

Pews News



24 August 2025: Bartholomew the Apostle

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

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 on its summer holiday – back on 7th September - 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.23:13-22	The Valley Turnham Close
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.23:23-26	Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.23:27-32	Monica Walnut Tree Close West Mount

Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.24:42-end	Augustine Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue Woodcote
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt.25:1-13	Beheading of John the Baptist
Sat		Matt.25:14-30	John Bunyan
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Luke 12:32-40	Trinity XI

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10:00 Mass Celebrant: Fr Alistair; Preacher: Craig Nobbs

Voluntary: Introduction – Chorale and Prière à Notre-Dame, Suite Gothique – *Léon Boëllmann*

Processional Hymn God of grace and God of glory (*tune: Cwm Rhondda*)

God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour thy power;
Now fulfil thy church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us,
Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to thy control,
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be
Armoured with all Christlike graces
In the fight till all are free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not all nor thee,
That we fail not all nor thee.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: David Greenwood **Reading:** Isaiah 43:8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Gradual Hymn 179 Saints of God

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:24-30

A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

Intercessions *lead by Deborah Nobbs*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of South East Asia

Diocese: The Parish of St Lawrence, Chobham with St Saviour, Valley End

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

The Recently Departed: Pat Turner

The Year's Mind: Elizabeth Matthews, Anne Hopkins and Angela Dart.

Offertory Hymn 297 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Voluntary: Toccata, Suite Gothique – Léon Boëllmann

This Week / Next Week

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08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: David Greenwood

Intercessor: Deborah Nobbs

Chalice Assistant: David Greenwood

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, Phil Thomas

Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Deborah Nobbs

Intercessor: Caroline Coleman

Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: David Greenwood,

Rory Fenner

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Jo Radley

This Week's Notices

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume next week, Friday 29 August, at 12:30pm. The text will be the New Testament reading from that day's Morning Prayer, 2 Corinthians 3. David Greenwood will be leading the discussion. Hope to see you there.

Heritage Open Day – Saturday 13th September

We will again be opening our doors for visitors to our church buildings and will need volunteers please to greet them, make them feel welcome, give information etc. There is a sheet at the back of the church for people to sign up to an hour's slot (or two!) Many thanks.

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 still packing 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/>

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Thursday 08:30 – 18:00 * Friday 09:00 – 13:00

parishoffice@saintnics.com 01483 564526

Cath says: Visiting the Church of St Bartholomew the Great near Smithfield Market in London this week, I was struck by this Damien Hirst statue they have of their patron. Entitled *Exquisite Pain* it uses the traditional imagery of the saint holding his skin over his arm, clutching the knife that tortured him, but Hirst gave it a twist special to St Bartholomew's Church and Hospital: the body is based on an anatomical model and the knife is a scalpel. "I like the confusion you get between science and religion ... that's where belief lies and art as well." *Damien Hirst*



Looking Ahead

Sunday 31st August : Trinity XI

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

Wednesday 3rd September

12 pm Mass

Saturday 6th September

4 - 6 pm Messy Church

Sunday 7th September : Trinity XII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

Thursday 11th September

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass

Saturday 13th September

10 am - 4 pm Heritage Open Day

Sunday 14th September : Battle of Britain Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

11:15 am Mattins

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 26th September Macmillan Coffee Morning

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

23rd September

21st October – Social @ Wetherpoons

18th November

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

19th September

THIS WEEK

24th – 31st August 2025

Sunday	BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	10:30 am – 12:30pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge
Tuesday	10 am Morning Prayer
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Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass 12:30 pm Bible Study
Saturday	
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