

Pews News



3 March 2024 Lent III

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

10:00 Parish Mass with Junior Church: Rector

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 will be going out to the hall during the service and join us later to tell us what they have 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 in the hall afterwards.

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

M		Luke 4:24-30	Denzil Road Devon Bank
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.18:21-end	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Angelus & Mass	Matt.5:17-19	Ferry Lane Flower Walk
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer 14:00 Funeral Service for Maureen Hibberd	Luke 16:19-end	Friary Bridge, Furze Lane, Gynyn Road
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Mark 12:28-34	Edward King, Felix, Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy Guildford Park Ave Guildford Park Road
Sat		Luke 18:9-14	Guildown Avenue Guildown Road

Next Sun 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) John 2:13-22
10:00 Parade Service Mass
with Guildford URC

**13:00 Romanian
Orthodox Divine Liturgy**

LENT IV
Mothering Sunday

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10:00 Parish Mass with Junior Church: Rector

Processional Hymn 333 All my hope on God is founded

Mass Setting: St Anne's Mass – *James MacMillan*

Reader: Angela Goodwin **Readings:** Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

I Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gradual Hymn 379 In the Cross of Christ I glory

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep

and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Intercessions led by Caroline Coleman

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parish of Capel and Ockley

Those who have asked for our prayers: Greta, Graham Henderson, Holly Gregory, Anthony Drake, Lena Harding, Fr Adrian, Chrissie & Gordon Paterson, Joyce, Barbara Nicholls, Anne, John West, Celia Chapman, Gill O'Reilly and Melanie Forrest.

The Recently Departed: Maureen Hibberd, Jennie Raynes, Hugh Dawes (priest), Jennifer Nicholas, Edna Fry and Dave Reader.

The Year's Mind: Geoffrey Campion Bateman, Gwendoline Mansel, Sara Turing, Enid Dance, Jean Radley, Laurence Dixon, Ruth Elliott and Kenneth Bryant.

Offertory Hymn 94 We sing the praise of him who died

Anthem Ubi caritas – *Ola Gjeilo*

Where charity and love are, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us revere and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

Closing Hymn 368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/1Vnus6hQ3ss>

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week 3 March

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10 am Parish Mass with Junior
Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Angela Goodwin

Intercessor: Caroline Coleman

Sidespeople: David Greenwood, James Wix

Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines

Next Week 10 March

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10 am Parade Service Mass with
Guildford URC

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Benedict Roberts

Intercessor: Louis Roberts

*Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew,
Hilary Fletcher,*

Coffee: Lizzie Evans, Sarah Faulkner

This Week's Notices

Funerals

Jennie Raynes' funeral, taken by Fr Andrew, is at St Michael's Church, Burnett, BS31 2TF this Tuesday at 1:30pm and afterwards at Somer Dining, based in the Chocolate Quarter, Keynsham. Further details of the funeral and a link for viewing it are here: <https://www.funeralstreaming.co.uk/viewing-room/40434/>

Maureen Hibberd's funeral takes place here this Thursday at 2pm, and afterwards in the hall.

Hugh Dawes' funeral will be held here at 12 noon on Wednesday 13th March. The family invite you to join them afterwards at The Refectory, Godalming GU8 5HJ. Please let the Parish Office know if you are intending to come to the Refectory so they can plan accordingly.

East facing and Lent

Whilst we are using the High Altar for the focus of the Eucharistic prayer, a question has arisen in the Lent group which I thought might be of interest to share with you, namely, 'do we look up during the prayer of consecration?' - that is to say, whilst the Priest is consecrating the bread and wine, should we look up or close our eyes in prayer? This is a really good question and I wanted to share some thoughts. The beauty and gift of an East facing celebration (with the priest facing the same way as the congregation) reminds us that we are all praying together and heading together in the same direction! Since the consecration happens beyond the sight of the congregation this would be a good time to be lost in wonder, love and praise and close eyes during the Dominical words ("Take, eat, this is my body...." and "Drink this all of you...."). When we are gathered around an altar and the priest faces the people (known as West facing celebration) you will perhaps have noticed that I elevate the bread and wine whilst saying those words to show the people of God as we pray together. It would, then, be good spiritual practice to look up

and see the elements being offered. Neither are compulsory and rather like confession, 'all can, some should and none must!'

I hope this is of some help.

