

# Pews News



**18 January 2026: Epiphany II**

**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. **Coffee will be served afterwards in church this morning as the choir is rehearsing in the hall immediately after Mass.**

## **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		Mark 2:18-22	Wulfstan Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 2:23-end	<i>Richard Rolle</i> Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 3:1-6	Agnes St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 3:7-12	<i>Vincent of Saragossa</i> Stakescorner Road Testard Road
F	10:00 Morning 11:00 Mass	Mark 3:13-19	The Firs, The Mount
Sat		Mark 3:20-21	Francis de Sales The Piccards The Ridges
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Blessing of Pets		<b>Epiphany III</b>

## Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

### 10:00 Mass

**Voluntary:** Wie schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern - *Raymond H Haan*

**Processional Hymn 55** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**Mass Setting:** Community Mass - *Richard Proulx*

**Reader:** Deborah Nobbs **Reading:** Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in

whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. The LORD says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

### **Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

### **Gradual Hymn 466** Thou whose almighty word

### **Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and

they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

### Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Diocese: The Parish of St Nicolas, Cranleigh

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

The Recently Departed: Barbara Allen

The Year's Mind: John Farmer, Elaine Turner, Max Adrian, Roy Anderson, Helen Joyce Coppinger, Philip Charsley, Peggy Fletcher and Sylvia Jenner.

**Offertory Hymn 353** Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

**Anthem:** There shall a star from Jacob come forth - *Felix Mendelssohn*

**Voluntary:** March des Rois Mages - *Theodore Dubois*

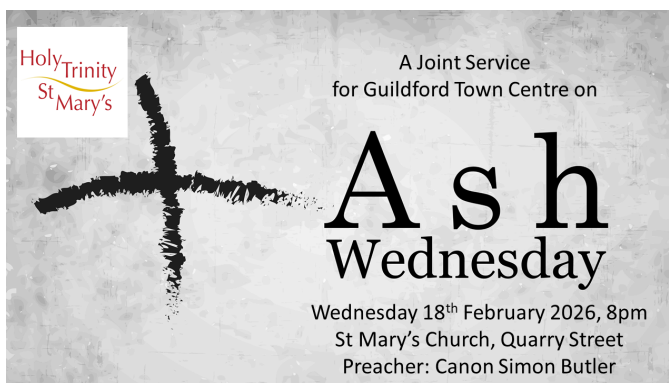
### Live Streaming Link



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

### Ash Wednesday, 18th February

The Joint Service at St Mary's is at 8pm. If you would like to sing in the scratch(ish) choir, please email Helen Lee [hmllee@ntlworld.com](mailto:hmllee@ntlworld.com). There will also be a Mass with Imposition of Ashes here at 11am and we are grateful to Fr Nick for presiding as this will be during the parish pilgrimage to Rome.



## **This Week / Next Week**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Alistair

Reader: Deborah Nobbs

Intercessor: Donald Thompson

Chalice: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: David Greenwood,

Daniel Vines

Coffee: Helen Gould, Julia Williams

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Blessing of Pets

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Caroline Coleman

Intercessor: Shirley Aston

Chalice: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, Phil Thomas

Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

## **This Week's Notices**

### **150th Anniversary Lectures**

Huge thanks to Catherine Ferguson for her fascinating talk on the history of the churches on this site. The lecture on Tuesday was very well attended and we are already looking forward to her next lecture on Tuesday 3rd February at 7:30pm when she will be telling us about the Loseley Chapel. All the lectures this year are free, although donations will be invited. There will also be a bar open at all the events.

### **Blessing of Pets**

At our 10am Mass next Sunday you are invited to bring for a blessing your dog, cat, hamster, rabbit, stick insect, snake or any other pet you may have. There will be treats and water bowls on hand to keep them happy. And if you have lost a beloved pet and would like them to be remembered, do bring a photograph and there will be a place to put those so that they can be blessed too.

