

Pews News



4 May 2025: Easter II

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

**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 place in the hall during the service this week and they will come back later to tell us what they have been doing.

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

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

M		John 6:22-29	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 6:30-35	Ferry Lane Flower Walk
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Mass	John 6:35-40	Friary Bridge Genyn Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer 19:30 Walsingham Cell Mass	John 6:44-51	Julian of Norwich Guildford Park Ave Guildford Park Road
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	John 6:52-59	Henley Fort Hitherbury Close

Sat John 6:60-69 [Lawn Rd, Littleton Lane, Ludlow Road](#)

Next 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) John 20:19-end **Easter III**
Sun 10:00 Mass with First
Communions
13:00 Romanian Orthodox
Divine Liturgy

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Fr Alistair

10:00 Mass & Junior Church President & Preacher: Fr Alistair

Voluntary: Christ ist erstanden – *Roger C Wilson*

Processional Hymn 124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Mass Setting (choir): Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena – *Healey Willan*

Reader: Daniel Vines **Reading:** Acts 9:1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gradual Hymn We walk by faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side; nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,
To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Henry Alford, 1810-1871

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland.

Diocese: The parish of Paul's, Egham Hythe.

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

The Recently Departed: Dorothy Morris

The Year's Mind: Betty Julia Long, Eric Ware (priest), Robert Ainslie, Marjorie Spooner, Eugene Doherty and Brian Elkington.

Offertory Hymn He is risen!

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice;
He has burst his three-day prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,
And the passion that he bore, sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking o'er the purple East, symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate,
We are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

Cecil Frances Alexander

Anthem: Surgens Jesus – Peter Philips

*Surgens Jesus, Dominus noster stans in medio discipulorum suorum dixit: pax vobis. Alleluia
Gavisi sunt discipuli viso Domino, Alleluia*

The risen Jesus, our Lord, standing in the midst of his disciples, said: Peace be with you.
Alleluia.

The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue on Easter Hymn – Healey Willan

Live Streaming Links

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

Our Facebook livestream:

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Daniel Vines

Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson

Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, John Vines

Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with First Communions

On Duty @ 10am

Readers: x 3

Intercessor: Nicky Geraghty

Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, Jo Radley

Coffee: Helen Gould, Julia Williams

This Week's Notices

Honorary Canon

Fr Neil is delighted to accept Bishop Andrew's invitation to become an Honorary Canon at the Cathedral and hopes that you can join him for his installation at the Cathedral at Evensong at 6pm on Sunday 25th May.

Fizz & Friends

Ladies, come along to church this Friday from 8pm for a board games evening – release your inner competitive spirit or just watch others releasing theirs. We hope to see you there – for ladies of all ages.

Coventry Cathedral

Might you be interested in a visit to 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

David 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/>)

Good Cause



Our Good Cause for May is ZANE: Zimbabwe A National Emergency. This is a charity that was proposed by our friend the late Roger Nicholas, a long-time supporter. Its work in Zimbabwe is varied: providing aid, comfort and support to impoverished pensions; looking after aged and frail veterans and their widows; organizing education programmes for women and children living in extreme poverty; clubfoot correction programmes to treat children etc. Learn more about their work at <https://www.zane-zimbabweanationalemergency.com/>

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

The Salvation Army food bank needs the following items for its food and hygiene bags:

Longlife semi skimmed and full fat milk; small bottles of squash; baked beans; tinned spaghetti; tinned tomatoes; tinned meatballs/hotdogs; tinned stewing steak/minced beef; tinned chicken in white sauce; Super Noodles, Pot Noodles & Mugshots; cereals and porridge oats; tinned ham and corned beef; Frey Bentos pies; rice bags/pouches; tinned tuna; shampoo; shower gel; toothpaste; men/ladies deodorant; small packets of tissues; wet wipes; toilet rolls.

Please put them in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

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.

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/>



Looking Ahead

Thursday 8th May

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass

Sunday 11th May : Easter III

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with First Communions

Friday 16th – Monday 19th May

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 18th May : Easter IV

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 25th May : Easter V

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Sunday 1st June : Easter VI

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 30th May 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 * Thursday 08:30 – 18:00 * Friday 13:30 – 18:00

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Monday

Tuesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group - *(Un)seasonal Craft*

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

12 pm Mass

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

8 - 10 pm Fizz & Friends

Saturday

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