

Pews News



9 November 2025
Remembrance Sunday

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Act of Remembrance

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. Nicky and Cath are at GURC with the Cubs & Beavers but there are activities for the children in church here 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

Tuesday 13:30 – 18:00 * 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 17:1-6	Leo the Great Henley Fort Hitherbury Close
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 17:7-10	Martin Lawn Road, Littleton Lane, Ludlow Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 17:11-19	Madrid Road Mareschal Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer 19:30 Walsingham Cell Mass	Luke 17:20-25	Charles Simeon Millmead Millmead Terrace
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 17:26-end	Samuel Seabury Mount Pleasant Mountside
Sat		Luke 18:1-8	Nether Mount New Pond Rd
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Junior Church	Luke 21:5-19	Trinity XXII

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10:00 Mass: Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

See separate Order of Service

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Diocese: The Parish of Virginia Water.

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

The Recently Departed: Peggy Bailey.

The Year's Mind: Lilian McManus, Pam Howard and Frank Maggs.

Live Streaming Link

LIVE 

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

This Week / Next Week

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10:00 Mass with Act of Remembrance

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Caroline Coleman

Intercessor: Shirley Aston

Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Patrick Andrew

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Andy Anderson

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Reader: Angela Goodwin

Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson

Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Lizzie Evans

This Week's Notices

Our Guildford URC Minister

Wayne Hawkins is leaving as the URC minister at Christmas and moving to Oxfordshire. We are invited to his Farewell Tea Party on Saturday 13th December. Please see the invitation for details of how to RSVP.

We are planning to present him with a stole as a gift from St Nicolas'. If you would like to make a donation, please ask to use the card reader and indicate it is for his gift, or hand cash to Patrick, Cath or Fr Neil.

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 – this year during the late afternoon of 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."

Guildford Besom Hampers

Imagine Christmas without presents, decorations or special food: this is a reality for many people today. But we can make a difference and bring a bit of sparkle into homes that have so little. We would like to put together hampers of Christmas goodies that will then be distributed by Guildford Besom to



those in need. The recipients will include single parents, families in temporary accommodation, people living alone with health problems, the elderly and refugees. There are boxes at the back of church for your donations that we will then make up into hampers – to be with Besom during the first week of December. If you would prefer to donate cash, Cath is happy to shop for you. Suggested items (especially lovely if not from the ‘value’ range) are:

Christmas Cakes, Mince Pies, Biscuits, Chocolates & Sweets, Chocolate Tree Decorations, Crisps, Party Snacks, Fizzy Drinks, Sparkling Fruit Juices, Soups, Cereals (eg selection packs), Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Tinned Food, Fruit Juices, Honey, Jam, Tea & Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing Mix, Luxury Soaps & Shower Gels, Washing Powder, Washing Up Liquid, Candles (battery), Baubles, Napkins, Paper Table Cloth, Crackers.

Cards for Good Causes shop

The Cards for Good Causes Shop is open after Mass on Sundays from today and from Monday to Saturday,

CARDS
FOR GOOD CAUSES



ST NICOLAS
GUILDFORD
Celebrating 150th Anniversary
of the Consecration of the current church
building.

2026 Calendar

St. Nicolas' Parish Church
Bury St, Guildford, GU2 4AW
www.saintnics.com

10am to 4pm with a wide range of Christmas cards and gifts. Please do support them, as St Nicolas' benefit from a percentage of the sales.

They are also selling our Calendars and soon will be stocking our 150th Anniversary Gin, Glasses and Teatowels. We will let you know when stock arrives!

Surrey Hills Choirs Christmas Concert

The Surrey Hills choirs are proud to bring joy and celebration to the season with our annual Christmas concert on Sunday 7th December, 7pm, at St Nicolas Church. Creating a magical spectacle within this beautiful setting by filling it with candlelight and using the length and breadth of the church, we hope to entertain and enchant you. Our Christmas concerts have become an indispensable part of the festive season. Tickets available to book online from Friday 21st November at www.singsurreyhills.com - £15 for Adults and £5 for under 16s - drinks and nibbles included.

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

Would you be able to help with collections from supermarkets on Sunday afternoons? We collect from Tesco, Sainsbury's in the High Street, Lidl and Gail's Bakery and can team you up with somebody else to go as a team.

We are getting quite a lot of grocery items from Lidl – multipacks of drinks and crisps, for example, where the outer wrapping has split but the individual items are perfect. Why not come along on Monday morning from 10:30am – 12pm and pick something up.

We still need a few more volunteers for Monday mornings - the total time commitment is from 9.45 to 12.15. If you can only offer less time, helping until 11:15 would still be really valuable.

Please contact Cath in the parish office if you can help with either collecting on Sundays or manning the Fridge on Mondays.

Good Cause

Our Good Cause for November is Lend With Care, a charity which we have supported in the past and which is administered for us by Catherine Ferguson. Run by CARE International UK, it brings together entrepreneurs in low-income countries with lenders, like us. From launching a scrap recycling business to diversifying crops and everything in between, these entrepreneurs are busting with ideas and just need a helping hand to get started. They approach a local development partner for a loan and, if approved, are given the go ahead. Lenders, like us, choose which businesses to support and can see how they are progressing. The loan is then paid off in installments and credited back to our account. We can then choose to invest in another business, so the money is recycled and can help people many people.

LENDWITHCARE

Please support this 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, 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



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

The Chantry Singers
Peter Hicks - Conductor

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

Registered Charity No. 1128357

Surrey Hills Christmas Concerts

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

A festive night of songs and carols with the Surrey Hills Choirs

7pm, Sunday 7th December
St. Nicolas' Church, Bury St., Guildford. GU2 4AW

Tickets: Adults £15, Children £5, including refreshments
from www.singsurreyhills.com. Booking opens Friday 21st November

VINCENZO BELLINI'S

NORMA

10, 12, AND 13, DECEMBER
ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, GUILDFORD



**GASKIN'S
CHRISTMAS
LUNCHES 2025**

FREE LUNCH

24th December

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEAL
INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM
MARTA 07855846957

FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME
DELIVERY WITHIN 10 MILES OF GUILDFORD
DELIVERY BETWEEN 12PM – 3PM

**WE NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
TO DELIVER**

FREE EVENT – LONELY, STUDENTS,
HOMELESS, VULNERABLE,
OPEN TO EVERYONE IN NEED

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Looking Ahead

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

Sunday 23rd November : Christ the King

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday Mass & Junior Church

Sunday 30th November : Advent Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Advent Hymns & Junior Church

Saturday 6th November

4 pm – 6 pm Messy Church @ GURC

Sunday 7th December : St Nicolas

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Pontifical Patronal Mass & Confirmation
with Bishop Andrew

Sunday 14th December : Advent III

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 28th November Monthly Lunch

BEER & BANTER (Tuesdays)

18th November

FIZZ & FRIENDS (Fridays)

21st November

THIS WEEK

9th – 16th November 2025

Sunday	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass with Act of Remembrance 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	10:30 am – 12:00pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge
Tuesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Tuesday Group – <i>“Lest we forget” – individual contributions</i>
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Café Play
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer 7:30 pm Walsingham Cell Mass
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass 7 pm Ninebarrow concert in church
Saturday	7:30 pm Harlequin Chamber Choir & Vaughan Williams Singers concert in church
Sunday	TRINITY XXII 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass with Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy