

Pews News



29 March 2026: Palm Sunday
Today's Services:
8:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Procession of Palms from GURC to St Nicolas'
with Junior Church

Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church
Rector: Canon Neil Roberts

Procession of Palms

Our service this morning starts at Guildford URC at 10am for the procession with donkey to St Nicolas'. The church here will be open for anyone who may find the procession from the URC too challenging or who may not be able to keep up with the group. Please take care when processing, following stewards' and donkey handler's instructions, keeping to pavements where possible and supervising children.

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 Parish Centre afterwards - the choir will be practising in the hall.

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.

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

M	20:00 Mass	John 12:1-11	
Tu	20:00 Mass	John 12:20-6	
W	11:00 Open Church with Messy Church 20:00 Mass	John 13:21-32	Annandale Road Artington Close
Th	20:00 Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, Stripping of the Altars & Washing of Feet, followed by the Watch	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Maundy Thursday Beech Lane, Bray Rd, Bury Street
F	07:30 Morning Prayer 13:00 The Liturgy of Good Friday	John 18:1-end of 19	Good Friday Buryfields Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
Sat	19:30 Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter	Matt.28:1-10	Holy Saturday Denzil Road Devon Bank
Next	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)		Easter Day
Sun	10:00 Easter Sunday Mass with Children's Easter Egg Hunt		

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Junior Church:** Celebrant: The Rector; Preacher: Chris Garner

See separate Order of Service

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Diocese: The Hope we have in Christ.

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

The Recently Departed: Bishop Andrew.

The Year's Mind: Hilary Elston, Bill Cox, Susan Ann More, Tony Raynes, Anja Anneli Standbridge and Iris Morris .

Live Streaming Link

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

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On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Readers: Ray Dunnett, Jill Sandham,
Melissa Hume, Jon Cotterill,
Peter Oldroyd, Trevor Jones,
Oriana Rhydderch

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Chalice: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Peter Oldroyd

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Pauline Oldroyd

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Bishop Peter Hancock

Reader: Jon Hebditch

Intercessor: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie

Sidespeople: Jo Radley, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Andy Anderson

This Week's Notices

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 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

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. Please get in touch with Nicky if you can help on the day or by making a cake for us to serve.

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**ST NICOLAS
GULDFORD**

OPEN CHURCH 1ST 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

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 tinned food.

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/>



150th Anniversary Programme - A few highlights

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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 with Choir & Brass & a Children's
Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 12th April : Easter II

10 am Mass

Saturday 18th April

7:30 pm Guildford Opera Company Spring Concert

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Fizz & Friends Fridays	24th April	22nd May	26th June	17th July
Curry & Questions	Thursday 23rd April			
Beer & Banter	Saturday 11th April - time TBC			

THIS WEEK

29 March - 5 April 2026

Sunday	PALM SUNDAY 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Palm Sunday Mass & Procession from GURC 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	10:30 am – 12:00pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge 8 pm Mass
Tuesday	8 pm Mass
Wednesday	11 am - 3 pm Open Church with Messy Church 8 pm Mass
Thursday	8 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper & Watch
Friday	7:30 am Morning Prayer 1 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday
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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday 12:00 - 17:30 * Tuesday 12:00 - 17:30 *

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