Fridays in Lent

The Coffee Shop will be open as usual from 10:30am on Fridays, but Lent Lunches will also be served from 11:30am to 1:30pm every Friday up to and including Friday 22nd March. Delicious home made soup with bread and cheese is available for a donation to the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund Lent Appeal 2024. See more details on the following page.

After the lunch, you are welcome to join a group to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon in more detail. This will be from 1:30 – 2:30pm in the Loseley Chapel.

Flowers

We would welcome your donations towards the cost of the Easter flowers. You may like to give in memory of a loved one who is no longer with us. Please hand any donations to Fr Neil, Cath or Patrick.

And If you would like to sponsor the flowers on a particular Sunday during the year, in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the list in the narthex. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or card reader.

Guildford Theology Hub

Rev Prof David Wilkinson speaks on the ever-fascinating topic of science and religion. The event is 7-9.30pm on Thursday 14th March, at St Mary's Church, Guildford. The cost of the evening is £10.

Further details and how to pay can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/science-and-religion-in-the-21st-century-revd-prof-david-wilkinson-tickets-826769779667?aff=oddtcreator>

I hope to see you there.

Linda Sharpin

House of Prayer at East Molesey

Forthcoming day courses:

Ignatian Spirituality on Saturday 23rd March, 10.00-16.00 cost £30, bring your own packed lunch, follow this link for further details:

<https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/foundationexercises>

Julian of Norwich, on Saturday 27th April, with the same arrangements and same cost, follow this link for further details:

<https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/julian-of-norwich>

Please book independently.

Linda Sharpin.

Electoral Roll Revision

Today is the last chance to get your application form in to join the Church Electoral Roll ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 17th March. **If you're a regular at St Nics, you should be on the electoral roll! Speak to Fr Neil or Cath TODAY for an application form – also at the back of church – and return today!**

Hope in Depression



This course is designed for anyone who lives with depression (even occasional episodes), and/or anxiety. It aims to help participants to better understand and manage depression leading to a more enjoyable life. Run over 3 weeks at St Saviour's Church, with sessions from 7pm to 9:30pm on Thursdays (starting on Thursday 7th March) and Mondays, the course will start with a short meal

and includes talks on brain function and medication, talking therapies, food and mood and wellness and exercise with discussion in small groups. For more information and to sign up, click here.

Our Good Cause for Lent is the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund Lent Appeal



Lent Appeal 2024



Bishop Andrew writes: "The last few years have been a very challenging time for many in our communities, faced as

they are with the continuing impact of the cost-of-living crisis and the psychological scarring of the Covid pandemic. In my weekly travels around the Diocese, I have been impressed time and again by the many ways in which our churches and schools have been looking to respond – but have also noticed an increasing gap between the needs of the communities and the ability of churches to respond to them. Both finances and volunteers can end up stretched very thinly.

The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund is there to help bridge that gap, providing grants to support parishes and other church-linked organisations to reach out into the most challenged parts of our communities with the love of Christ. Last year we made six grants totaling £21,000 to different projects throughout the diocese". One example was a grant to help fund cooking classes on the Bellfields estate here in Guildford, with the aim of improving nutrition and combatting food poverty and social isolation.

Read more about the Fund on the Guildford Diocese website <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/mission/growing-community/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund> and

please support this very good cause. Donations can be made in the wallbox in the narthex or please 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.

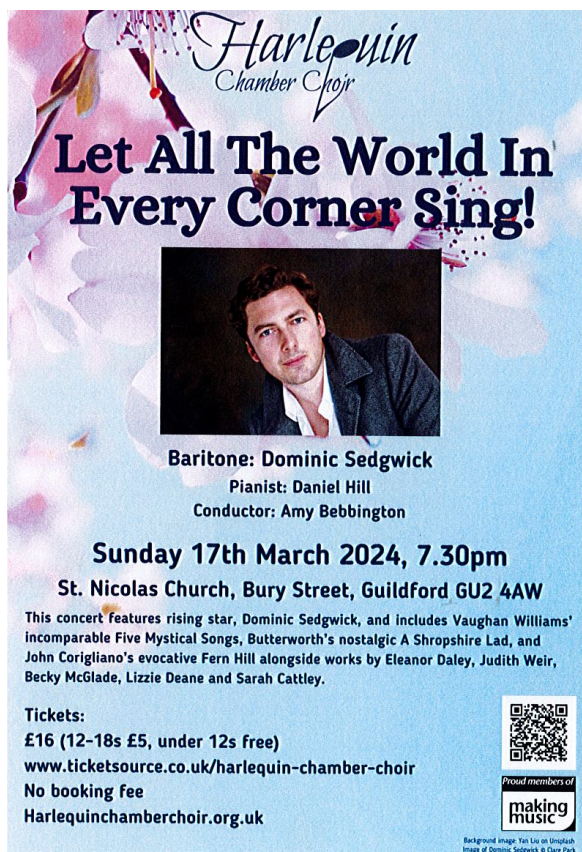
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We are members of the **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**, designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry. The service allows you to:

