

Pews News



7 December 2025

St Nicolas

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Pontifical Patronal Mass with Junior
Church & Confirmation with Bishop Andrew

**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.

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

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| M | | Luke 5:17-26 | Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Guildford Park Ave Guildford Park Rd |
| Tu | 10:00 Morning Prayer | Matt.18:12-14 | Guildown Avenue Guildown Road |
| W | 10:00 Morning Prayer | Matt.11:28-end | Ember Day Henley Fort Hitherbury Close |
| Th | 10:00 Morning Prayer | Matt.11:11-15 | Lawn Road, Littleton Lane, Ludlow Road |
| F | 10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass | Matt.11:16-19 | Ember Day Madrid Road Mareschal Road |
| Sat | | Matt.17:10-13 | Lucy, <i>Samuel Johnson</i> , Ember Day Millmead Millmead Terrace |
| Next | 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) | Matt.11:2-11 | Advent III |
| Sun | 10:00 Mass & Junior Church | | |

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10:00 Pontifical Patronal Mass with Confirmation & Junior Church:

Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Andrew

see separate Order of Service

Live Streaming Link



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

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh.

Diocese: The Parish of St Mary's Frensham and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dockenfield

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: Edna Waller, Peggy Holwill, Ruth Ferguson, Anthony Hardcastle (priest) and Malcolm Graham Williams..

This Week / Next Week

This Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Pontifical Patronal Mass &
Confirmations with
Bishop Andrew with Junior Church

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

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Neil

Reader: Rory Fenner

Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson

Chalice Assistant: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, Peter Oldroyd

Coffee: Helen Gould, Julia Williams

This Week's Notices

Christingle – Christmas Eve – 3pm and 5pm



We are really looking forward to our very special Christingle Services. Entry is by ticket only. Book now to avoid disappointment - 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.

Christingle Making

We will be putting together the Christingles on Tuesday 23rd December at 11 am in the hall. Please do come along to help - coffee and mince pies on offer!

Mince Pies

We will be serving mince pies and mulled wine after Nine Lessons & Carols and The Road to Christmas on Sunday 21st. Might you be able to offer some? Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Christmas Service Cards

If you have signed up to help deliver the Christmas Service Cards, they are waiting for you at the back of the church. And if you haven't signed up, there are still roads that need covering please.

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.

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 is now on sale!



ST NICOLAS
GILFORD
Celebrating 150th Anniversary
of the consecration of the present church
building

2026 Calendar

St. Nicolas' Parish Church
Bury St. Giles, G12 4AW
www.stnicolas.com

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

**The
Children's
Society**

Our Good Cause for December 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

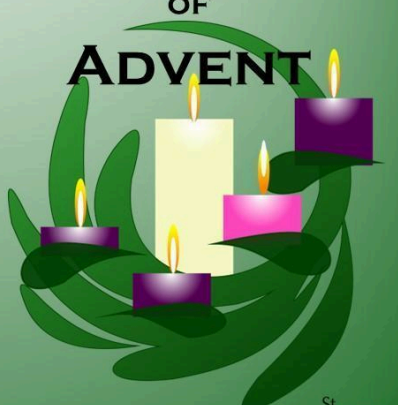
11 DECEMBER: RECONCILIATION
PAUL GLASS

THE REFLECTIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER: CAROLS AT LUNCHTIME

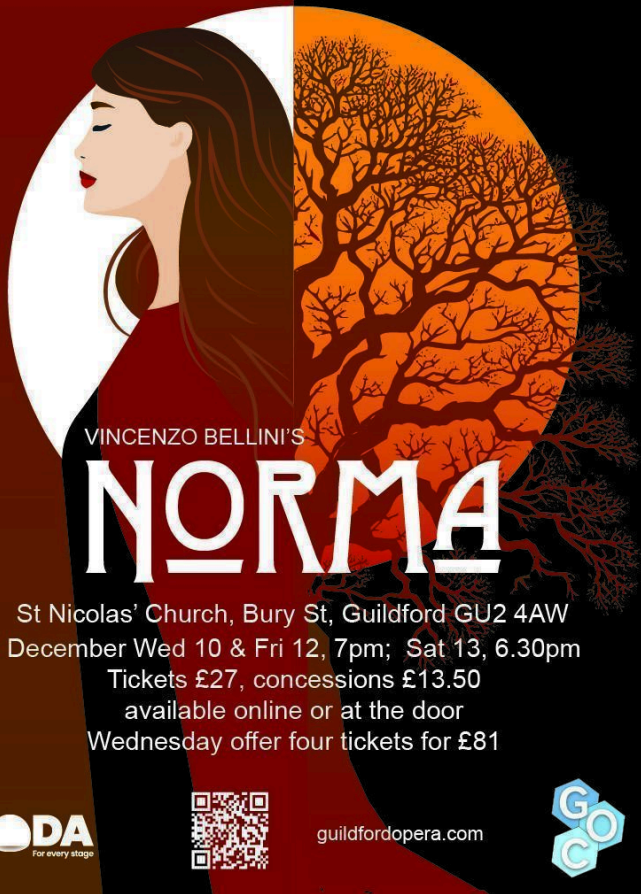
ST. MARY'S GUILDFORD GU1 3UP

ASPECTS OF ADVENT



St Mary's Church

Guildford Opera Company presents



Wednesday 10th December 2025
2.00 pm
St. Nicolas Church,
Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW

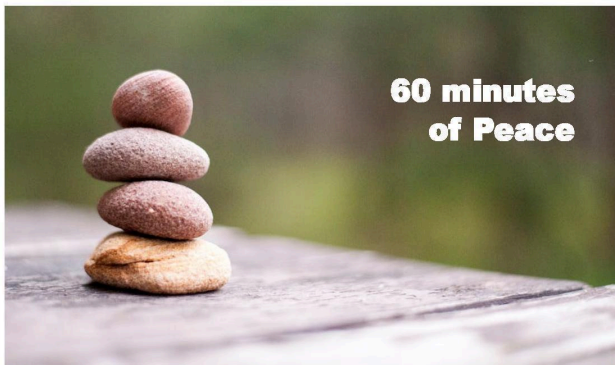
Carols, Readings and Christmas Music

Guildford u3a Choir
Singing for Fun Group

All Welcome - Admission Free



Retiring collection for a charity nominated by St Nicolas Church



**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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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

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

Wednesday 24th December : Christmas Eve

3 pm Christingle – tickets bookable now

5 pm Christingle – tickets bookable now

11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December : Christmas Day

10 am Christmas Morning Mass

Sunday 28th December : The Holy Innocents

10 am Mass

Sunday 4th January 2026 : Christmas II

10 am Mass

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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YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Look out for details of 150th Anniversary Events in 2026

THIS WEEK

7th - 14th December 2025

Sunday

ST NICOLAS

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Pontifical Patronal Mass & Confirmations with
Bishop Andrew

7 pm Surrey Hills Choir concert

Monday

10:30 am – 12:00pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge

Tuesday

8 am Christian Guided Meditation - *Loseley Chapel*

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Tuesday Group - “Holiday reading”

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

2 pm Guildford Area U3A Christmas Carol Concert

7 pm Guildford Opera Company ‘Norma’

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

7 pm Guildford Opera Company ‘Norma’

Saturday

8:30 am Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

6:30 pm Guildford Opera Company ‘Norma’

Sunday

ADVENT III

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy