

Pews News



23 November 2025

Christ the King

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 School Sunday Mass with Junior Church

**Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**

Rector: Canon Neil Roberts

Curate: Fr Alistair Milne

Children are welcome here

We welcome particularly members of our school community. 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 * 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 21:1-4	The Piccards The Ridges
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 21:5-11	Catherine, Isaac Watts The Valley Turnham Close
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 21:12-19	Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer 19:00 Mass in the Loseley Chapel	Luke 21:20-28	Walnut Tree Close West Mount
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 21:29-33	Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue Woodcote
Sat		Luke 21:34-36	Day of Intercession & Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Advent Hymns and Junior Church	Luke 18:9-14	Advent Sunday

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 School Sunday Mass & Junior Church: Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rector

see separate Order of Service

Voluntary: Feierlicher Einzug – Richard Strauss

Mass setting (choir): Mass in g minor – Ralph Vaughan Williams

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Diocese: The Parish of St Mary of Bethany, Woking.

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: Richard George Marks, Larry Glick and Peter Davis.

Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence – *Edward C Bairstow*

Voluntary: The Prince of Denmark's March – *Jeremiah Clarke*

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

This Week

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

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Neil

Reader:

Intercessor: Melissa Hume

Chalice Assistant: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Jo Radley

Coffee: Debs Tizard, Daniel Vines

Next Week

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

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Neil

Reader: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie

Intercessor: Caroline Coleman

Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: David Greenwood, James Wix

Coffee: Iain Ferguson, tbc

This Week's Notices

Christingle – Christmas Eve – 3pm and 5pm



We are already looking forward to our very special Christingle Services. Entry is by ticket only. Book early to avoid disappointment. You can **order tickets now** on the links on this page

<https://saintnics.com/whatson/christmas-2025/>

Details of the other services over the Christmas period are also on that page.

Monthly Lunch this Friday

Our last Monthly Lunch of 2025 is on Friday. There will be good homemade food, shared in good company and raising money for a good cause. Do come along and why not invite a friend?

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.

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 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. **Our 150th**

CARDS
FOR GOOD CAUSES

anniversary gin arrives on Friday!

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

LENDWITHCARE

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.

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/>



A SERIES OF REFLECTIONS

THURSDAYS: 12.15 FOR 12.30

27 NOVEMBER: CALLING
ROSEMARY LEE & NIGEL CAMPION-SMITH

4 DECEMBER: FLIGHT
WAYNE HAWKINS

11 DECEMBER: RECONCILIATION
PAUL GLASS

**THE REFLECTIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
A BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH**

**THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER:
CAROLS AT LUNCHTIME**

ST. MARY'S GUILDFORD GU1 3UP

**ASPECTS
OF
ADVENT**



St Mary's
Church

Free of charge.
Donations
welcome.

Messy
Church

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



Guildford
United
Reformed
Church



in partnership with



For more information contact Nicky on families.worker@guildfordurc.org.uk
www.guildfordurc.org.uk | www.saintnics.om

**GASKIN'S
CHRISTMAS
LUNCHES 2025**

FREE LUNCH

24th December

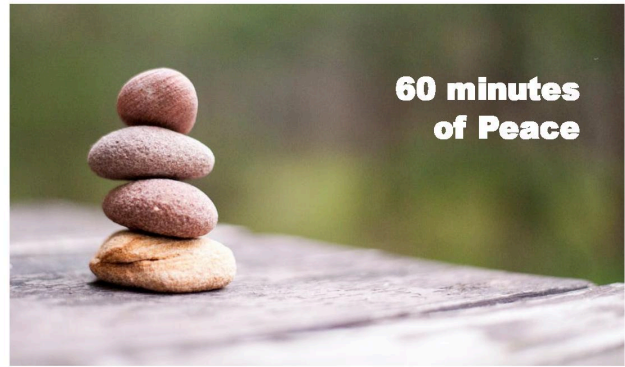
PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEAL
INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM
MARTA 07855846957

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

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



**60 minutes
of Peace**

**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.

St Nicolas Church

Bury Street Guildford GU2 4AW

01483 564526 jana.phillips@saintnics.com



2025

XY Strings Christmas Carol Evening

Christmas music and sing along carols,
followed by refreshments

Tuesday 2 December at 6.30pm

Retiring Collection for The Children's Society

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

The
Chantry
singers

Peter Hicks - Conductor

Canterbury
IHRTCT
The Humphrey Richardson Taylor
Charitable Trust

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

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

NODA
For every stage



guildfordopera.com



Looking Ahead

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

Sunday 24th December : Christmas Eve

3 pm Christingle – tickets bookable now

5 pm Christingle – tickets bookable now

11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December : Christmas Day

10 am Christmas Morning Mass

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 28th November

Monthly Lunch

THIS WEEK

23rd – 30th November 2025

Sunday	CHRIST THE KING 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am School Sunday 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>Carpet Bowls</i> 5 – 6:30 pm Toastie Tuesday for School Years 3-6
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer 7 pm Mass in the Loseley Chapel before the PCC meeting
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch
Saturday	7:30 pm Chantry Singers Concert
Sunday	ADVENT SUNDAY 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass with Advent Hymns and Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy