

Pews News



30 November 2025

Advent Sunday

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Advent Hymns

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. As a lot of our Junior Church members are at our Scout Group's Survival Camp this weekend, there are instead Advent activities for children at the back of church.

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

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

M		Matt.4:18-22	Andrew the Apostle Annandale Road Artington Walk
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 10:21-24	Beech Lane, Bray Rd, Bury Street
W	10:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Mass	Matt.15:29-37	<i>Francis Xavier</i> Buryfields Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.7:21, 24-27	<i>John of Damascus</i> <i>Nicholas Ferrar</i> Denzil Road Devon Bank
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Matt.9:27-31	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
Sat	16:00 Messy Church @ GURC	Matt.9:35- 10:1, 6-8	Nicolas Ferry Lane Flower Walk
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Pontifical Patronal Mass & Confirmations with Bishop Andrew	Luke 18:9-14	St Nicolas

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Advent Hymns: Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

see separate Order of Service

Reader: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie **Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion

shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Mass setting: St Anne's Mass – James MacMillan

Live Streaming Link

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



Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia.

Diocese: St Columba's House.

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: Henry Montgomery-Campbell (Bishop of Guildford), Noel Lorimer, May Murdoch, Michael Hibberd, Linda Chapman and Clive Mansel.

This Week / Next Week

This Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Advent Hymns
Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Neil

Reader: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie

Intercessor: Caroline Coleman

Chalice Assistant: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: James Wix, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Jo Radley

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Pontifical Patronal Mass &
Confirmations with Bishop
Andrew

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Bishop Andrew

Reader: Iain Ferguson

Intercessor: David Greenwood

Chalice Assistant: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Jill Sandham

Coffee: Cath Anderson & Jo Radley

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 - they are selling fast! The links are on this page

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

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

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

We are making up the hampers this week and would like to buy some more things to complete them. If you are able to make a donation towards the hampers, please speak to Fr Neil, Hilary, Darrol or Patrick.

Cards for Good Causes shop

CARDS
FOR GOOD CAUSES

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 anniversary gin has arrived!



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!



ST NICOLAS
Celebrating 150th Anniversary
of the consecration of the current church
building

2026 Calendar

St Nicolas' Parish Church
Bury St, Guildford, GU2 4AW
www.stnicolas.org

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.

Please contact Cath in the parish office if you can help.

Good Cause



Our Good Cause for December and January is The Children's Society. Every year they help tens of thousands of children and young people through their support services. Whether they are at risk of exploitation, struggling with their mental health, or in the care system - The Children's Society is there for them. And they campaign tirelessly for the big

changes that will make life better for millions more. Their impact is clear to see: in young lives transformed, and in the steps taken towards a society built for all children. 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 welcomes 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



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



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**

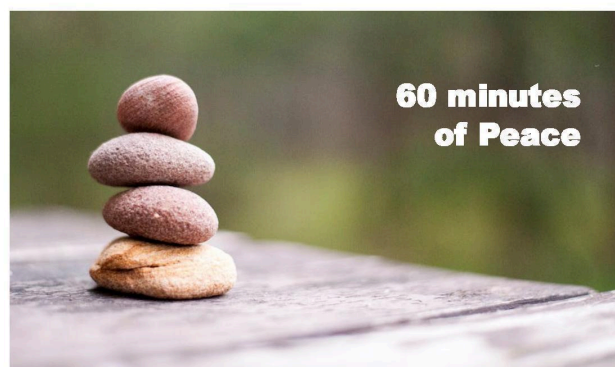
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For more information contact Nicky on families.worker@guildfordurc.org.uk
www.guildfordurc.org.uk | www.saintnics.com

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.singsurreyhill.com. Booking opens Friday 21st November



**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
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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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Wednesday 10th December 2025

2.00 pm

**St. Nicolas Church,
Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW**

Carols, Readings and Christmas Music

**Guildford u3a Choir
Singing for Fun Group**

All Welcome - Admission Free



Retiring collection for a charity nominated by St Nicolas Church



A Spotless Rose

Music and Readings for Christmas

Saturday 20th December, 6:30pm

St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street, Guildford

Conductor: Nicholas O'Neill

**Tickets: Online in advance, £20,
£22 on the door, Students
£10, Children under 16 free
www.occamsingers.co.uk**



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Looking Ahead

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

Look out for details of 150th Anniversary Events in 2026

THIS WEEK

30th November - 7th December 2025

Sunday

ADVENT SUNDAY

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Advent Hymns and 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

Word Game “Something Different”

6:30 pm XY Strings Christmas Carol Evening

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

12 pm Mass

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

6 pm halow Christmas Carol Concert

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

Saturday

4pm Messy Church at Guildford URC

Sunday

ST NICOLAS

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Pontifical Patronal Mass with Confirmations with Bishop Andrew

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 21st December

11am Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

4pm The Road to Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm & 5pm Christingle (tickets)

11:30 pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

10am Christmas Day Mass



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