

Pews News



13 April 2025: Palm Sunday

Today's Services:

8:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Procession of Palms with donkey to
Guildford URC for Palm Sunday Service at 10:30

**Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts

Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

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Procession

We are pleased to have a donkey leading our procession this morning. Sidespeople will direct you and manage crossing points. Please keep to the pavements as much as possible. Parents, we ask that you keep an eye on children so they are safe on the journey. If you feel the walk will be difficult for you, please make your way to the URC for the service there at 10:30am.

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

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

M	10:00 Morning Prayer 20:00 Mass	John 12:1-11	Mount Pleasant Mountside
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer 20:00 Mass	John 12:20-36	Nether Mount New Pond Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 20:00 Mass	John 13:21-32	Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer 20:00 Mass of the Lord's Last Supper & Watch	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Maundy Thursday Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road

F	07:30 Morning Prayer at the end of the Watch 13:00 Veneration of the Cross	John 18:1-end of 19	Good Friday Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
Sat	20:00 Vigil & First Mass of Easter 23:30 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	John 19:38-end	Easter Eve Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Children's Easter Egg Hunt	John 20:1-18	Easter Day

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10:00 Procession of Palms to Guildford URC for Palm Sunday Service at 10:30 Preacher: Fr Neil

see separate Order of Service

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England.

Diocese: The parish of All Saints, West Ewell.

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: Fanny Clee and Aubrey Howard.

Live Streaming Links

Today's 10:30 am service will be streamed on Guildford URC's website
<https://guildfordurc.org.uk>

Our 8:30am Mass today will be streamed on our channels (see below)

Our services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will also be streamed on our channels

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

Our Facebook livestream:

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



This Week / Next Week

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10:00 Mass with Children's Easter
Egg Hunt

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Cath Anderson

Intercessor: Jill Sandham

Chalice Assistant: David Greenwood

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Jo Radley

Coffee: Philip Thomas, Monica Pino

This Week's Notices

Easter Family Fun Day – 15th April

Nicky would still welcome volunteers to help her run the Easter Family Fun Day this Tuesday from 10:30am - 3pm. We 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

Maundy Thursday Watch

We are very short of people on the list to keep watch through the night and we 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 or email parishoffice@saintnics.com if you can help. The Watch will end with Morning Prayer at 7:30am.



Lilies for the Altar of Repose

On Maundy Thursday the Altar of Repose will be adorned with lilies. This is a lovely way to remember your loved ones who are no longer with us and it's not too late to make a donation TODAY. Donations can be made by cash or cheque or via the card reader. With many thanks.



U3A Concert – Wednesday 16th April

GUILDFORD U3A SINGERS

Celebrate Easter

on
Wednesday
16 April at 2.00 p.m.
at
ST NICOLAS CHURCH
Bury Street
Guildford GU2 4AW

Come along and enjoy an hour or so of seasonal song.
Go on - treat yourself!

u3a
learn, laugh, live

Entry is free
voluntary retiring collection towards church funds

John Varney hopes to welcome you to the U3A concert here on Wednesday afternoon. Donations are kindly going to St Nicolas.

Honorary Canon

Fr Neil is delighted to accept Bishop Andrew's invitation to become a Canon at the Cathedral and hopes that you can join him for his installation at the Cathedral at Evensong on Sunday 25th May.

Coventry Cathedral

Might you be interested in a visit to Coventry Cathedral? David Greenwood is due to give a presentation at the Haslemere Festival – *Father Forgive – The Rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral* – on 14th May

(<https://haslemerefestival.org.uk/events/father-forgive-coventry-cathedral/>)

The idea for a visit would be for people to make their way to Coventry, by train or car shares etc, in time for lunch, then David would show us around before heading home. This would likely be sometime during the summer. Please let David or Jana know if you are interested david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com

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.

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/>



Join the disciples – Journey with Jesus

Friday 18 April

9.30 am at St. Mary's

United Good Friday Service

10.30 am

Walk of Witness:

from

McDonald's to Holy Trinity



Looking Ahead

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week

8 pm Mass

17th April: Maundy Thursday

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

18th April: Good Friday

1 pm Veneration of the Cross

19th April: Holy Saturday

8 pm Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Sunday 20th April : Easter Day

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Sunday 27th April : Easter II

10 am Mass

Saturday 3rd May

4pm – 6pm Messy Church

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 27th April Monthly Lunch (11:30-13:30)

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

13th May

10th June (social @ Wetherspoons)

15th July

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

9th May

11th July

Parish Office Opening Hours This Week

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

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Monday	10 am Morning Prayer 8 pm Mass
Tuesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 3 pm Easter Family Fun Day 8 pm Mass
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 2 pm Guildford U3A Singers Easter Concert 8 pm Mass
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer 8 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper & Watch
Friday	7:30 am Morning Prayer 1 pm Veneration of the Cross
Saturday	8 pm Vigil & First Mass of Easter 11:30 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
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