

Pews News



20 July 2025: Trinity V
Today's Services:
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30 Mass

Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church
Rector: Canon Neil Roberts
Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

Children are welcome here

Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. Junior Church is now on its summer holiday, but there are always toys and activities in their area.

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

Please be aware that our services are generally live-streamed so if you do not wish to appear on camera, please sit in the designated rows. The congregation will not be filmed during the distribution of the Sacrament.

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

M		Matt. 12:38-42	St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 School Leavers' Service	John 20:1-2, 11-18	Mary Magdalene Stakescorner Road Testard Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 13:1-9	Bridget The Firs, The Mount
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 13:10-17	The Piccards The Ridges

F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt. 20:20-28	James the Apostle The Valley Turnham Close
Sat		Matt. 13:24-30	Anne and Joachim Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
Next	10:00 Mass	Luke 11:1-13	Trinity VI
Sun	13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy		

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion

10:00 Mass Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Alistair

Voluntary: Prelude on Gwalchmai – *Christopher Tambling*

Processional Hymn 265 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: David Greenwood **Reading:** Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to

every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gradual Hymn 456 Teach me, my God and King

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Intercessions Rory Fenner

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Pakistan (United)

Diocese: The Parish of St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst

Those who have asked for our prayers: Margaret Colville, Rupert Williams, Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Tarina More, Chris Ross and Jeremy Pedrick.

The Recently Departed: Clare Dodds and Anne.

The Year's Mind: Arthur Radley, John Richmond, Brenda Caple, Herbert Browne, Michael Hugh Gale, Dorothea Rosamond Smith and Eric Baker.

Offertory Hymn 431 O Thou who camest from above

Voluntary: Preludio, Third Organ Sonata – *Felix Alexandre Guilmant*

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: David Greenwood

Intercessor: Rory Fenner

Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, John Vines

Coffee: Helen Gould, Julia Williams

Next Week

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Rory Fenner

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Chalice Assistant: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Cath Anderson

This Week's Notices

Zero @ St Nics

We are pleased to be opening the Community Fridge for the first time tomorrow and will be opening on Mondays from 10:30am – 12:30pm going forward. As we are getting started, we want as many people helping at each session as possible, particularly until we are all familiar with what we have to do. We will need to meet at 9:30am to set up the fridge and should be finished by 1pm.

If you can get involved on the weekly rota, even if only occasionally, please let Cath know (parishoffice@saintnics.com) and we can allocate dates. You will not be on your own and everything will be explained.

Everyone is, of course, welcome to come along and be a customer of the fridge.

Zero are also hoping to find more stores for us to collect from on Sunday afternoons/evenings. If you are able to help doing that, please also let Cath know and we will have another rota for collectors.

This is a really important part of outreach to our local community and goes a long way towards our Eco Church status by reducing the criminal amount of food which is otherwise thrown away.

Summer Fayre Leftovers

There are bags of items that we think charity shops would like. Please take one on your way out today and donate to your favourite one. The books and CDs are being taken separately. Thank you.

Monthly Lunch this Friday

The chefs are busy planning our next lunch on Friday and hope to see many of you there. Perhaps you could invite a friend or two to join us. The usual home-cooked lunch will be available from 11:30 and coffee from 10:30.

Children's Holiday Club – 28th July – 1st August

Holiday Club is fast approaching and we are still short of the following for crafts:

- toilet roll tubes
- kitchen roll tubes
- large postal tubes
- tissue boxes (rectangular) – or boxes of a similar size/shape

There will be a box in the narthex for your donations. Might you be able to bake some cakes for refreshments? Do let Nicky know if you can.

Coventry Cathedral – Monday 18th August

Some of us are planning a day trip to Coventry Cathedral. We will make our own way, by car or train, and aim to get to the Cathedral in time for the Litany of Reconciliation, which is read from the chancel steps at 12 noon. David Greenwood will take us on a tour round the ruins and the new building. We aim to be back in Guildford early evening. Would you like to join us? If so, please let David know.

Good Cause



Our Good Cause for July and August is USPG, the Anglican mission agency that partners with churches and communities worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice. This charity, which we have supported for many years here at St Nicolas', has over 60 programmes across the world. For example, in Oceania USPG provides a platform for voices from the Pacific to share their experiences of climate change and to inspire the wider Anglican Communion to respond. Please help us to continue our support for this very worthy cause by donating in the wallbox in the narthex, to our bank account (see below for details) or please ask to use the card reader.

Salvation Army Food Bank

The Salvation Army are beginning to pack Summer Holiday food parcels for families. They work with 15 schools in Guildford and 20 families from each school will be referred to them to receive support. They would particularly welcome the following:

- Chocolate or strawberry milkshake (longlife)
- Brioche buns
- Biscuits
- Juice and squash
- Tinned goods – fruit, meatballs, spaghetti
- Pot Noodles / Super Noodles
- Breakfast Bars

- Wraps (long dated)

They are, of course, grateful for any donations and these can be left in the box near the font. If you are able to contribute anything, it will be very much appreciated.

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/>

Looking Ahead

Sunday 27th July : Trinity VI

10 am Mass

Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August

Children's Holiday Club

Sunday 3rd August : Trinity VII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Wednesday 6th August : Transfiguration of Our Lord

12 pm Mass

Sunday 10th August : Trinity VIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Baptism

Sunday 17th August : Trinity IX

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 25th July Monthly Lunch (11:30-13:30)

Friday 26th September Macmillan Coffee Morning

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

19th September

Parish Office Opening Hours This Week

Monday 13:00 – 17:30 * Tuesday 08:30 – 18:00 * Friday 14:00 – 18:00

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20th – 27th July 2025

Sunday	TRINITY V 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	
Tuesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Tuesday Group – <i>Guest Speaker</i> <i>“A Summer Bouquet” – individual contributions.</i> <i>Topic: summer flowers</i>
Wednesday	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 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch
Saturday	
Sunday	TRINITY VI 10 am Mass 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy