

# Pews News



**14 December 2025**  
**Advent III Gaudete Sunday**  
**Today's Services:**  
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Mass with Junior Church

**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](mailto: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

M		Matt.21:23-27	Nether Mount New Pond Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.21:28-32	Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.1:1-17	<i>O Sapienza</i> <i>Eglantyne Jebb</i> Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.1:18-24	<i>O Adonai</i> Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
F	10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Mass	Luke 1:5-25	<i>O Radix Jesse</i> Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Sat		Luke 1:26-38	<i>O Clavis David</i> Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 11:00 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols 16:00 Travelling Nativity - GURC to St Nicolas'	John 1:19-28	<b>Advent IV</b>

## Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

**10:00 Gaudete Sunday Mass with Junior Church:**

Celebrant: The Rector; Preacher: Craig Nobbs

*see separate Order of Service*

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

**Live Streaming Link**



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

## Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Diocese: School Chaplains.

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: Roy Davey.

The Year's Mind: Cyril Easthaugh (bishop), Audrey Tye and John Smith (priest).

## This Week / Next Week

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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

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Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Angela Goodwin

## 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 next Sunday. **Might you be able to offer some?** Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

## Carol Singing

It's not too late 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



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 - the perfect Christmas gift!**



## 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/>



### Daniel Lowe Gardening and Tree Services

*so you can sit back and enjoy your garden*



#### Non-drop Christmas Trees

4'-5' £40

6'-7' £60

7'-8' £80

**Tree stands** £20, last for years.

Free delivery for medium and large trees within 10 miles of Onslow Village.

**Logs for burning** 1cu.m £150.

- Landscaping
- Garden maintenance
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- Tree surgery
- Garden clearance & new planting

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Thank you for our St Nic's Christmas Tree!



### 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](http://www.occamsingers.co.uk)



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# Looking Ahead

## **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

## **Tuesday 6th January 2026 : Epiphany**

10 am Mass

## **Sunday 11th January 2026 : Epiphany**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Three Wonders Sung Mass with Junior Church

### **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

Friday 30th January

Monthly Lunch

Friday 20th February

Weekly Lent Lunches begin



### 150th Anniversary Programme

#### A few highlights - more dates to follow

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| <b>Tuesday 13th January</b>   | Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson  |
| <b>7:30pm</b>                 | The long history of St Nicolas: three churches and one parish                       |
| <b>Tuesday 10th March</b>     | Lecture: Canon Jeremy Haselock  |
| <b>7:30pm</b>                 | The theology of the Oxford Movement and its influence on church architecture        |
| <b>Holy Week &amp; Easter</b> | We will be joined by The Right Reverend Peter Hancock                               |
| <b>Thursday 7th May</b>       | Lecture: Michael Shapland, senior archaeologist University College, London          |
| <b>7:30pm</b>                 | The Dragon on our doorstep: St Catherine's Hill, its Chapel and hermitage           |
| <b>Thursday 4th June</b>      | Corpus Christi Mass - preacher, Fr Victor Stock, former Dean of Guildford Cathedral |
| <b>8pm</b>                    |   |
| <b>Saturday 20th June</b>     | Midsummer Dinner with comedian Paul Kerensa   |
| <b>Sunday 4th October</b>     | Dedication Festival Mass & Lunch - preacher, Bishop Andrew                          |

# THIS WEEK

## 14th - 21st December 2025

### Sunday

#### ADVENT III

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 - "Holiday reading"

5 pm Toastie Tuesday - for school years 3 - 6

### Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

### Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

### Friday

9:45 am School Christmas Service

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

### Saturday

6:30 pm Occam Singers Concert

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