

Pews News



26 October 2025
Trinity XIX
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 half term break but there are activities for them in church as usual.

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 refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

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.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday 12:00 – 16:30 * Thursday 08:30 – 18:00 * Friday 13:30 – 18:00
parishoffice@saintnics.com 01483 564526

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

M		Luke 13:10-17	Walnut Tree Close West Mount
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 15:17-end	Simon and Jude Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue Woodcote
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 13:22-30	James Hannington
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 13:31-end	
F	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 14:1-6	Martin Luther
	11:00 Mass		
Sat	16:00 Messy Church @ GURC	Luke 14:1,7-11	Annandale Road Artington Walk
Next	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)	Luke 18:9-14	All Saints' Day
Sun	10:00 Mass 15:00 All Souls' Service		

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10:00 Mass: Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Alistair

Voluntary: Prelude on Deck, thyself, my soul, with gladness – *Carl Piutti*

Processional Hymn 477 Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Gloria: Lourdes Gloria (see insert)

Reader: Debbie Nobbs **Reading:** Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveller turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonour your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gradual Hymn 391 King of glory, King of peace

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales.

Diocese: Epsom Deanery.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Rupert Williams, Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Tarina More, Chris Ross, John West, Chrissie Patterson, Ruth and Adam Dorber.

The Recently Departed: Daniela Patkova.

The Year's Mind: Michael Plant, Vicky Donnelly, David Kirkby, David Seth-Smith, Richard Rhydderch and John Finch.

Offertory Hymn 294 Just as I am

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

Voluntary: Allegro, Le Trophée – *François Couperin*

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: Debbie Nobbs
Intercessor: Cath Anderson
Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher
Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, Jill Sandham
Coffee: Rory Fenner, Cath Anderson*

Next Week

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

On Duty @ 10am

*Reader: Stuart Murdoch
Intercessor: John Varney
Chalice Assistant: David Greenwood
Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Rory Fenner
Coffee: Cath Anderson, Lizzie Evans*

This Week's Notices

All Souls : 2nd November @ 3pm

Our All Souls Service is approaching (2nd November) and, as ever, we like to remember before God the earthly lives of those whom we love and see no longer. If you would like to **make a donation to the flowers** used on that day or if you would like a **name read aloud at that service**, please sign the list at the back of church. Apologies for the confusion over the time of the service, it is at **3pm**.

Funerals

Inextricably linked to the service of All Souls is the matter of our own humanity. If you have not yet recorded your wishes as to what funeral arrangements you have in mind, please do have a think about this important service. You can make plans and share them with the Rector who will keep your wishes under lock and key and can be changed at any time. Having those directions means that we at least have an idea of what we can do for you and the family when the time comes.

Bible Study

Come along to our Bible Study Group. The next meeting will be at 1pm this Friday, 31st October. David Greenwood will lead on the first reading of Morning Prayer for that day, the Book of Job, Chapter 22.

Congregation Choir

The choir will be singing at our service today and on Sunday 16th November. If you would like to join them, you would be most welcome. Contact David Greenwood for details of rehearsals etc (contact details under 'Carol Singing' below).

Carol Singing

Last Christmas, members of our congregation sang carols at the care homes in our parish, giving joy to people who don't necessarily have a lot of it in their lives. We were very well received and we would be welcomed again. We have arranged the following dates - late afternoon 15th and 16th December. Those who would be willing to join in please let David Greenwood know either in person or on 07534 328408 or david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com."

Cards for Good Causes shop is open

CARDS
FOR GOOD CAUSES

We delighted that the Cards for Good Causes Shop is back with us. It will be open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm with a wide range of Christmas cards and gifts. They will also be open after Mass on Sundays from 9th November. Please do support them, as St Nicolas' benefit from a percentage of the sales.

They will also be selling our 150th Anniversary Gin, Glasses, Calendar, Teatowel and other gifts and we will let you know when that stock arrives!

Zero@St Nic's Community Fridge: can you help?

We still need more volunteers for Monday mornings - ideally we would like a bigger team, so that members are on duty just once a month, always with a lead person. The total time commitment is from 9.45 to 12.15. Could this be a new ministry for you? - ideally for the whole morning, but if you can only offer less time, we could look at a couple of shifts, say from 9.45-11.15 and 11.15-12.15. The busiest time is the first hour.

Please contact Cath in the parish office if this is something you can offer.

And of course any member of the congregation is welcome to come along after 10.30 to choose and take away produce which would otherwise be wasted.

We are also looking for volunteers to do the collections from Tesco, Sainsbury's (High Street), Lidl (from this Sunday) and Gail's Bakery on Sunday afternoons. Full instructions given!

