

Pews News



11 May 2025: Easter III
Today's Services:
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass with First Communions

Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts

Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

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Children are welcome here

We welcome all children always, especially children from our St Nicolas' Infant School this morning. We celebrate First Communions today and you will see many children getting involved in the service. Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. Junior Church will be back next week as they continue to look at figures from the Old Testament.

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 10:1-10	Gregory Dix Madrid Road Mareschal Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 10:22-30	Millmead Millmead Terrace
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 15:9-17	Matthias the Apostle Mount Pleasant Mountside
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 13:16-20	Nether Mount New Pond Road

F	09:30 Prayers as pilgrims depart for Walsingham	John 14:1-6	Caroline Chisholm Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
Sat		John 14:7-14	Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
Next Sun	10:00 Mass with Junior Church 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	John 20:19-end	Easter IV

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10:00 Mass & First Communions Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Neil

see separate Order of Service

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

Diocese: Royal Holloway College.

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

The Recently Departed: Jenny Potter

The Year's Mind: Rita Thompson, Mary Painting, Bill Christmas, Dorothy Turley, Peter Wansey (priest) and Ada Greenaway.

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

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10:00 Mass with First Communions

On Duty @ 10am

*Readers: Helen & Holly Gould,
Stina Witkowski, Rachel Chapman
Intercessors: Nicky & Leo Geraghty
Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith
Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Cath Anderson
Coffee: Helen Gould, Julia Williams*

Next Week

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: John Vines
Intercessor: Rory Fenner
Chalice Assistant: Jana Phillips
Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Daniel Vines
Coffee: Cath Anderson, Deborah Tizard*

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.

Calling all singers!

The Congregation Choir has led the singing at several services and the results have been positive. The choir will be leading the services throughout the summer, starting Sunday 6 July. Choir practice will be on Fridays at 12 noon, starting on 20 June, and may switch to after Sunday Mass if that is easier for people. We have a good core of singers but we are looking to add to this. If you feel called to perform this important ministry, you would be most welcome in the choir. No auditions: all that is needed is an ability to hold a tune and a desire to worship God in song. If you are interested then speak to David Greenwood - david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com

Beer & Banter

After starting their homily, the priest exclaimed, "There seems to be something wrong with the sound system!" "And also with you", the faithful congregation replied! Liturgical faithfulness? a bad sense of humour? a love of trains? What does it mean to be Anglo-Catholic? This is the next huge question we will be attempting to tackle in this week's Men's Beer & Banter group. If you'd like to find out more / throw your view in the ring / come for the banter / discuss the ownership of South Western Railways, do come along to the **Loseley Chapel at 7:30pm on Tuesday 13th**. *Fr Alistair*

Pilgrimage to Rome

Would you be interested in joining the parish pilgrimage to Rome next year? Flying to Rome on Monday 16th February, we would stay on a half board basis and touring by coach with a guide, visiting San Clemente and Ancient Rome, the Catacombs, the Basilica of St Peter and the Vatican, flying home on Friday

20th. The cost would be £1,650 per person, based upon 15 people going. We have to confirm numbers and pay deposits by the end of June, so please let Fr Neil or the parish office know if you would like to go **by the end of May**. Full details of the accommodation and itinerary are available at the back of church and will be emailed to all on our mailing lists.

150th Anniversary

2026 marks the 150th anniversary of the current church building here at St Nicolas' and we have all sorts of events planned. We are also planning to produce commemorative items, including our own gin, to celebrate. As we will want to feature a photograph of the current building on these items, we are launching a competition to find a suitable photograph of the outside of the building. More details will be available soon!

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.

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/>



A poster for 'THE ROCK BAND HOLIDAY CLUB'. The background is blue with white paint splatters. At the top, 'THE ROCK BAND' is written in large white letters, with 'HOLIDAY CLUB' in orange below it. A guitar is positioned behind the word 'BAND'. To the right, a yellow star contains the dates '28TH JULY - 1ST AUG'. Below the title, it says 'AT GUILDFORD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH' and 'Faith based fun as we get creative with the world of rock music!'. Five yellow stars at the bottom contain the words 'CRAFTS', 'STORY', 'GAMES', 'MUSIC', and 'FUN', with icons of a paint palette, a book, a drum set, a guitar, and speakers respectively. At the bottom, it says 'VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL INFORMATION' and provides two website URLs: 'www.guildfordurc.org.uk' and 'www.saintnics.com'. Logos for 'Guildford United Reformed Church' and 'ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD' are at the very bottom.

A poster for 'SUMMER FAYRE'. It has a light blue background. A large yellow circle in the center contains the text 'SUMMER FAYRE' in white, 'SATURDAY' in black, and '5th July' in white. To the right of the circle, a green speech bubble says '2 - 4 pm'. The bottom of the poster features a row of yellow daisies and green grass, with a small orange butterfly flying above them. The text 'SAVE THE DATE' is at the top in green.

Looking Ahead

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 : Sunday after Ascension

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with PCC Commissioning

Saturday 7th June

4 – 6 pm Messy Church

Sunday 8th June : Pentecost

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Blessing of Ministries

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 30th May Monthly Lunch (11:30-13:30)

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

Saturday 5th July Summer Fayre (14:00-16:00)

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

13th May

10th June (social @ Wetherspoons)

15th July

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

11th July

THIS WEEK

11th May – 18th May 2025

Sunday	EASTER III 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass with First Communions 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	
Tuesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Tuesday Group – <i>Quiz – two teams</i> 7:30 pm Beer & Banter
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer
Friday	9:30 am Prayers for pilgrims departing for Walsingham 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop
Saturday	
Sunday	EASTER IV 10 am Mass with Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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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