- 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/>



Harlequin
Chamber Choir

Let All The World In Every Corner Sing!




Baritone: Dominic Sedgwick
Pianist: Daniel Hill
Conductor: Amy Bebbington

Sunday 17th March 2024, 7.30pm
St. Nicolas Church, Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW

This concert features rising star, Dominic Sedgwick, and includes Vaughan Williams' incomparable Five Mystical Songs, Butterworth's nostalgic A Shropshire Lad, and John Corigliano's evocative Fern Hill alongside works by Eleanor Daley, Judith Weir, Becky McGlade, Lizzie Deane and Sarah Cattle.

Tickets:
£16 (12-18s £5, under 12s free)
www.ticketsource.co.uk/harlequin-chamber-choir
No booking fee
Harlequinchamberchoir.org.uk



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Background image: 'Yes We Can Sing' by Ursula
Image of Dominic Sedgwick © Clare Park



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Singers



Tim Wakerell - Organist
Roy Rashbrook - Conductor

Jean Langlais
Messe Solennelle

Plus sacred music
by Mozart, Lauridsen,
Britten, Archer, Biebl,
Bainton & Fauré

Saturday 23 March 7.30pm
St Nicolas Church
Guildford GU2 4AW

Tickets: £16 (16 and under: £2)
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Looking Ahead

LENT GROUP

FRIDAY 8th March 1:30-2:30pm

Sunday 10th March LENT IV *Mothering Sunday*

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parade Service Mass with Guildford URC

Sunday 17th March LENT V

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 24th March PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday – Joint Service with Junior Church
with URC

Procession behind the donkey from GURC to St
Nicolas'



YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 16th February – Friday 22nd March

11:30 – 13:30 Lent Lunches

CURRY & QUESTIONS

Tuesday 23rd April

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 19th November

BEER & BANTER

Tuesday 4th June

Tuesday 15th October

Holy Week & Easter

Monday 25th March

10 am Morning Prayer

8 pm Mass

Tuesday 26th March

10 am Morning Prayer

8 pm Mass

Wednesday 27th March

9:30 am School Easter Service

8 pm Mass

Maundy Thursday 28th March

10 am Morning Prayer

8 pm Mass of the Last Supper & Stripping of the Altars
followed by the Vigil

Good Friday 29th March

10 am Morning Prayer

1 pm Adoration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 30th March

7:30 pm First Mass of Easter

Easter Day 31st March

10 am Easter Sunday Mass with Junior Church and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children

Please join in with the

Walk of Witness

Good Friday • 29 March 2024 • 10:30



**Enter into the spirit of Good Friday, with many Christians from local churches.
We hear the story of Jesus's journey from Gethsemane to Golgotha.**

**We will start outside McDonalds/Friary at 10.30am and then walk up the
High Street towards Holy Trinity.**

**Once the cross has been tied to the railings at the top of the High Street,
outside Holy Trinity Church, you are invited to tape a prayer to the cross,
when you are next in the centre of Guildford,
as a sign laying down your burden at Jesus's feet.**

THIS WEEK

3rd – 10th March 2024

Sunday

LENT III

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group

“Favourite garden plants” – individual contributions

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

2 pm Funeral Service for Maureen Hibberd

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

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

11 am Mass

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Lent Lunch in the hall

1:30 – 2:30 pm Lent Group in the Loseley Chapel

Saturday

Sunday

LENT IV *Mothering Sunday*

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parade Service Mass with Guildford URC

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Parish Office

(Parish Office closed on Tuesday) * Thursday 08:30 – 18:00 * Friday 13:30 – 18:00

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