

Pews News



25 January 2026: Epiphany III

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Blessing of Pets

**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. There is no Junior Church this week so that the children can enjoy the pets with us today. There will be some activities for them in church as usual.

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 hall afterwards - pets very welcome!

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		Matt. 19:27-end	Conversion of Paul Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 3:31-end	Walnut Tree Close West Mount
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 4:1-20	Thomas Aquinas Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue Woodcote
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Mark 4:21-25	
F	10:00 Morning 11:00 Mass	Mark 4:26-34	Charles
Sat		Mark 4:35-end	<i>John Bosco</i>
Next	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)	Luke 2:22-40	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Sun	10:00 Mass with Junior Church		

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10:00 Mass

See separate Order of Service

Voluntary: Carol, St Francis Suite - *Richard Purvis*

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Diocese: The Parish of St John's Womersley with St Martin's Blackheath

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 Year's Mind: Ernest John Richard Chown (priest), Maureen Hibberd and Phyllis Beryl Kennedy.

Closing Voluntary: Prelude to a Te Deum - *Marc Antoine Charpentier*

Live Streaming Link

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

This Week / Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Oriana Rhydderch

Intercessor: John Hebditch

Chalice: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson,

Phil Thomas

Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Blessing of Pets

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Rachel Chapman

Intercessor: Catherine Ferguson

Chalice: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Deborah Tizard, Suzanne Rhydderch

This Week's Notices

Welcome Chris



My name is Chris Garner and I am on placement at St Nic's through to Easter. I am an ordinand studying at (the newly rebranded) St Martha's college here in Guildford. I am in my third year of study and, all going well, hope to be ordained this coming Petertide. I normally worship at Godalming Minster, just down the road, which offers a mix of contemporary/charismatic worship as well as choral worship. Alongside study, I am an accountant, husband to Cat and a father to two children (14 and 11). When not parenting, working or studying, you will probably find me out with our dog enjoying the countryside.

The purpose of this placement is for me to engage with and reflect on the worship and ministry in a church context that is different to that of my usual place of worship. This is to help me understand and appreciate the breadth of worship that the Church of England offers and what we can learn from each other. For the last few weeks I have been enjoying the worship as a member of the congregation and last week put on vestments for the very first time! Over the time to Easter I will be getting involved in the Sunday worship, including preaching, as well as attending other events, such as Lent Lunch and Beer & Banter.

I have really enjoyed getting to meet a few of you over the last few weeks and have received a lovely warm welcome, for which I am very grateful. I look forward to meeting more of you over the next couple of months.

I would love to say hello, if we have not yet met.

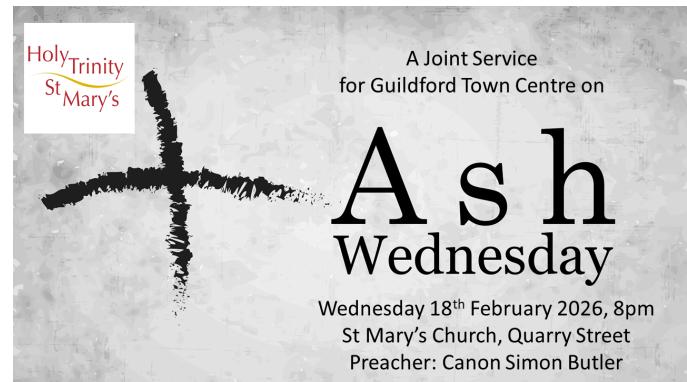
Chris

Monthly Lunch this Friday

This Friday sees the first Monthly Lunch of 2026. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal in good company, whilst raising money for USPG and the church. Lunch is served from after Mass until 1:30pm.

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. 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.



Fridays in Lent

We look forward to our Lent Lunches starting on Friday 20th February. They will be served from 11:30am to 1:30pm and proceeds will go to the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund, supporting projects across the Diocese.

Friday 27th February sees the start of our 5-week Lent Course which will be held in church for an hour starting at 1pm. The course 'Living the Mystery of Faith' focuses on Mark's Gospel and has been compiled by the Diocese of Chichester. The booklet is available on this link <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/lent-course-2026/>

Another resource which you can use throughout the year but may wish to start during Lent is the Church of England app 'Everyday Faith'. It provides daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on a weekly theme. See details here

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith#na>

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

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. Many thanks.

This Month's Good Cause



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/>



 Single occupancy almshouse available in Guildford

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.

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.

To be a beneficiary of Caleb Lovejoy's Almshouse Charity, applicants must:

- be in financial need.
- be capable of independent living.
- 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.

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.

If you would like to apply or have any questions, please contact:

*Jo Smalley
Manager & Clerk to the Trustees
clerk@caleblovejoy.com
07762 250032*

caleblovejoy.com

Charity number: 1171378

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1st February : Candlemas

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

1 pm Lunchtime Concert by musicians from St Catherine's School

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 Ash Wednesday Service for Guildford Town Centre at St Mary's

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 30th January

Monthly Lunch

Friday 20th February

Weekly Lent Lunches begin

LUNCHTIME CONCERT AT ST NICOLAS' PARISH CHURCH



DATE/TIME: Tuesday 3rd February, 1pm

VENUE: St Nicolas' Parish Church, Bury Street,
Guildford, GU2 4AW

FURTHER INFORMATION

Enjoy fine chamber music and solo works performed by talented young musicians from St Catherine's School, Bramley. The retiring collection will be in aid of St Nicolas' Church. Free entry.



St Catherine's School
BRAMLEY

MUSIC:
St Catherine's



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J. STRAUSS II - ADELE'S LAUGHING SONG

Featuring soprano *Hannah McKay*

<https://buytickets.at/greatlittleorchestra/2020817>

7.30pm, Friday
March 13th
2026

St. Nicolas' Church
Guildford, GU2 4AW

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"The GLO were shockingly good" Susan

Messy Church

SONGS
GAMES
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.

**Saturday
14th February
4-6pm**

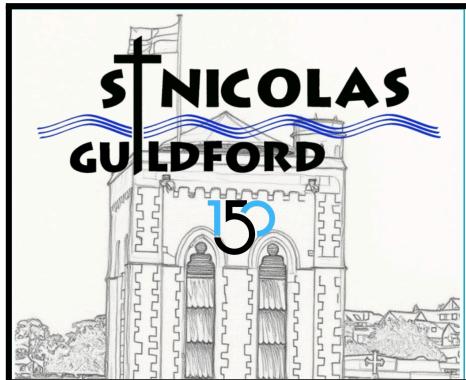
For more information contact Nicky on families
worker@guildfordurc.org.uk

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St NICOLAS GUILDFORD

Guildford United Reformed Church



150th Anniversary Programme

A few highlights - more dates to follow

Tuesday 3rd February Lecture: Dr Catherine Ferguson FSA

7:30pm The Loseley Chapel

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

25th January - 1st February 2026

Sunday	EPIPHANY III
	8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10 am Mass with Blessing of Pets
	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 – <i>Guest speaker: Allotment Endeavours</i>
Wednesday	10 am Morning Prayer
	10 am Café Play
	2 pm Good Grief Club @ The Cosy Club
Thursday	10 am Morning Prayer
Friday	10 am Morning Prayer
	10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop
	11 am Mass
	11:30 am - 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch
Saturday	
Sunday	CANDLEMAS
	8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10 am Mass with Junior Church
	1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
