

# Pews News



**8 February 2026: Second Sunday before Lent**

**Today's Services:**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Baptisms & 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 hall 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.

### 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) 01483 564526

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

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|-------------|---|---------------|---|
| M           |   | Mark 6:53-end | Guildown Avenue<br>Guildown Road                            |
| Tu          | 10:00 Morning Prayer                                      | Mark 7:1-13   | <i>Scholastica</i><br>Henley Fort<br>Hitherbury Close       |
| W           | 10:00 Morning Prayer                                      | Mark 7:14-23  | Lawn Rd, Littleton<br>Lane, Ludlow Road                     |
| Th          | 10:00 Morning Prayer<br><b>19:30 Walsingham Cell Mass</b> | Mark 7:24-30  | Madrid Road<br>Mareschal Road                               |
| F           | 10:00 Morning Prayer<br><b>11:00 Mass</b>                 | Mark 7:31-end | Millmead<br>Millmead Terrace                                |
| Sat         | 16:00 Messy Church @<br>GURC                              | Mark 8:1-10   | <i>Cyril &amp; Methodius</i><br>Mount Pleasant<br>Mountside |
| <b>Next</b> | 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)                                | Matt.17:1-19  | <b>Sunday next before Lent</b>                              |
| <b>Sun</b>  | 10:00 Mass<br>11:30 Choral Mattins                        |               |   |

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### 10:00 Mass with Baptisms

*See separate Order of Service*

#### Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

Diocese: Guildford Cathedral

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

The Year's Mind: Kitty Kimber, Olga Austin, Yvonne Eloie and Brenda Spenser Underhill.

### Live Streaming Link

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

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### On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Alistair

Reader: Angela Goodwin

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Chalice: Jonathan Neil-Smith

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, James Wix

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Phil Thomas

### On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Rory Fenner

Intercessor: Deborah Nobbs

Chalice: David Greenwood

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Daniel Vines

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Iain Ferguson

## This Week's Notices

### Fr Alistair

Today is Fr Alistair's last Sunday with us as he moves to be Vicar of St Mary's in Merton - he will be licensed on Sunday 1st March at 6:30pm. Join us in the hall after Mass to say thanks to him for all he has done for us at St Nicolas' and to send our best wishes to him, Carrie, Annabelle and Didi.

### Keeping the Church Open

**Could you help to keep the church open to visitors?** We need at least 2 people each weekday morning from after Morning Prayer at 10am until midday. 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 or email [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com)



Meditation  
to start the day right!  
Suitable for all.

8am on the second Tuesday of every month.  
All welcome, with or without experience. We will be trying different forms of meditation with time for questions after each one.

St Nicolas Church  
Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW  
01483 564526 [jana.phillips@saintnics.com](mailto:jana.phillips@saintnics.com)



### Meditation

As Jana told us last Sunday, meditation is a wonderful way to start the day. The next session takes place this Tuesday at 8am session.

### A message from the Mission Enabler

As many of you know I was given January off as a sabbatical, the reason for this was to try and help with chronic back and hip pain that became unbearable last year. I learnt a lot during my time off and it was a good chance to reflect how I work at St Nicolas church.

Whilst I was off I was blessed with the opportunity to go on a retreat. I spent 2 days at Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing, near Cirencester. It was a beautiful place in the middle of nowhere, the team made me feel very welcome and the food was amazing! We came together to worship 3 times a day, but we were free to spend our time as we liked.

I found inspiration from some cows on the farm next to the centre. There was a sign about how they are grass fed and well looked after, which led me to think about how cows don't get to choose what they eat, but we do. We get to choose what goes in, whether that is our minds, or our tummies! So I had a go at drawing the cows as a reminder of my time there – it turned out better than I thought it would!



Unfortunately I am still in a lot of pain, but I'm trying some new things that I hope will help and start to kick in soon. I am slowly easing myself back into work at St Nics and Guildford URC.

Many people don't see the hours of work that go into preparing all of our children's activities, including sometimes moving hundreds of chairs and numerous tables, which I often do alone. If anyone feels this is something they could help with I would be very grateful for support on the last Tuesday of each month as I set up for our junior school youth group, Toastie Tuesdays. Please do get in touch if you feel this is something you would be able to help with. We are also looking for another volunteer at Toastie Tuesdays to help make toasties as we say goodbye to Fr Ali who was like a toastie making machine!

I struggle most with standing or sitting for long periods, but I have no problems when I'm moving around. I love talking to everyone, but if you notice me fidgeting it's because I'm in pain and need to move again, I would hate to come across as not interested in the conversation!

Thank you for your support as I return to work.

Nicky Geraghty, Mission Enabler at St Nicolas Church  
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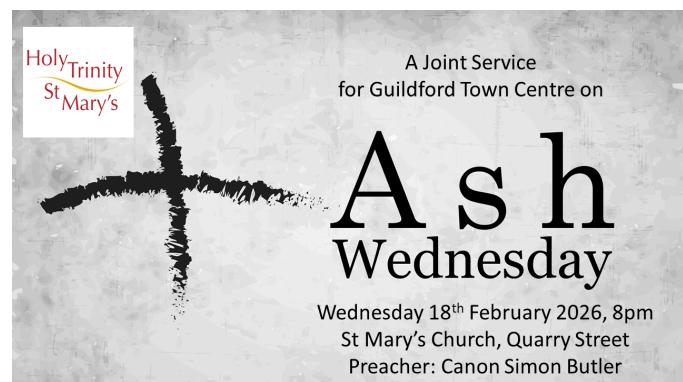


## Good Causes

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.

## 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.



## **Fridays in Lent**

You are welcome to come to all or some of our

# **Fridays in Lent:**

Coffee Shop from 10

10 Stations of the Cross

11 Mass

12 Lent Lunch

1 Lent group reflection

Our 5-week Lent Course 'Living the Mystery of Faith' focuses on Matthew'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>

## **Annual Church Meeting**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 22nd March. Ahead of this, we are required to revise our Electoral Roll. This process starts on Sunday 15th February and ends on Saturday 7th March.

The Electoral Roll is our register of electors. It's an important way of confirming your commitment to St Nicolas' community and to the vision of the church. It means you can vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC or Deanery Synod. Being on the Electoral Roll doesn't make you a 'member' of the Church; simply regarding St Nicolas' as your spiritual home does that.

To join the Electoral Roll you must be aged 16 or over (or due to turn 16 this year), you must be baptised and a member of the Church of England and EITHER living in the parish OR have attended St Nicolas' regularly for at least 6 months.

Forms are available from church and from the parish office and an easy-to-fill online form which you'll find by following this link:

<https://guildfordstnicks.myiknowchurch.co.uk/form/load/bkFkdm4xc2pybk1pemI4RE5PL3JxcXcrQ2JIU0NBMF10L2JTSXVNbzF1SWdkeHjsQ0Q1a0UvR1dTZHMI>

or scan this QR code.

Paper forms should be returned to the parish office or to Fr Neil.



## This Month's Good Cause



Patron: HM The Queen

Our Good Cause until Lent is Medical Detection Dogs. 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/>



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

For more information  
contact Nicky on families  
[worker@guildfordurc.org.uk](mailto:worker@guildfordurc.org.uk)

[www.saintnics.com](http://www.saintnics.com)  
[www.guildfordurc.org.uk](http://www.guildfordurc.org.uk)



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**J. STRAUSS II - ADELE'S LAUGHING SONG**

Featuring soprano **Hannah McKay**

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



**7.30pm, Friday  
March 13<sup>th</sup>  
2026**

**St. Nicolas' Church  
Guildford, GU2 4AW**

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**Tunes and Tales**  
Under 7's - 11am  


**Myths and Legends**  
Ages 7-11 - 12:30pm  

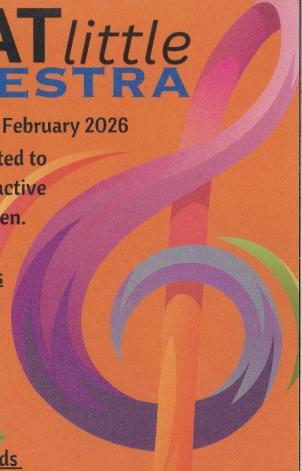

**Venue:** Art & Grind  
High Street Guildford, GU1 3AJ

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19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Your family are invited to GLO's fun and interactive concerts for children.



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Under 7's - 11am

**Myths and Legends**  
Ages 7-11 - 12:30pm

Join on us our musical adventures, tailored just for children!

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*Guildford Chamber Choir*  
Principal Conductor *Tristan Weymes*

**Jonathan Dove**

# THE PASSING OF THE YEAR

Works by Finzi, Ireland  
and Judith Weir

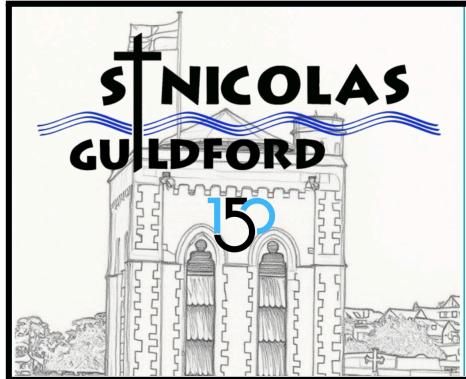
**Saturday 14th March 2026**  
**7.30pm**  
**St Nicolas Church,  
Bury Street,  
Guildford GU2 4AW**



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## 150th Anniversary Programme

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

**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 of Guildford Cathedral  
**8pm**

**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

# LOOKING AHEAD

## **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

11:30 am Choral Mattins

## **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

## **Sunday 22nd February : Lent I**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## **Friday 27th February**

from 10 am Coffee Shop

10 am Stations of the Cross

11 am Mass

12 pm Lent Lunch

1 pm Lent Group reflection

5:30 pm Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of Guildford Cathedral

## **YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR**

Friday 20th February

Weekly Lent Lunches begin

# THIS WEEK

**8th - 15th February 2026**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>                                   |
|                  | <b>8:30 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)                                |
|                  | <b>10 am</b> Mass with Baptisms & Junior Church                    |
|                  | 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy                              |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>10:30 am – 12:00pm</b> Zero@St Nics Community Fridge            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>8 am</b> Meditation   |
|                  | <b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer  |
|                  | <b>10 am</b> Tuesday Group – <i>Early Pancakes - eat and enjoy</i> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer  |
|                  | <b>10 am</b> Café Play   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer  |
|                  | <b>7:30 pm</b> Walsingham Cell Mass                                |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer  |
|                  | <b>10:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> Coffee Shop                             |
|                  | <b>11 am</b> Mass  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>4 - 6 pm</b> Messy Church @ GURC                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT</b>                                     |
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