

# Pews News



**27 July 2025: Trinity VI**  
**Today's Services:**  
10:00 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](mailto: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. 13:31-35	Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue Woodcote
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 13:36-43	Mary, Martha & Lazarus
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 13:44-46	William Wilberforce Olaudah Equiano & Thomas Clarkson

Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 13:47-53	<i>Ignatius of Loyola</i>
F	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 13:54-end	<a href="#">Annandale Road</a> <a href="#">Artington Walk</a>
Sat		Matt. 14:1-12	<a href="#">Beech Lane, Bray Rd</a> <a href="#">Bury Street</a>
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass <b>13:00 Romanian Orthodox</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Luke 12:13-21	<b>Trinity VII</b>

## Today's Service

**10:00 Mass** Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Nicholas Edwards

**Voluntary:** Partita on New Britain – *Charles Callahan*

**Processional Hymn 393** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

**Mass Setting:** Dom Gregory Murray

**Reader:** Rory Fenner **Reading:** Genesis 18:20-32

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again Abraham spoke to the LORD, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

**Reading:** Colossians 1:15-28

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity

dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

**Gradual Hymn 357** Father, hear the prayer we offer

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

**Intercessions** Cath Anderson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Papua New Guinea

Diocese: The Operations, Mission and Education Teams at Church House Guildford

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

The Recently Departed: Clare Dodds.

The Year's Mind: Nicholas Farbridge (priest), Marjorie Jones, Fr Adrian Alois and Cyril Standbridge.

**Offertory Hymn 406** Lord, teach us how to pray aright

**Voluntary:** War march of the priests, *Athalie* – Felix Mendelssohn

**Live Streaming Link**

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



## **This Week / Next Week**

### **This 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*

### **Next Week**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: Wendy Gabriel*

*Intercessor: Shirley Aston*

*Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher*

*Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Jo Radley*

*Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines*

## **This Week's Notices**

### **Coventry Cathedral – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

Children's Holiday Club

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August : Trinity VII**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass – joint service with GURC

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August : Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**12 pm** Mass

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August : Trinity VIII**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass & Baptism

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August : Trinity IX**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August : St Bartholomew**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

**BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)**

23<sup>rd</sup> September

21<sup>st</sup> October – Social @ Wetherpoons

18<sup>th</sup> November

**FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)**

19<sup>th</sup> September

# THIS WEEK

## 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

**Children's Holiday Club at Guildford URC**  
**Monday – Friday 9:30 – 12:00**

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**Sunday**      **TRINITY VI**

**10 am** Mass

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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**Monday**

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**Tuesday**

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**Thursday**      **10 am** Morning Prayer

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**Friday**      **10 am** Morning Prayer

**10:30 am – 12:30 pm** Coffee Shop

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**Saturday**

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**Sunday**      **TRINITY VII**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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### **Parish Office Opening Hours This Week**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 13:00 – 17:30

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