

# Pews News



**6 April 2025: Lent V Passion Sunday**

**Today's Services:**

8:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

**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 children making noise or moving around. Junior Church is taking a break, returning after Easter, but there are activities in their area towards the back of the church.

## **Making yourself comfortable**

Kneelers can be found in the narthex or under the back pews. If you need to use the toilets in the Parish Centre during the service, a sidesman will unlock the Centre for you. Please join us for coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass.

## **Safeguarding**

St Nicolas' is committed to providing a welcoming, respectful and safe environment for all, including children and adults who may be at risk of abuse and neglect. The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of St Nicolas' Church. If you are concerned that someone is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please contact Jo Radley or Jill Sandham on [safeguardingteam@saintnics.com](mailto:safeguardingteam@saintnics.com)

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

M		John 8:1-11	Friary Bridge Genyn Road
Tu	11:00 Funeral Service for Roger Nicholas	John 8:21-30	Guildford Park Ave Guildford Park Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 8:31-42	Dietrich Bonhoeffer Guildown Avenue Guildown Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 8:51-end	William Law William of Ockham Henley Forst Hitherbury Close

F 10:00 Morning Prayer John 10:31-end George Selwyn  
11:00 Stations of the Cross & Lawn Rd, Littleton  
Benediction Lane, Ludlow Road  
13:00 Lent Study Group

Sat John 11:45-end Madrid Road,  
Mareschal Road

**Next** 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) Luke 19:28-40 **Palm Sunday**  
**Sun** 10:00 Procession from St  
Nicolas' to Guildford URC  
for 10:30 Palm Sunday service  
13:00 Romanian Orthodox  
Divine Liturgy

## Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Fr Alistair

**10:00 Mass & Junior Church:** President: Fr Alistair; Preacher: David Greenwood

**Voluntary:** Meditation on What Wondrous Love is This? – *Daniel Burton*

**Processional Hymn** Lift high the Cross

*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Lift high, etc.*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Lift high, etc.*

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Lift high, etc.*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Lift high, etc.*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Lift high, etc.*

Mass Setting: New Plainsong Mass – *David Hurd*

**Reader:** Cath Anderson **Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

## **Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **Gradual Hymn 82** Drop, drop slow tears

## **Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

**Intercessions** led by Caroline Coleman.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

Diocese: Ruxley Church 'The Church on the Lane'.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne, Margaret Colville, Rupert Williams, Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Ian Sherman, Jenny Potter, Tarina More, Jeremy Pedrick and Frances Farmer.

The recently departed: Roger Nicholas.

The Year's Mind: Derek Cater (priest), Bryan Hardman, Robert Hooper, Douglas Kennedy and Hope Baillie.

## **Offertory Hymn 86** My song is love unknown (omit \* verses)

**Anthem:** Ave Verum Corpus – *adapted from plainchant*

**Voluntary:** O Mensch, bewein' dein' sünde gross – *J S Bach*

## Live Streaming Links

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

Our Facebook livestream:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintnicolasguildford/live/>



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*On Duty @ 10am*

*Reader: Cath Anderson*

*Intercessor: Caroline Coleman*

*Chalice Assistant: Catherine Ferguson*

*Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Rory Fenner*

*Coffee: Angela & Fran Goodwin,*

*Andy Anderson*

## This Week's Notices

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held after Mass today.

### Easter Family Fun Day – 15<sup>th</sup> April

Nicky is looking for volunteers who can help her run the Easter Family Fun Day on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 10:30am - 3pm. We would need volunteers to help with refreshments and some to be available to welcome and speak with visitors and support craft activities. Also, we will need cakes provided for refreshments.



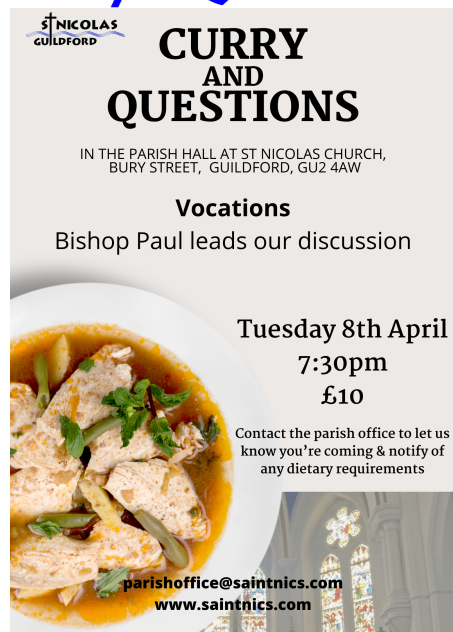
There will be an Easter egg hunt, telling the story of Holy Week, as well as games and crafts. If anyone wanted to do something specific like guided tours at set times, that is also something that she would love to include as well.

As we will be open for quite a long time, we hope that volunteers might be able to stay for a couple of hours on a rota basis.



Please get in touch with Nicky and let her know if you can help, when you are free and what you might like to do. [missionenabler@saintnics.com](mailto:missionenabler@saintnics.com)

## Curry & Questions



We are delighted that Bishop Paul will be joining us for our next Curry & Questions which is this Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm. Continuing our Lent theme, he will lead our discussion on Vocation. Please let us know **TODAY** if you are coming - sign up on the list at the back of church or email [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com) - the cost of the meal is £10 and you are welcome to bring your own drinks.



## Lilies for the Altar of Repose

On Maundy Thursday we plan to adorn the Altar of Repose with lilies and are asking for your donations towards these. This is a lovely way to remember your loved ones who are no longer with us. Donations can be made by cash or cheque, directly into the bank account (ref LILIES) or using the card reader. With many thanks.

## Maundy Thursday Watch

We traditionally keep watch through the night, but need to ensure that there are at least two people in church at any time. So please sign up on the list at the back of church.

## This Week's Lent Diary

**Today's** homily theme – Ministry as particular expressions of vocation (lay and ordained)

**Tuesday** 7:30 pm Curry & Questions – see *above* for booking

## Friday

10:30 am Coffee Shop

11 am Stations of the Cross & Benediction

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Lent Lunch in aid of the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund Lent Appeal.

1 pm Lent Study on Sunday's homily theme – led by David Greenwood

## Good Cause

Our Good Cause for March & April is the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund Lent Appeal. Last year the Fund supported projects run by parishes or church-linked organisations that reach out into their local communities and provide real practical support. Grants helped fund meals for the vulnerable, cafes for the isolated, youth and community workers etc.

Bishop Andrew asks: "Please prayerfully consider giving this Lent. Together we can reflect God's love and compassion, bringing light to those in darkness."

Donations can be made in cash in the wallbox in the narthex, direct to our bank account (see below for details) or please ask to use the card reader.

## Salvation Army Food Bank

Any donations are very welcome. Please put them in the box at the back of church.

## Support

To support St Nicolas' Church, please make a bank transfer using the details below and use the reference 'St Nicolas'. Donations to our Good Cause can also be made direct, using the reference 'Good Cause'. 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 & 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/>



## Parish Office Opening Hours This Week

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

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# Looking Ahead

## **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April : Palm Sunday**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** The Liturgy of the Palms and Procession to GURC

## **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week**

**8 pm** Mass

## **17<sup>th</sup> April: Maundy Thursday**

**8 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper & Stripping of the Altars

## **18<sup>th</sup> April: Good Friday**

**1 pm** Veneration of the Cross

## **19<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Saturday**

**8 pm** Vigil & First Mass of Easter

## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April : Easter Day**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass

## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April : Easter II**

**10 am** Mass

## **YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR**

**Fridays until 11<sup>th</sup> April**      Lent Lunches (11:30-13:30)

### **BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)**

13<sup>th</sup> May

10<sup>th</sup> June (social @ Wetherspoons)

15<sup>th</sup> July

### **FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)**

9<sup>th</sup> May

11<sup>th</sup> July

## **CURRY & QUESTIONS**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April with Bishop Paul

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