

Pews News



31 August 2025: Trinity XI
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 next week! - 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		Luke 4:16-30	Giles Annandale Road Artington Walk
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 4:31-37	Martyrs of Papua New Guinea Beech Lane, Bray Rd Bury Street

W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Mass	Luke 4:38-end	Gregory the Great Buryfields Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 5:1-11	Birinus Denzil Road Devon Bank
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 5:33-end	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
Sat	16:00-18:00 Messy Church	Luke 6:1-5	Allen Gardiner Ferry Lane Flower Walk
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass & Junior Church 13:00 Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy	Luke 14:25-33	Trinity XII

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10:00 Mass Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Voluntary: Eklog – Richard Purvis

Processional Hymn 285 For the beauty of the earth

Gloria: Lourdes (see insert)

Reader: Deborah Nobbs **Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

For the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I

will never leave you or forsake you.’ So we can say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?’ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

For the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 482 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word (*tune: NEH 434*)

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place,” and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

Intercessions *lead by Caroline Coleman*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: United Church of South India

Diocese: Bishop Paul and his PA Niki Moore

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

The Recently Departed: Pat Turner

The Year’s Mind: Lydia Clee, David Goodwin and Doris Greig.

Offertory Hymn 258 O Christ the same

Mass Setting: Gathering Mass – *Paul Inwood* (see insert)

Voluntary: Little Prelude and Fugue in g minor, BWV 558 – *J S Bach*

This Week / Next Week

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08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Deborah Nobbs

Intercessor: Caroline Coleman

Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: Phil Thomas, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Jo Radley

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Daniel Vines

Intercessor: Jill Sandham

Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher

*Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Angela &
Fran Goodwin*

*Coffee: Cath Anderson,
Suzanne Rhydderch*

This Week's Notices

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 13:30 – 18:00

parishoffice@saintnics.com 01483 564526



Families are invited to join us for fun, faith-based games, crafts, teaching and singing as we celebrate heading back to school.

Followed by tea for everyone.

Children and adults are invited to bring along their school/work bags for a special blessing for the new term ahead.



Looking Ahead

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 Choral Mattins & Junior Church

Sunday 21st September : St Matthew

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

4:30 pm Choral Evensong

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

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31st August – 7th September 2025

Sunday	TRINITY XI 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
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play 12 pm Mass
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass
Saturday	4 pm Messy Church
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