

Pews News



16 November 2025
Trinity XXII
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 for children aged 4-11 and takes place next door during the service. Younger children are welcome to join if accompanied by their grownup or they are equally welcome to stay with us in church. If you haven't been to us before, adults please follow the Junior Church team out with your child and they will make you feel very welcome.

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 * Friday 13:30 – 18:00
parishoffice@saintnics.com 01483 564526

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

M		Luke 18:35-end	Hugh Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 19:1-10	Elizabeth Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 19:11-28	Hilda; Mechtild Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 19:41-44	Edmund; Priscilla Lydia Sellon Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 19:45-48	St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
Sat		Luke 20:27-40	St Cecilia Stakescorner Road Testard Road
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 School Sunday Mass with Junior Church	Luke 18:9-14	Christ the King

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

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

Voluntary: Ich ru' su dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639 – J S Bach

Processional Hymn 452 Stand up, and bless the Lord

Reader: Angela Goodwin **Reading:** Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil

and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Gradual Hymn 500 Thy kingdom come on bended knee

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
Diocese: The Parish of All Saints, New Haw

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

The Recently Departed: Rupert Williams and Roy Davey.

The Year's Mind: Ron Northam, Jack Carley, Phyllis Enid Wansey and Roger Ashworth.

Offertory Hymn How firm a foundation (*tune: St Denio*)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that to Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

- 18thC

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in c minor, BWV 456 – J S Bach

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Alistair
Reader: Angela Goodwin
Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson
Chalice Assistant: Hilary Fletcher
Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Rory Fenner
Coffee: Cath Anderson, Lizzie Evans

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 School Sunday Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Neil
Reader: tbc
Intercessor: tbc
Chalice Assistant: Jill Sandham
Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, Jo Radley
Coffee: Debs Tizard, Daniel Vines

This Week's Notices

Christmas Service Cards

We are soon due to receive copies of the joint St Nicolas/URC Christmas Card, which we need your help to deliver. There is a list of roads at the back of the church – please sign up to deliver a road or two. Many thanks.

Beer & Banter

Did you know, one of the popular views in the early church of what happened on the Cross was a joke? It was a sort-of practical joke God played on death and the devil, drawing them in with Jesus as the bait? This Tuesday, 18th November, at 7:30pm in the Loseley Chapel, it's the beer and banter which will draw the men from St Nic's in to explore this topic further ... or maybe we'll end up discussing the election of the ABC, we'll see!

Fizz & Friends

Our Ladies Group also meets this week, on Friday, 21st November, when they will be making Christmas wreathes – full instructions will be given ... and there will, of course, be Fizz to help the process along!

School Sunday

Next Sunday we welcome members of our school community to celebrate Christ the King. There will be lots of jobs for children to do as well as Junior Church. And plenty of biscuits with coffee afterwards!

Carol Singing

Are you able to join the carol singing around the parish?

Monday 15th 3pm Kathryn's House, 4:30pm Pilgrim's Wood

Tuesday 16th 3pm St Catherine's Manor, 4:30pm Hillier House

Please let David Greenwood know either in person or on 07534 328408 or david.greenwood19@btopenworld.com.

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.

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



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

The Cards for Good Causes Shop is open after Mass on Sundays from

today and from Monday to Saturday, 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. The gin, glasses and teatowels are due soon!



Farewell Tea Party

Invitation

You are warmly invited to a Farewell Tea Party on
Saturday 13 December at 3.30pm in the main hall, as
we say farewell to Revd Wayne Hawkins and his family.

Come and join us as we share tea, cake, and memories
together while thanking Wayne and his family for their
time among us.

To help with planning, please RSVP to Sarah Howe the
Church Administrator (office@guildfordurc.org.uk) by
Thursday 4 December.

Transport will be available for anyone who needs it –
just mention this when you reply.



We hope you can join us for this special occasion!

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.singsurreyhill.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.

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.

LENDWITHCARE

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/>



GASKIN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHES 2025

FREE LUNCH

24th December

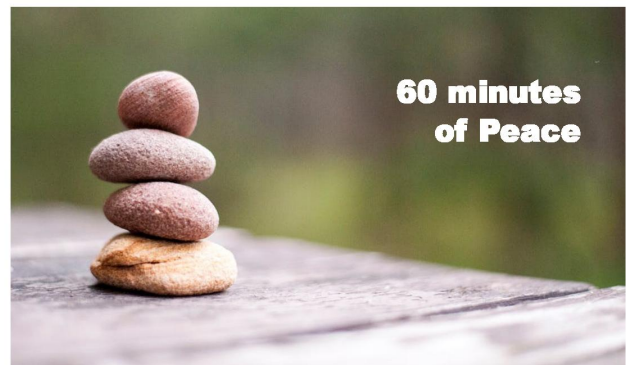
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DELIVERY BETWEEN 12PM - 3PM

WE NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS TO DELIVER

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**60 minutes
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**Christian guided meditation
to start the day right!
Suitable for all.**

8-9am Tuesday 9 December
then the second Tuesday of every month.
All welcome, with or without experience. We will be trying different forms of meditation with time for questions after each one.

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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

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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

Guildford Opera Company presents



VINCENZO BELLINI'S
NORMA

St Nicolas' Church, Bury St, Guildford GU2 4AW
December Wed 10 & Fri 12, 7pm; Sat 13, 6.30pm
Tickets £27, concessions £13.50
available online or at the door
Wednesday offer four tickets for £81

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Christmas Party

at Guildford United Reformed Church,
83 Portsmouth Road, GU2 4BS



All are welcome to join us for faith-based fun,
Christmas games, crafts, stories, singing, face
painting and more.

Followed by a meal for everyone.

*Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer for the duration of this event

Saturday
6th December
4-6pm



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For more information contact Nicky on families.worker@guildfordurc.org.uk
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Looking Ahead

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 December

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

Sunday 21st December : Advent IV

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 am Service of Lessons & Carols

4 pm The Road to Christmas

– Travelling Nativity starting at GURC and finishing at St Nicolas with mulled wine and mince pies

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 28th November

Monthly Lunch

THIS WEEK

16th – 23rd November 2025

Sunday	TRINITY XXII 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass with Junior Church 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>Guest Speaker: “The Death of Mozart”</i> 7:30 pm Beer & Banter Men’s Group
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Café Play
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass 8 pm Fizz & Friends Ladies’ Group
Saturday	
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