

Pews News



4 January 2026: Christmas II

Today's Service:

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 on holiday but returns next 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

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		John 1:43-end	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
Tu	10:00 Mass	Matt.2:1-12	Epiphany Ferry Lane Flower Walk
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.4:12-17, 23-end	Friary Bridge Genyn Road
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 6:34-44	Guildford Park Ave Guildford Park Road
F	10:00 Morning 11:00 Mass	Mark 6:45-52	Guildown Avenue Guildown Road
Sat		Luke 4:14-22	William Laud Henley Fort Hitherbury Close
Next	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)		Epiphany
Sun	10:00 Three Wonders Sung Mass for Epiphany		

Today's Services

10:00 Mass

Voluntary: Prelude on the Huron carol, 'Twas in the moon of wintertime' - *R Erickson*

Processional Hymn 33 (omit vrs 2, 3 & 6) Of the Father's love begotten

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: John Varney **Reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it

in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of God who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

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

Gradual Hymn 21 (Vrs 1-3) A great and mighty wonder

Gospel Reading: John 1:10-18

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all

received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Diocese: The Parish of St Peter's Ash.

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: Ruby Baker, Julia Mary Andrew, Rosemary Crow, Roma Read and John Garwell (priest).

Offertory Hymn 25 God rest you merry, gentlemen

Voluntary: Das alte Jahr vergangen ist - *J S Bach*

Live Streaming Link

LIVE 

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

This Week / Next Week

This Week

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Nick

Reader: John Varney

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Chalice: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas,

Rory Fenner

Coffee: Cath Anderson,

Patrick Andrew

Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Three Wonders Sung Mass for Epiphany

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Readers: *tbc*

Chalice: *tbc*

Sidespeople: *tbc*

Coffee: *tbc*

This Week's Notices

Epiphany

Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10am and will be followed by coffee in the hall. Tuesday Group will meet after that at 11am.

Good Cause



Patron: HM The Queen

Our Good Cause for January is Medical Detection Dogs, chosen to tie in with our Pet Service later this month. These highly trained animals can detect minute changes in an individual's personal odour which is triggered by their medical condition and alert them to an impending medical event, helping them manage complex life-threatening or life-limiting medical conditions and improve confidence and independence. The charity also carries out pioneering work training Cancer and Bio Detection dogs - they have so far trained 18 dogs to detect 9 different diseases including cancers, malaria and Parkinson's Diseases. It costs £29,000 to care, support and train one Medical Alert Assistance Dog and £7,000 needed every day to continue the charity's life-saving work. 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

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

Sunday 1st February : Candlemas

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

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

The Loseley Chapel and its occupants

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 Thistlethwaite
7:30pm Victorian Church Music

THIS WEEK

4th - 11th January 2026

Sunday

CHRISTMAS II

10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

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

Tuesday

10 am Mass followed by coffee

11 am Tuesday Group – *My favourite Christmas or Epiphany Carol* – individual contributions

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

EPIPHANY

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