

Pews News



10 March 2024 Lent IV

Mothering Sunday

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

10:00 Mass on Mothering Sunday with Cubs & Beavers with Guildford URC: 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. A special welcome to our Beavers and those Cubs who aren't camping this weekend.

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		John 4:43-end	Lawn Rd, Ludlow Rd
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer 16:00 Reception of Coffin	John 5:1-3,5-16	Madrid Road Mareschal Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Funeral Mass for Hugh Dawes (priest)	John 5:17-30	Millmead Millmead Terrace
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 5:31-end	Mount Pleasant, Munstead View
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	John 7:1-2,10, 25-30	Nether Mount New Pond Road
Sat		John 7:40-52	Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Mass with Junior Church 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	John 12:20-33	LENT V <i>Passiontide begins</i>

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10:00 Mass on Mothering Sunday with Cubs & Beavers with Guildford URC: President - Rector; Preacher – Nicky Geraghty

See Order of Service

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parish of Holy Trinity Westcott

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: Margaret Henwood, Fred Paul Clee, Judith Ellis and Cyril Kidder.

Live Streaming Links

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

10am Service: <https://youtube.com/live/cn0cvqVT7xs>

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week 10 March

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass for Mothering Sunday with
Cubs & Beavers and with
Guildford URC

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Kirsty Ayers

Intercessor: Louis Roberts

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Hilary Fletcher

Coffee: Sarah Faulkner, Lizzie Evans

Next Week 17 March

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with
Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Stuart Murdoch

Intercessor: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Angela
& Francesca Goodwin

Coffee: Tarina More, Debs Tizard

This Week's Notices

Funeral

Hugh Dawes' funeral will be held here this Wednesday at 12 noon. 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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM takes place in the hall after the Parish Mass next Sunday. The Annual Report and Accounts will be emailed to all members of the Electoral Roll by the end of the day today. Please ask if you would like a paper copy. An invitation to join the meeting by Zoom will also be sent out with the APCM booklet.

19th May is Whitsun or Pentecost Sunday – Choral Mattins at 11:15

Please put this in your diaries now: we shall be launching our Choral Mattins Service - led by our outstanding choir. We shall offer this traditional Prayer Book Service with sung canticles and responses and a psalm and anthem. How many of your friends miss this tradition? It is a dying art and I am keen to preserve it. As our Evensong congregations are small but passionate in their support of this choral tradition, let us re-focus on Mattins instead - Evensong in the morning so easier to attend! Please spread the word and let folks know - it is a rare beauty and has been lost in our churches around and about. The service will be at 11:15 on Sunday 19th May and our guest preacher will be Fr Julian, the former Rector of Compton. The usual pattern of services of 8:30 Prayer Book Communion and 10 Mass will of course also be offered and the 10am Mass will be a School Sunday-led by our school children and families. Why not come to both? 10am Mass, 10:45 coffee, 11:15 Mattins?

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.

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>

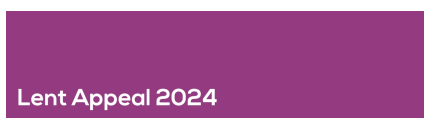
Julian of Norwich, on Saturday 27th April, with the same arrangements and same cost, follow this link for further details:

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

Please book independently.

Linda Sharpin.

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



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.

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/>



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

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

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and Guildford URC

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group

“When did you last..?” – interactive question and answer game

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

12 pm Funeral Service for Hugh Dawes

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

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

Saturday

Sunday

LENT V *Passiontide begins*

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Parish Mass with Junior Church of England
followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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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