### **Lay Pastoral Visitors' Training Course**

This will be starting soon, running over four Saturdays at Church House Guildford: 28 February, 21 March, 18 April and 16 May, 9.30 am - 4.00 pm. This course is for lay leaders who feel called to serve as Lay Pastoral Visitors in their parish. The role is locally authorised, so those interested need the support of Fr Neil and the PCC. The course is led by Ruth Cornish (Pastoral Care Lead at St Paul's Dorking) with a team of trained pastoral tutors. Lay Pastoral Visitors have an important role to play in visiting newcomers to a church, visiting those who are sick, and praying with those who are visited.

The sessions will cover a variety of topics, including developing listening skills, exploring judgement and prejudice in our response to others, and learning from Jesus' ministry.

Please consider if you are sensing a call to pastoral ministry and may benefit from this course. Please speak to Fr Neil about it.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Perkins, who oversees occasional courses - [beth.perkins@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:beth.perkins@cofeguildford.org.uk)

## Keeping the Church Open

We are very keen to keep the church open to visitors as much as we can on weekday mornings from after Morning Prayer at 10am until midday. This must be at least 2 people at any one time. Hilary has a rota and would welcome more volunteers, particularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are able to help, even occasionally, please let her know.

## Good Grief Club

The next Good Grief meet up is on Wednesday 28th January, 2pm at The Cosy Club. All who have experienced bereavement are welcome.

## Good Causes

The PCC are seeking your suggestions for charities to support each month during 2026. We will be supporting our regular good causes - The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund, USPG, Macmillan Cancer Support, The Children's Society - but welcome your suggestions of other charities we might consider. Please email your suggestions to [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com) Many thanks.

## This Months' Good Cause

### Medical Detection Dogs



Patron: HM The Queen

Our Good Cause for January is Medical Detection Dogs, chosen to tie in with our Pet Service next week. 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/>

	<b>Single occupancy almshouse available in Guildford</b>
<p>Situated in a Grade II listed building in Bury Street, this cottage is a short walk from Guildford town centre and the main line station. It is part-furnished and comprises a living room, kitchen and bathroom on the ground floor, and one bedroom on the first floor.</p> <p>A modest but delightful garden surrounds the almshouses and residents share responsibility for maintaining the garden with the help and guidance of a gardener. Residents benefit from this communal outdoor space, which has helped develop a sense of community. It is hoped that applicants would welcome being part of this.</p> <p>To be a beneficiary of Caleb Lovejoy's Almshouse Charity, applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be in financial need.</li><li>• be capable of independent living.</li><li>• have lived in the Borough of Guildford for at least two years. If the trustees are unable to find applicants who meet all these criteria, they may consider those who have resided in Guildford for less than two years, or who have strong local connections to Guildford through family or employment.</li></ul> <p>The current monthly charge is £935 (£215.77 per week). This includes all property maintenance, heating, water, 24-hour emergency care alarm, gardening and window cleaning. Residents are responsible for Council Tax (Band B) and electricity. No pets. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the premises.</p> <p>If you would like to apply or have any questions, please contact:</p> <p><i>Jo Smalley</i> Manager &amp; Clerk to the Trustees <a href="mailto:clerk@caleblovejoy.com">clerk@caleblovejoy.com</a> 07762 250032</p> <p><a href="http://caleblovejoy.com">caleblovejoy.com</a></p> <p>Charity number: 1171378</p>	

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 13:30 - 18:00 \* Thursday 08:30 - 18:00 \* Friday 13:30 - 18:00

[parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com)

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# Looking Ahead

## **Sunday 25th January 2026 : Epiphany III**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am 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

## **Sunday 8th February : Second before Lent**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Baptisms & Junior Church

## **Saturday 14th February 2026**

4 - 6 pm Messy Church at Guildford URC

## **Sunday 15th February : Next before Lent**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## **Wednesday 18th February : Ash Wednesday**

