

# Pews News



**15 March 2026: Lent IV**  
**Mothers' Sunday**  
**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**

## **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

M		John 4:43-end	Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
Tu		John 5:1-3,5-16	Patrick Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
W	10:00 Morning Prayer	John 5:17-30	<i>Cyril</i> Priory Cour River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
Th	10:00 Morning Prayer	Matt. 1:180-end	<b>Joseph of Nazareth</b> Rookwood Court Rupert Road
F	10:00 Stations of the Cross <b>11:00 Mass</b>	John 7:1-2, 10-15, 25-30	Cuthbert Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
Sat		John 7:40-52	Thomas Cranmer St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Junior Church	John 11:1-45	<b>Lent V</b>

### Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

**10:00 Mass with Junior Church:** Celebrant: The Rector; Preacher: Jens Mankel

*See Separate Order of Service*

#### Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Diocese: The Parish of Claygate.

Those who have asked for our prayer: Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Jeremy Pedrick, Chrissie Patterson, Ruth, Rodney More, Louis Remillard-Lam, Jeremy Whittaker, Andrew, Jerry Floyd and Julia Wake.

The Recently Departed: Bishop Andrew.

The Year's Mind: Jack Waters.

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: Melissa Hume  
Intercessor: Jill Sandham  
Chalice: Jill Sandham  
Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, James Wix  
Coffee: Rory Fenner, Daniel Vines

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Mass with Junior Church,  
followed by Annual Church Meeting

#### On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector  
Reader: Daniel Vines  
Intercessor: Caroline Coleman  
Chalice: Hilary Fletcher  
Sidespeople: Jill Sandham, Rory Fenner  
Coffee: Angela Goodwin, Debs Tizard

### This Week's Notices

#### Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Jens Mankel as our preacher this morning. Jens has just been appointed the permanent Mission Enabler Team Lead at the Diocese and brings to that role a wealth of knowledge and experience in revitalisation and mission. Jens has worked with the Mission Team since 2016 and is also a Self Supporting Minister at St Clare's, Park Barn.

#### Bishop Andrew's Funeral

It has been announced that Bishop Andrew's funeral will be held at the Cathedral on Monday 23rd March at 12 noon. Allowing for family, friends, Bishops, Clergy, national and local civic leaders etc, there will be very limited seating which will be allocated across deaneries. The service will be live streamed at one church in each deanery across the Diocese and we will be streaming it for people in Guildford Deanery. We look forward to hosting people to join together in worship and remembrance. **Would you be available to help that day by greeting visitors, serving coffee, etc? Please let us know if you can help.**  
[parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com)

We continue to use this prayer for Bishop Andrew:

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for Andrew, our brother and bishop:  
for his faith and faithfulness to you in life and in leadership.

As we mourn his death and commend him to your loving arms,  
give us the same faith, hope and love rooted in the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus.  
We pray especially for Beverly, Hannah, Sam, Joe, Lydia and the whole family.

Comfort them with your Holy Spirit and protect them in their grief.

And bring us, at the last, with Andrew and all your children,  
to that eternal joy where you live and reign in glory forever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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

A resource for use throughout the year 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

'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/>

What are Jesus' miracles for? Are they simply displays of power? Divine magic tricks to prove a point?

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' miracles are much more than that. They are signs: windows into a deeper reality. They are acts of profound compassion, moments of restoration where heaven breaks into our broken world.

This week, at the fourth session of our Lent study group, we will consider via Matthew 8:14-17, when Jesus brought healing into the home of Peter's family and how that intimate act overflowed into the wider community. Join us at 1pm on Friday 20th March as we continue 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 needs 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)

## Rosary - an Introduction

If you would like to learn more about the Rosary and how to use it in prayer, then one evening after Easter the Rector will be leading a short introduction. If you would be interested, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

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

Open Church is a new way of doing Messy Church for families. As we know, Messy Church has been incredibly successful but we need to encourage the whole family to be involved rather than just for children. 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

## Annual Church Meeting

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place next Sunday 22nd March. See the noticeboard in the narthex for all the notices relating to the meeting.

## 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. They particularly ask for:

Long-life semi skimmed milk; Fray Bentos pies; Tinned carrots; Porridge pots; Tinned potatoes; Tinned soup; Tinned meat; Baked beans; Shampoo.

## **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/>

*The Chantry Singers*  
Peter Hicks - Conductor

IHRTCT  
The Humphrey Richardson Taylor Charitable Trust

*Lo, 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 (16 and under: £2)  
Scan the QR code or phone  
07969 906 439

Registered Charity No. 1128357

**GUILDFORD USA SINGERS**

**Make a Joyful Noise**

**Songs for Easter**  
on  
**Wednesday 25 March**  
**2.00 p.m.**  
at  
**ST NICOLAS CHURCH**  
**Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW**

Entry is free  
Voluntary retiring collection towards Church funds

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**Spring Concert**

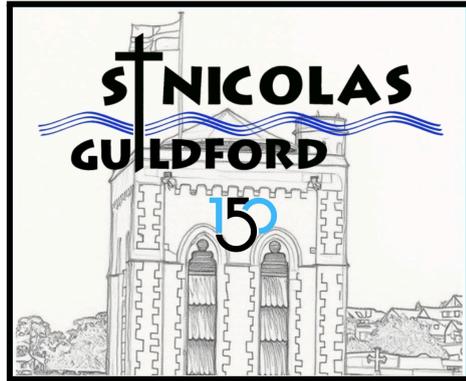
Come along and enjoy a selection of  
opera arias, duets, and songs,  
performed by professional soloists

St Nicolas' Church,  
Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm

*Harlequin Chamber Choir*

**Let My Love Be Heard**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 7.30pm  
St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW



## **150th Anniversary Programme**

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

- 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
- Friday 25th Sept** Gospel Choir Concert as part of Guildford Jazz Festival
- Sunday 4th October** Dedication Festival Mass & Lunch
- Tuesday 10th Nov**  
**7:30pm** Lecture: Canon Nicholas Thistlethwaite  
Victorian Church Music

# LOOKING AHEAD

## Friday 20th March

from 10 am Coffee Shop

10 am Stations of the Cross

11 am Mass

12 pm Lent Lunch

1 pm Lent Study Group

8 pm Fizz & Friends

## Saturday 21st March

7:30 pm Chantry Singers concert

## Sunday 22nd March : Lent V

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church followed by the Annual Church Meeting

## Monday 23rd March

12 pm Live Streaming of Bishop Andrew's Funeral

## Wednesday 25th March

2 pm U3A Songs for Easter concert

## Friday 27th March

from 10 am Coffee Shop

10 am Stations of the Cross

11 am Mass

12 pm Lent Lunch

1 pm Lent Study Group

## Sunday 29th March : Palm Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Procession with donkey

## LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### Monday 30th March

8 pm Mass

### Tuesday 31st March

8 pm Mass

### Wednesday 1st April

11 am - 3 pm Open Church Day

8 pm Mass

### Thursday 2nd April : Maundy Thursday

8 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, Stripping of the Altars & Washing of Feet, followed by the Watch

### Friday 3rd April : Good Friday

7 am Morning Prayer

1 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

### Saturday 4th April : Holy Saturday

7:30 pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

### Sunday 5th April : Easter Day

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Easter Sunday Mass

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

<b>Fizz &amp; Friends</b> Fridays	20th March	24th April	22nd May
	26th June	17th July	
<b>Curry &amp; Questions</b>	Thursday 23rd April		
<b>Beer &amp; Banter</b>	Saturday 11th April - time TBC		

# THIS WEEK

15 - 22 March 2026

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>LENT IV <i>Mothering Sunday</i></b> 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass with Junior Church 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
<b>Monday</b>	10:30 am – 12:00pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge
<b>Tuesday</b>	10 am Tuesday Group <i>“My Cookery Book” - individual contributions</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play
<b>Thursday</b>	10 am Morning Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	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 8 pm Fizz & Friends
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm Chantry Singers Concert
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# OPEN CHURCH

## 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

### 11AM-3PM

with **MESSY CHURCH**

**OPEN DOORS, OPEN HEARTS - COME IN AND EXPLORE.**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE.**

11am

**Easter Reflection for adults with Fr Neil**  
**Easter Messy crafts**

11:45am

**Intergenerational worship**

12pm

**Lunch - pay what you can**

1pm

**Guided meditation**

2pm

**Devotional tour of the church**

For full details on all activities, please visit our website.

[www.saintnics.com](http://www.saintnics.com)