Vacancy at Caleb Lovejoy Almshouses



Situated in Bury Street, the single occupancy almshouse is part-furnished and comprises a living room, kitchen and bathroom on the ground floor and one bedroom on the first floor. A modest but delightful garden surrounds the almshouses and residents share responsibility for maintaining the garden

with the help and guidance of a gardener. Residents benefit from this communal outdoor space, which has helped develop a sense of community. It is hoped that applicants would welcome being part of this.

To be a beneficiary of Caleb Lovejoy's Almshouse Charity, applicants must:

- be in financial need.
- be capable of independent living.
- have lived in the Borough of Guildford for at least two years. If the trustees are unable to find applicants who meet all these criteria, they may consider those who have resided in Guildford for less than two years, or who have strong local connections to Guildford through family or employment.

The current monthly charge is £935 (£215.77 per week). This includes all property maintenance, heating, water, 24-hour emergency care alarm, gardening and window cleaning. Residents are responsible for Council Tax (Band B) and electricity. Pets and smoking are not permitted.

If you would like to apply or have any questions, please contact Jo Smalley, Manager & Clerk to the Trustees. The deadline for applications is Friday 7th November. clerk@caleblovejoy.com 07762 250032

Good Cause

Our Good Cause for October is Water Aid's Harvest Appeal. Half of Burkina Faso's population still lives without clean water nearby. In homes, schools and hospitals, people still have to rely on dirty rivers and faraway boreholes. It's almost impossible for a child to thrive. Dirty water makes them sick. Long walks for water keep them out of school. And failed harvests leave them without the food they need. By installing clean water supplies, families can protect themselves from deadly diseases and communities can celebrate abundant harvests, year after year.



Please support 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 welcome your donations which 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. 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 funding of our 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/>





FRI 14 NOV 7:00 PM

**ST NICOLAS' PARISH CHURCH
GUILDFORD GU2 4AW**

Tickets: www.folkinspiration.org



Harlequin Chamber Choir

Vaughan Williams Singers

I Heard a Voice From Heaven

Saturday 15th November 2025, 7.30pm
St Nicolas Church, Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW

Musical Directors: Amy Bebbington & Ian Assersohn

Harlequin Chamber Choir and Vaughan Williams Singers join forces for the first time to bring the listener a deeply moving and sublime concert focusing on themes of peace, loss, faith and eternal rest. Howells' impassioned Requiem and Parry's intensely personal and powerful Songs of Farewell frame our performance.

Tickets:
Adult £18 (Early Bird offer £16 before 1st November)
12-18s £5, under 12s free
Booking fee applies
www.vwsingers.org/futureevents

Proud members of **making music**

The Chantry Singers

Conductor: Peter Hicks

Handel's Messiah

Saturday 29th November 2025 7.30 pm
St Nicolas Church
Guildford GU2 4AW

Tickets: £18 (16 and under: £2)
Click below or phone 07969 906 439

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Looking Ahead

***We welcome Guildford Shakespeare Company who will be with us
until Saturday 8th November***

Saturday 1st November

4 – 6 pm Messy Church @ Guildford URC

Sunday 2nd November : All Saints & All Souls

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

3 pm All Souls' Service

Sunday 9th November : Remembrance Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Act of Remembrance

Thursday 13th November

7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass

Sunday 16th November : Trinity XXII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 31st October Monthly Lunch

Friday 28th November Monthly Lunch

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

18th November

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

21st November

GOOD GRIEF CLUB

Wednesday 29th October, 2pm
at The Cosy Club, Tunsgate

THIS WEEK

26th October – 2nd November 2025

Sunday	TRINITY XIX 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	10:30 am – 12:00pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge
Tuesday	10 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch 11 am Mass 1 pm Bible Study
Saturday	4 pm – 6 pm Messy Church Light Party at GURC
Sunday	ALL SAINTS' DAY 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass 3 pm All Souls' Service

Creative Project for the Week Ahead!

The URC Christmas Tree Festival opens in early December, and as usual St Nicolas will be contributing a Christmas Tree. Tuesday Group invite you to help create the decorations to be hung on it, as it is lovely when the whole church participates in this event.

The theme this year comes from Robert Herrick's Christmas poem (also sung as a carol), which likens the birth of Jesus to December being turned into May. It would be very much appreciated if you would fill in the circle below with an original depiction of a flower (late spring and early summer flowers would be ideal, but stylised flower shapes are fine) - this might be drawn and coloured freehand, or take the form of a collage made from coloured paper, or other materials (not too heavy, please.)

Please cut out the circles with your finished artworks on them, and bring these to the church by Sunday 9th November. There will be a box in the Narthex or they can be left in the Parish Office or in the Card Shop. Thank you for supporting this joint church venture. *Tuesday Group*

