

Pews News



18 May 2025: Easter IV
Today's Services:
10:00 Mass with Junior Church

Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church

Rector: Fr Neil Roberts
Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

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 rejoin us in time for Communion.

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 14:21-26	Dunstan Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 14:27-end	Alcuin Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 15:1-8	Helena St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 15:9-11	Stakescorner Road Testard Road

F 10:00 Morning Prayer John 15:12-17 [The Firs, The Mount](#)
11:00 **Mass**

Sat John 15:18-21 John & Charles
Wesley
[The Piccards](#)
[The Ridges](#)

Next 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) John 5:1-9 **Easter V**
Sun 10:00 Mass with Baptism
13:00 **Romanian Orthodox**
Divine Liturgy

Today's Service

10:00 Mass & Junior Church Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Nicholas Edwards

Voluntary: Cantabile – César Franck

Processional Hymn 115 Now the green blade riseth

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: John Vines **Reading:** Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had

passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gradual Hymn 276 Bread of heaven

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

Diocese: St Michael's Church, Sheerwater.

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

The Recently Departed: Steve Culling.

The Year's Mind: Olive Lorimer, Elizabeth Marian Long and Stanley Thompson.

Offertory Hymn 296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Voluntary: Christ ist erstanden – *J S Bach*

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

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

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Baptism

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Oriana Rhydderch

Intercessor: Wendy Gabriel

Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Sally Lowe

Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines

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 **next Sunday 25th May**.

Corpus Christi – Thursday 19th June

Please start collecting petals from your gardens to use in the procession during our Corpus Christi Mass & Benediction.

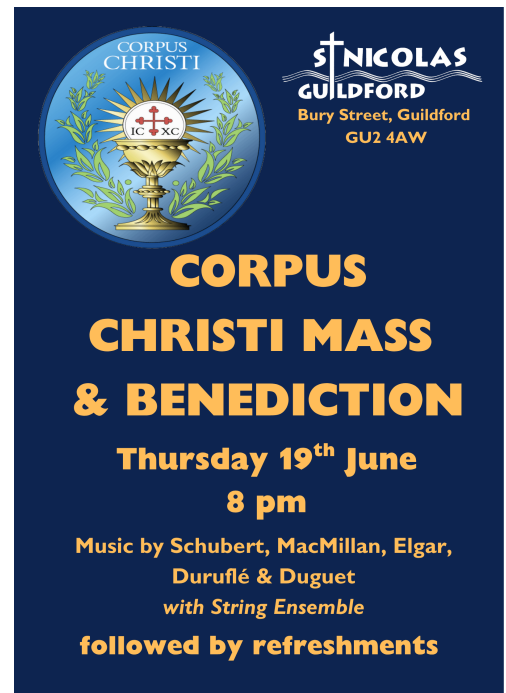
Pilgrimage to Rome

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 by the end of May** and **pay deposits by the end of June**, so please

let Fr Neil or the parish office know if you would like to go. An outline of the accommodation and itinerary are available at the back of church and have been emailed to all on our mailing lists.

Calling all singers!

The Congregation 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



The poster is for the Corpus Christi Mass & Benediction, held on Thursday 19th June at 8 pm. It features a circular logo on the left with a chalice and the words 'CORPUS CHRISTI'. On the right, the text reads 'ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD' and 'Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW'. The main text in large, bold, orange letters says 'CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & BENEDICTION'. Below this, it says 'Thursday 19th June 8 pm'. At the bottom, it lists the music: 'Music by Schubert, MacMillan, Elgar, Duruflé & Duguet with String Ensemble' and 'followed by refreshments'.

worship God in song. If you are interested then speak to David Greenwood - david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com

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/>



THE ROCK BAND

28TH JULY - 1ST AUG

HOLIDAY CLUB

AT GUILDFORD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Faith based fun as we get creative with the world of rock music!

CRAFTS STORY GAMES MUSIC FUN

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL INFORMATION

www.guildfordurc.org.uk | www.saintnics.com

Guildford United Reformed Church

In partnership with **ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD**

The poster features a blue textured background with white paint splashes. A yellow electric guitar is positioned vertically behind the word 'BAND'. A yellow star in the top right corner contains the dates. At the bottom, five yellow stars are arranged horizontally, each containing a word: CRAFTS, STORY, GAMES, MUSIC, and FUN. A small drum set icon is visible to the right of the guitar. The bottom of the poster includes logos for the Guildford United Reformed Church and St Nicolas Guildford.

SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY

5th July

2 - 4 pm

The poster has a light blue background. A large yellow circle in the center contains the text 'SUMMER FAYRE' and 'SATURDAY 5th July'. A green speech bubble to the right of the circle says '2 - 4 pm'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with a row of yellow daisies and green grass, with a small orange butterfly flying above them.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 25th May : Easter V

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Baptism

Thursday 29th May : Ascension Day

11 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

Sunday 15th June : Trinity Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30 am Joint Service with Beavers & Cubs

at Guildford URC

Thursday 19th June : Corpus Christi

8 pm Mass & Benediction *followed by refreshments*

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)

10th June (social @ Wetherspoons)

15th July

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

11th July

THIS WEEK

18th May – 25th May 2025

Sunday	EASTER IV 10 am Mass with Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	
Tuesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Tuesday Group – <i>Guest Speaker: “Sir Isaac Newton”</i> 5 pm – 6:30 pm Toastie Tuesday for School Years 3-6 7:30 pm West Surrey Historical Association Lecture <i>Why was Britain first? Rethinking the history of the industrial revolution</i>
	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass
Saturday	
Sunday	EASTER V 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass with Baptism 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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