

Pews News



15 February 2026: Sunday Next before Lent

Today's Services:

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

11:30 Choral Mattins

**Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**

Rector: Canon Neil Roberts

Children are welcome here

Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. Junior Church is taking a break for the half term holiday, but there are activities for the children.

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

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK

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

M		Mark 8:11-13	Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
Tu		Mark 8:14-21	Janani Luwum Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
W	11:00 Mass with Imposition of Ashes	Matt.6:1-6, 16-21	Ash Wednesday Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
Th		Luke 9:22-25	Rookwood Court Rupert Road
F		Matt.9:14-15	Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
Sat		Luke 5:27-32	St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass	Matt.4:1-11	Lent I

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

Processional Hymn 377 Immortal, invisible

Reader: Rory Fenner **Reading:** Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Gradual Hymn 178 'Tis good Lord to be here

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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, Louis Remillard-Lam and Bishop Andrew.

The Year's Mind: Jennifer Nicholas.

Offertory Hymn 494 Christ is the world's true light

Live Streaming Link



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

This Week / Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

11:30 Choral Mattins

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

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie

Intercessor: Shirley Aston

Chalice: Jana Phillips

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Angela Goodwin, Debs Tizard

This Week's Notices

Fr Alistair

Please sign up on the list at the back of the church (or email parishoffice@saintnics.com) if you are planning to attend Fr Ali's Collation and Induction on Saturday 1st March at 6.30pm. **Numbers by Tuesday 24th February please** so we can let his parish know how many of us to accept.

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

Open Church Day - Wednesday 1st April, 11am-3pm

Is anyone able to help with our Open Church Day on Wednesday 1st April? If anyone has an activity they would like to lead, a short time slot would be great, eg tour of the church, learn to knit, bicycle maintenance, prayer activity, craft activity, Bible study Nicky is open to suggestions. Please get in touch with her if you would like to know more and have any ideas.

Nicky Geraghty, Mission Enabler at St Nicolas Church
missionenabler@saintnics.com 07903028299

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

The Coffee Shop will be open this Friday and the first of our Lent Lunches will be served in aid of the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund Lent Appeal. Whilst there is no Mass on Friday, our community can still gather to share in good food and fellowship.

From the following week, the pattern on Fridays will be as follows:

YOU ARE INVITED



The Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council of St. Mary the Virgin, Merton Park, warmly invite you to the service of Collation and Induction of Revd Alistair Milne as our new Vicar. The service will be led by the Bishop of Kingston, Rt Revd Martin Gainsborough.

We look forward to welcoming Revd Milne to our parish and sharing this new chapter with our local community. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall to which you are cordially invited.

Sunday, 1 March 2026	6:30 pm	St Mary's Church, Church Path, Merton Park, SW19 3HJ
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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>

Maundy Thursday Watch

We are keen to maintain our tradition of watching through the night from the end of the Maundy Thursday service which starts at 8pm, and 7am on Good Friday morning. It is essential that there are at least two people in church at all times during this period. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church for you to sign up to an hour or two. If there are insufficient names, we shall prioritise keeping watch until midnight and then again from 5am.

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 today 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.myknowchurch.co.uk/form/load/bkFkdm4xc2pybkIpeml4RE5PL3JxcXcrQ2JIU0NBMFI0L2JTSXVNBzFiSVdkeHJsQ0Qla0UvRldTZHMI>

or scan this QR code.

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



The Bishop of Guildford's Lent Appeal

The Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund was first set up in recognition that pockets of poverty can exist in the most unlikely places – relational and spiritual poverty alongside physical deprivation. Our funding comes mostly from collections at special bishop-led services (confirmations, licensings and the like) and the Lent Appeal. Given that the Trustee body is voluntary and does all of the administration involved, all of the money that is given goes directly towards its charitable purposes.

Last year we raised around £28,000 in all, which enabled the Fund to support projects run by parishes or church-linked organisations providing real practical support to the communities they serve. Ten grants ranging from £500 to £3,000 helped fund meals for the vulnerable, cafés for the isolated, youth and community workers and other wellbeing initiatives.

We urgently need to continue this work, not least at a time when charitable funding in general has been on the decrease and community need on the increase. Your generosity can bring hope to those who are struggling - people living with disabilities, battling mental ill-health, facing financial hardship, or experiencing vulnerability and disadvantage. Even a small gift can make a big difference, offering dignity, hope, and a brighter future.

It is so important that we all make a special effort this Lent to remember those less fortunate than ourselves and to support a wide range of initiatives through which the Church lives out the sheer 'goodness' of the Good News of Christ.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Bishop Andrew

Please support Bishop Andrew's 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/>



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7.30pm

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Bury Street,
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150th Anniversary Programme

A few highlights - more dates to follow

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| Tuesday 10th March
7:30pm | Lecture: Canon Jeremy Haselock FSA
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
7:30pm | Lecture: Dr Michael Shapland, senior archaeologist
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
8pm | Corpus Christi Mass - preacher, Fr Victor Stock, former Dean of Guildford Cathedral |
| Saturday 20th June | Midsummer Dinner with comedian Paul Kerensa |
| Thursday 8th Sept
7:30pm | Lecture: Charles O'Brien FSA
"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
7:30pm | Lecture: Canon Nicholas Thistlethwaite
Victorian Church Music |

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Tuesday 24th February

5 - 6:30 pm Toastie Tuesdays for School Years 3 - 6

7 pm Mass before PCC Meeting

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

Sunday 1st March : Lent II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Saturday 7th March

4 - 6 pm Messy Church @ GURC

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday 20th February Weekly Lent Lunches begin

Friday 20th March Fizz & Friends

Wednesday 1st April Open Church (11am - 3pm)

THIS WEEK

15th - 22nd February 2026

Sunday

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

11:30 am Choral Mattins

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

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

Tuesday

Wednesday

10 am Café Play

11 am Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

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

Thursday

Friday

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Lent Lunch

Saturday

Sunday

LENT I

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10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
