

Pews News



12 April 2026: Easter II
Today's Services:
10:00 Mass

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

Welcome

We welcome Fr Julian Hubbard to preside and preach this morning.

Children are welcome here

Please do not worry about children making noise or moving around. Junior Church is on holiday today but will be back next week.

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.

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

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| M | | John 3:1-8 | Millmead Millmead Terrace |
| Tu | 8 am Meditation | John 3:7-15 | Mount Pleasant Mountside |
| W | | John 3:16-21 | Nether Mount New Pond Road |
| Th | 10 am Morning Prayer | John 3:31-end | <i>Isabella Gilmore</i> Old Portsmouth Road Park Street |
| F | 10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass | John 6:1-15 | Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road |
| Sat | | John 6:16-21 | Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens |
| Next | 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) | | Easter III |
| Sun | 10:00 Mass with Junior Church | | |

Today's Service

10:00 Mass: Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Julian Hubbard

Voluntary: Rondeau on O Filii et Filiae – *Jean-François Dandrieu*

Processional: Hymn 119 The strife is o'er

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: John Varney **Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he

was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

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

Reading: I Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Gradual: Hymn We walk by faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e’er spoke; but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side; nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice; and cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,
To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Henry Alford, 1810-1871

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his

disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

Diocese: The Parish of St Mark's, Tattenham Corner.

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, Jeremy Whittaker and Steve Reeds.

The Recently Departed

The Year's Mind: Fanny Clee and Aubrey Howard.

Offertory: Hymn 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

That Easter Day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light;
When, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess
That we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;
From ev'ry weapon death can wield thine own redeemed for ever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

From the 5th C Latin

Regina Coeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia!

As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!

Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Voluntary: Prelude on Gelob't sei Gott – *Healey Willan*

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

10:00 Mass

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Julian Hubbard

Reader: John Varney

Intercessor: Jill Sandham

Chalice: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: Phil Thomas

Coffee: Debs Tizard, Daniel Vines

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Cath Anderson

Intercessor: Donald Thompson

Chalice: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Helen Gould

This Week's Notices

Curry & Questions

Our Indian chef is lined up to provide delicious curries (and Jo will be making her wonderful bhajis) for Thursday 23rd April at 7:30pm. If you will be coming, please sign up at the back of the church or email parishoffice@saintnics.com. £10 per head and drinks on sale. More information on the topic next week.

Tuesday Group

This friendly social group will meet on Tuesday April 14th in the Parish Centre at 9-45 for 10am. This first gathering of the Summer Term will focus on planning for the term and catching up on our news. Do join us.

Good Cause for April



1 in 700 babies is born with a cleft lip and/or palate globally. Clefts cause difficulties eating, breathing, hearing and speaking. Smile Train is the world's largest cleft-focused organisation. Its model of empowering local medical professionals to provide life-changing, comprehensive cleft care in their own communities means that, since

it was founded in 1999, it has supported more than 2 million safe, high-quality cleft surgeries worldwide.

Please support this good cause by donating in the wallbox in the narthex, to our bank account (see below for details using the reference GOOD CAUSE) 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 Baked Beans, Soup, Tinned Veg, Tinned Tomatoes, Teabags, Small Jars of Coffee, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Cereals and Tinned Meat Meals.

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

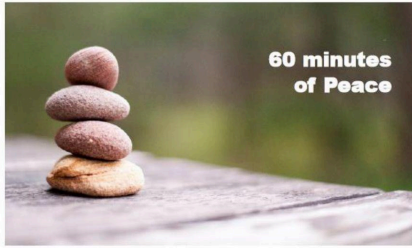
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We are members of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), designed to support funding of our mission and ministry. The service allows you to:

- 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/>



**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.

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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 18th April 2026 at 7.30pm

Harlequin Chamber Choir

Let My Love Be Heard

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

Join Harlequin Chamber Choir for a showcase of inspiring choral music about compassion, love, light, solace, family, home and community belonging. Works by much admired living composers, such as Eriks Esenvalds, Caroline Shaw, James Macmillan, Elaine Hagenberg, Ivo Antognini and Lucy Walker, illuminate these big topics with moving texts and dramatic climaxes that will leave you changed.

Tickets:
Adult £18 (Early Bird offer £16 until 11th April)
12-18s £5, under 12s free
www.ticketsource.co.uk/harlequin-chamber-choir
Harlequinchamberchoir.org.uk

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LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 18th April

7:30 pm Guildford Opera Company Spring Concert

Sunday 19th April : Easter III

8:30 am Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Thursday 23rd April

7:30 pm Curry & Questions

Friday 24th April

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch

8 pm Fizz & Friends

Saturday 25th April

7:30 pm Harlequin Chamber Choir Concert

Sunday 26th April : Easter IV

8:30 am Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Sunday 3rd May : Easter V

8:30 am Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Thursday 7th May

7:30 pm 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

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Fizz & Friends Fridays | 24th April | 22nd May | 26th June | 17th July |
| Curry & Questions | Thursday 23rd April | | | |
| Monthly Lunch Fridays | 24th April | 29th May | 26th June | |

THIS WEEK

12 - 19 April 2026

Sunday

EASTER II

10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

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

Tuesday

8 am Meditation

10 am Tuesday Group - *Planning the term & catchup*

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Café Play

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

Saturday

Sunday

EASTER III

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Thursday 12:00 - 18:00 * Friday 13:30 - 18:00

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