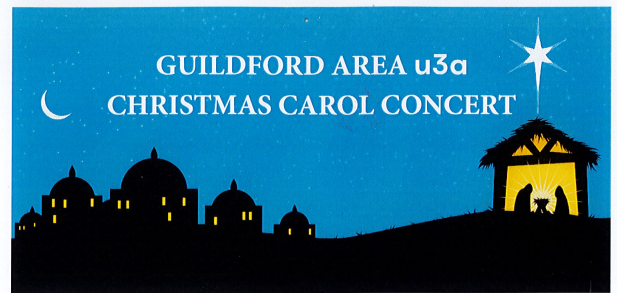
ST. MARY'S GUILDFORD GU1 3UP
Thursdays: 12.15 for 12.30

30 November: Leaving Home – Wayne Hawkins
7 December: Fleeing Home – Anna Carrington
14 December: Carrying Home – Adam Payne

CAROLS AT LUNCHTIME
21 December: Finding home – Andrew Wheeler

St Mary's Church

The Reflections will be followed by a Bread & Soup lunch



Wednesday 13th December 2023
2.00 pm at St. Nicolas Church,
Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW

Carols, readings and festive choral music
by

Guildford u3a Choir

Singing for Fun Group

The Instrumental Ensemble

All Welcome -Admission Free



Retiring collection in aid of charity



Music and Readings for Advent and Christmas

Saturday, 16th December 2023
6:30pm
St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street,
Guildford, GU2 4AW

Conductor : Nicholas O'Neill

Tickets:
Online in advance £15 (Students £8.50)
from www.occamsingers.co.uk/Xmas2023
On the door £17

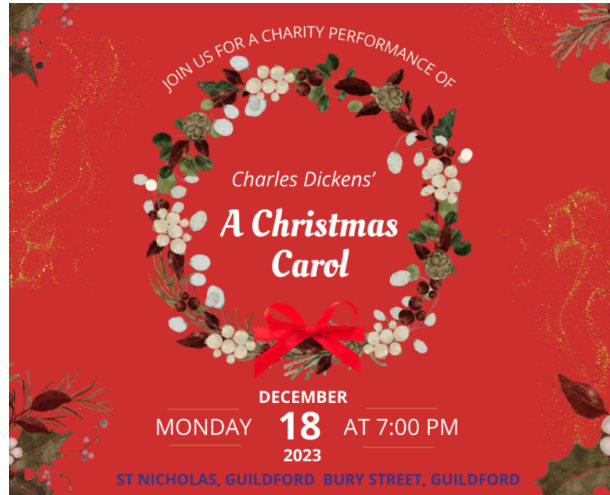
**Parkinsons UK will serve refreshments with
mince pies after the concert**

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DECEMBER
MONDAY 18 AT 7:00 PM
2023
ST NICHOLAS, GUILDFORD BURY STREET, GUILDFORD

Surrey Care Trust Event

THIS WEEK

10th – 17th December 2023

Sunday

ADVENT II

10 am Parish Mass with the Ministry of Healing
& Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

7 pm Surrey Hills Choirs Carols by Candlelight Concert

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group – *Pre-Christmas Party*

7 pm hallow Christmas Concert

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

2 pm Guildford Area U3A Christmas Carol Concert

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop in the Hall

Saturday

6:30 pm Occam Singers Concert

Sunday

ADVENT III

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am Service of Lessons & Carols

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Parish Office

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

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Looking Ahead

Sunday 17th December **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am Service of Lessons & Carols followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Sunday 24th December **CHRISTMAS EVE**

10 am Parish Mass

3 pm Christingle Service – *ticketed (sold out)*

5 pm Christingle Service – *ticketed*

11:30 pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Monday 25th December **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10 am Christmas Morning Mass

Sunday 31st December **NAMING OF CHRIST**

10 am Parish Mass

Sunday 7th January **EPIPHANY**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 14th January **EPIPHANY II**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass

3 pm Junior Church Family Party



YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Sunday 17th December, 11 am – Service of Lessons & Carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies