

# Pews News



**22 February 2026: Lent I**  
**Today's Services:**  
**08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10:00 Mass**

**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](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**

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

M		Matt.25:31-end	Polycarp The Firs, The Mount
Tu	10:00 Morning Prayer 19:00 Mass	Matt.6:7-15	The Piccards The Ridges
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	Luke 11:29-32	Ember Day The Valley Turnham Close
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt.7:7-12	Upper Guildown Rd Upperton Road
F	10:00 Stations of the Cross 11:00 Mass 17:30 Choral Evensong 20:45 Compline	Matt.5:20-26	George Herbert Ember Day Walnut Tree Close West Mount
Sat		Matt.5:43-end	Ember Day Wherwell Road Wodeland Avenue Woodcote
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Junior Church	John 3:1-17	<b>Lent II</b>

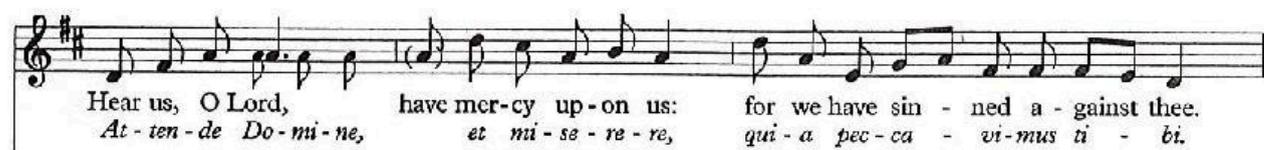
### Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

#### 10:00 Mass

**Voluntary:** Jesu, meine freude, BWV 610 - *J S Bach*

**Processional:** The Lenten Prose (sung responsively) - *Plainsong*



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin - ned a - gainst thee.  
*At - ten - de Do - mi - ne, et mi - se - re - re, qui - a pec - ca - vi - mus ti - bi.*

**Mass Setting:** (choir) In the Phrygian Mode - *Charles Wood*

**Reader:** Naomi Parkin-Tyrie **Reading:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

**Psalm:** 32 (sung responsively)



**Reading:** Romans 5:12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

**Gradual Hymn 67** Forty days and forty nights

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### **Intercessions**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland.

Diocese: The Parish of Camberley St Mary.

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 Recently Departed: Shirley Mackay

The Year's Mind: Gladys Hoare, Betty Waters, Roger Nicholas, Sarah Hutley, Edward Rawlings, Graham Nicholls, Florence Durant, Roy Collingsworth and Elizabeth Hobden.

### **Offertory Hymn** The glory of these forty days (*tune NEH 214 second tune*)

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ, by whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;  
And to Elijah fasting came the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight, deliver'd from the linos' might;  
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee;  
Our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be ev'ry prayer address,  
Who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

*- 6th C Latin, translated Maurice F Bell, 1906*

**Anthem:** Thou knowest, Lord – *Bob Chilcott*

**Voluntary:** Durch Adams fall ist ganz verderbt – *Johann Pachelbel*

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

### This Week / Next Week

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, Patrick Andrew

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Mass with Junior Church

#### On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector  
Reader: Wendy Gabriel  
Intercessor: Rory Fenner  
Chalice: Craig Nobbs  
Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, Angela Goodwin  
Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

### This Week's Notices

#### Day of Prayer for Bishop Andrew

The Bishop's Leadership Team has organised a Day of Prayer for Bishop Andrew in Guildford Cathedral tomorrow, Monday 23rd February, from 12 noon to 10.00pm. Fr Neil encourages you to join at any stage during the day for as long as you are able to stay. There will be the opportunity for silent prayer, to pray with others, or to light a candle. Teams from each deanery will be present throughout the day to welcome people and to pray with them. At 5.30pm, there will be the Choral Evensong, at which we will pray in particular for Bishop Andrew. It is hoped that as many as possible will join for this act of worship so that we can pray together as a diocesan family. Meanwhile, please continue to keep Bishop Andrew and his family in your daily prayers.

*God of our hope and salvation,*

*we thank you for Andrew, our brother in Christ and father in God:*

*for his discipleship and leadership, and for his love and care of our diocese.*

*At this time of his illness, we pray that you would visit him with your healing love,*

*comfort and strengthen him with your Holy Spirit,*

*and protect him and his family with your holy angels.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

On Thursday, Bishop Andrew wrote a Pastoral Update to all in the diocese as he signed a deed of delegation, handing over the interim leadership of the diocese to Bishop Paul. A copy of the letter is attached to this Pews News.

## Fr Alistair

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

## 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 Study Group

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>

## Lent Study Group

Imagine for a moment that you were one of the Gospel writers, trying to capture the essence of the life, mission, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What would you include? What would you have to leave out? Could one account ever capture all that Jesus said and did? Perhaps we need all four Gospels, each highlighting different aspects of Christ.

Matthew's Gospel emphasises Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of the words spoken through the prophets, revealing Him as the one who brought God's kingdom to Earth.

Come and explore Matthew over the next five weeks. We will take in Jesus' birth, His calling of disciples, His authority as a teacher, His miracles, and His passion.

At the first session of our Lent study group, we will consider via Matthew 9:9-13 the calling of the despised tax-collector, and, in doing so, we will see the very heart of Jesus' mission, one open not just to the "right kind of person" but to all those who are prepared to follow Him.

And we might ask ourselves the question - how do I know God wants me? Are we good enough? And does that matter?



Join us at 1pm on Friday, 27 February at 1pm to begin our Lenten journey through Matthew's portrayal of Jesus and His ministry.

*David Greenwood*

## **150th Anniversary Composition**

We are very excited to be commissioning a piece of music for St Nicolas' 150th anniversary by the Guildford composer and world renowned Will Todd. Music has played an important role in the very fabric of our church from hymn writing Rectors to the present. I am therefore inviting sponsorship opportunities for this important project which will be used, I am certain, for the next 150 years. If you would like to make a contribution to the estimated cost which will be around £6000, then please have a quiet word with me.

*Fr Neil*

## **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)

## **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 [missionenabler@saintnics.com](mailto:missionenabler@saintnics.com) 07903028299

## **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 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/bkFkdm4xc2pybkIpeml4RE5PL3JxcXcrQ2JIU0NBMFI0L2JTSXVNBzFiSWdkeHJsQ0QIa0UvRIdTZHMI>

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

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**7.30pm, Friday**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**2026**  
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**THE PASSING OF THE YEAR**

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



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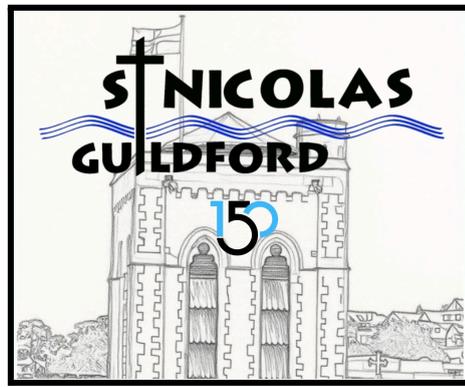
**To, the full, final sacrifice**  
**Choral anthems for Lent**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 7.30 pm**  
**St Nicolas Church**  
**Guildford**  
**GU2 4AW**

Tickets: £18 (14 and under: £2)  
Scan the QR code or phone  
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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  
**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
- Tuesday 10th Nov** Lecture: Canon Nicholas Thistlethwaite  
**7:30pm** Victorian Church Music

# LOOKING AHEAD

## 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 Study Group

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

8:45 pm Compline

## Sunday 1st March : Lent II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church

## Friday 6th March

from 10 am Coffee Shop

10 am Stations of the Cross

11 am Mass

12 pm Lent Lunch

1 pm Lent Study Group

## Saturday 7th March

4 - 6 pm Messy Church @ GURC

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Fridays in Lent

Lent Lunches

Friday 20th March

Fizz & Friends

# THIS WEEK

22nd February - 1 March 2026

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**Sunday**

**LENT I**

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

**10 am** Mass

**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 *Paper and pencil quiz: in pairs*

**5 - 6:30 pm** Toastie Tuesday for School Years 3-6

**7 pm** Mass before the PCC meeting

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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** Stations of the Cross

**10 am – 12:30 pm** Coffee Shop

**11 am** Mass

**12 - 1:30 pm** Lent Lunch

**1 pm** Lent Study Group

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

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