

Pews News



28 December 2025
The Holy Innocents
Today's Services:
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, for children aged 4-11, is now on holiday but returns on Sunday 11th January. Today there are activities for them 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

Friday 13:30 – 18:00

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

M	Luke 2:22-35	Thomas Becket
Tu	Luke 2:36-40	
W	John 1:1-18	<i>John Wyclif</i>
Th	Luke 2:15-21	Naming and Circumcision of Jesus Annandale Road Artington Walk
F	John 1:19-28	Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus <i>Seraphim, Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah</i> Beech Lane, Bray Rd, Bury Street
Sat	John 1:29-34	Buryfields Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
Next Sun	John 1:10-18	Christmas II

Today's Services

10:00 Mass

Voluntary: Noel, Josef est bien Marie - *Claude Louis Balbastre*

Processional Hymn 39 Unto us a Boy is born

Gloria (tune: Angels from the realms of glory)

Glory be to God in Heaven
Songs of joy and peace we bring;
Thankful hearts and voices raising
To creation's Lord we sing.
Gloria! Lord we bless and thank you.
Gloria! Glory be to God our King.

Lamb of God who on your shoulders
Bore the load of this world's sin:
Only Son of God the Father

You have brought us peace within.
Lord have mercy! Jesus Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy! Now your glorious reign begin.

You, O Son of God are holy,
You we praise with one accord:
None in heaven or earth is like you
Only you are Christ the Lord:
Gloria! Father, Son and Spirit.
Gloria! Ever worshipped and adored.

Reader: Shirley Aston Reading: Jeremiah 31:15-17

Thus says the LORD: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the LORD: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the LORD: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the LORD: your children shall come back to their own country.

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

Reading: I Corinthians 1:26-29

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: of many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

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

Gradual Hymn 42 While shepherds watched

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-18

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada.

Diocese: The Parish of St Stephen's Shottermill

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

The Year's Mind: Robin Hind, Francis Durrant (priest), Jack Holwill, Alan Baddeley, Anthony Tye, Vera Agnes Gyatt, Marjorie Bateman and Johanna Nicholson.

Offertory Hymn 40 What child is this?

Sanctus (tune: O come, all ye faithful)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Your glory fills all of Heaven and earth
Blessed in the Lord's name,
He who comes among us.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest,
Holy Lord.

Amen:

Blessing and honour, glory and power
Be yours, O Lord, for evermore.
Amen, Amen,
Amen, Alleluia!
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Agnus Dei (tune: *Quem Patores*)

Jesus, good above all other
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
we believe that you are here.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our king most dear.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy.
Bearer of our sins, have mercy.
Saviour of the world, have mercy.
Grant us peace, O grant us peace.

Voluntary: Prelude on the Spiritual: Rise up, Shepherds - *Stanley E Saxton*

LIVE 

Live Streaming Link

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

This Week / Next Week

This Week

10:00 Mass
On Duty @ 10am
Celebrant: Fr Nick
Reader: Shirley Aston
Intercessor: Rory Fenner
Chalice: Hilary Fletcher
Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew,
 Daniel Vines
Coffee: Jo Radley

Next Week

10:00 Mass
On Duty @ 10am
Celebrant: Fr Nick
Reader: *tbc*
Intercessor: *tbc*
Chalice: *tbc*
Sidespeople: *tbc*
Coffee: *tbc*

This Week's Notices

Friday Coffee Shop

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help with the Friday Coffee Shop and for everyone who supports it. It will reopen on Friday 9th January with the first Monthly Lunch on Friday 30th January. There is always room for more volunteers - just let me know. *Andy*

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/>



Looking Ahead

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

Tuesday 13th January 2026

7:30 pm 150th Anniversary Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson FSA

The long history of St Nicolas: three churches and one parish

Sunday 18th January 2026 : Epiphany II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 25th January 2026 : Epiphany III

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am School Sunday Mass with Blessing of Pets

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

Tuesday 13th January Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson FSA

7:30pm The long history of St Nicolas: three churches and one parish

Tuesday 3rd February Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson FSA

7:30pm The Loseley Chapel and its occupants

Tuesday 10th March Lecture: Canon Jeremy Haselock FSA

7:30pm The theology of the Oxford Movement and its influence on church architecture

Holy Week & Easter We will be joined by The Right Reverend Peter Hancock

Thursday 7th May Lecture: Dr Michael Shapland, senior archaeologist

7:30pm University College, London

The Hill of the Dragon: A medieval wayside shrine and regional assembly site by St Catherine's Chapel (in the Parish Centre)

Thursday 4th June Corpus Christi Mass - preacher, Fr Victor Stock, former Dean

8pm of Guildford Cathedral

Saturday 20th June Midsummer Dinner with comedian Paul Kerensa

Thursday 8th Sept Lecture: Charles O'Brien FSA

7:30pm "The Ugliest Church in Surrey?" - a reassessment of St Nicolas' and its Victorian designers

Sunday 4th October Dedication Festival Mass & Lunch - preacher, Bishop Andrew

Tuesday 10th Nov Lecture: Canon Nicholas Thistletonwaite

7:30pm Victorian Church Music