11 am Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

8 pm Joint Service for Guildford Town Centre

## **YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR**

Friday 30th January

Monthly Lunch

Friday 20th February

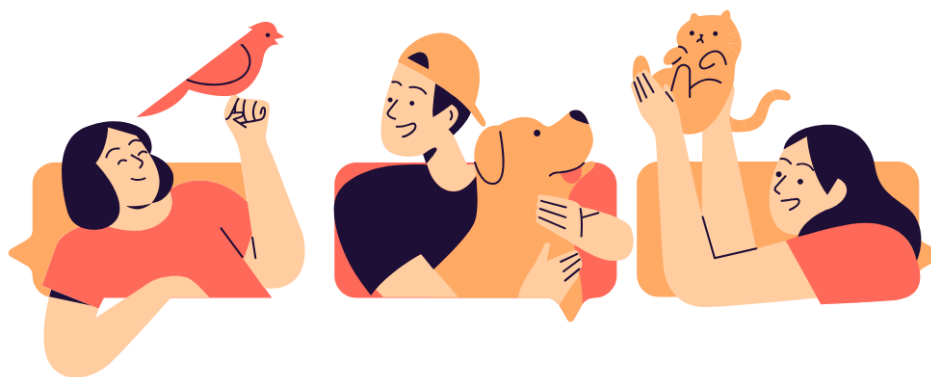
Weekly Lent Lunches begin



# MASS WITH BLESSING OF PETS



**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**JANUARY**  
**10AM**



**ST NICOLAS**  
**GUILDFORD**



**Messy**  
Church

GAMES

SONGS

STORY  
CRAFTS

# VALENTINE'S DAY: LOVE, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT!

at Guildford URC, Portsmouth Road, GU2 4BS

This is a free  
event, no  
booking  
required.

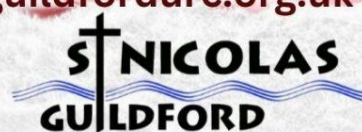
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**14<sup>th</sup> February**  
**4-6pm**

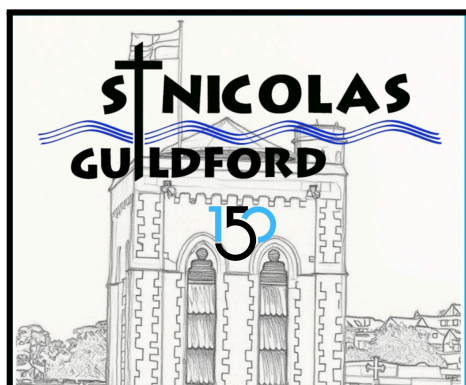
For more information  
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## **150th Anniversary Programme**

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

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| <b>Tuesday 3rd February</b><br><b>7:30pm</b> | Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson FSA<br>The Loseley Chapel   |
| <b>Tuesday 10th March</b><br><b>7:30pm</b>   | Lecture: Canon Jeremy Haselock FSA<br>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><br><b>7:30pm</b>     | Lecture: Dr Michael Shapland, senior archaeologist<br>University College, London<br>The Hill of the Dragon: A medieval wayside shrine and regional assembly site by St Catherine's Chapel (in the Parish Centre) |
| <b>Thursday 4th June</b><br><b>8pm</b>       | Corpus Christi Mass - preacher, Fr Victor Stock, former Dean of Guildford Cathedral  |
| <b>Saturday 20th June</b>                    | Midsummer Dinner with comedian Paul Kerensa  |
| <b>Thursday 8th Sept</b><br><b>7:30pm</b>    | Lecture: Charles O'Brien FSA<br>"The Ugliest Church in Surrey?" - a reassessment of St Nicolas' and its Victorian designers  |
| <b>Sunday 4th October</b>                    | Dedication Festival Mass & Lunch - preacher, Bishop Andrew   |
| <b>Tuesday 10th Nov</b><br><b>7:30pm</b>     | Lecture: Canon Nicholas Thistlethwaite<br>Victorian Church Music   |
| <b>January 2027</b>                          | Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson FSA<br>The art of St Nicolas' and its place in the Arts and Crafts movement   |

# THIS WEEK

18th - 25th January 2026

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**Sunday**

**EPIPHANY II**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass & Junior Church

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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**Monday**

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

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**Tuesday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Tuesday Group – *Quiz - two teams*

**7:30 pm** Beer & Banter – Social @ Wetherspoons

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**Wednesday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10 am** Café Play

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**Thursday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

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**Friday**

**10 am** Morning Prayer

**10:30 am – 12:30 pm** Coffee Shop

**11 am** Mass

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**Saturday**

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**Sunday**

**EPIPHANY III**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass with Blessing of Pets

**1 pm** Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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