

Pews News



19 April 2026: Easter II
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.



Fr Neil says "Who have you invited to church lately and who are you going to invite next?"

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

M		John 6:22-29	Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
Tu		John 6:30-35	Anselm St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
W	10 am Morning Prayer	John 6:35-40	Stakescorner Road Testard Road
Th	10 am Morning Prayer	John 15:18-21	George The Firs, The Mount
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	John 6:52-59	<i>Mellitus, Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood</i> The Piccards The Ridges
Sat		Mark 13:5-13	Mark the Evangelist The Valley Turnham Close
Next	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)		Easter III
Sun	10:00 Mass with Junior Church		

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass & Junior Church: Celebrant: The Rector; Preacher: Craig Nobbs

Voluntary: Choral – *Joseph Jongen*

Processional: Hymn 124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Reader: Cath Anderson **Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from

this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

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

Reading: I Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Gradual: Hymn 121 This joyful Eastertide

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each

other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

Diocese: The Parish of St Nicholas, Great Bookham.

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

The Recently Departed: Jeremy Pedrick.

The Year's Mind: Olive Lorimer, George Reindorp (Bishop of Guildford) and Lucy Beatrice Hazelden .

Offertory: Hymn 112 Jesus lives!

Anthem: A, risen Lord – *Sydney Watson*

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thyself at thine own board make manifest,
in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.
We meet as in that upper room they met;
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
'This is my body': so thou givest yet;
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.
One body we, one body who partake,
one church united in communion blessed;
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
who art one Saviour and one living Head;
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
Be known to us in breaking of the bread.

GW Briggs, 1875-1959

Voluntary: Christ ist erstanden – *JS Bach*

Live Streaming Link

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



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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

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Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Jon Hebditch

Intercessor: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie

Chalice: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Daniel Vines

Coffee: Jo Radley

This Week's Notices

Curry & Questions - Thursday 23rd April @ 7:30pm

The Rector will be offering a reflection on The Spirituality of Music - the title of his own research degree and his area of interest before the publication of his guide book for ordinands. The power and ministry of music in cultures from across the globe, spanning time and traditions, and indeed from within and beyond the Christian church, have understood at some inexpressible level, the power of music to express spirituality, to evoke deity and for theists to invoke that deity and to acquire spiritual insight. Come and explore some thoughts and enjoy a curry! Our Indian chef is lined up to provide them (and Jo will be making her wonderful bhajis). If you will be coming, please sign up at the back of the church **TODAY** or email parishoffice@saintnics.com. £10 per head and drinks on sale.

Monthly Lunch

We will enjoy Monthly Lunch next Friday from 11:30am to 1:30pm. It will be a little different this month - we are a little short of helpers - but there will be hot rolls and a couple of tempting desserts. If you could get involved in any way with lunches, or coffee, please speak to Andy or email the parish office.

Vocations Sunday



26th April Easter III is Vocations Sunday. We are delighted to welcome The Revd Dr Craig Holmes, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands on the 26th to preach at Mass.

This is an opportunity to pray for vocations - lay and ordained - and to ponder what skills, gifts and talents you offer to the church. Reading the lesson? Praying the Intercessions? Helping with Zero Waste? Friday Coffee? Helping with Toasty Tuesdays or Pizzas at 8? Take another look

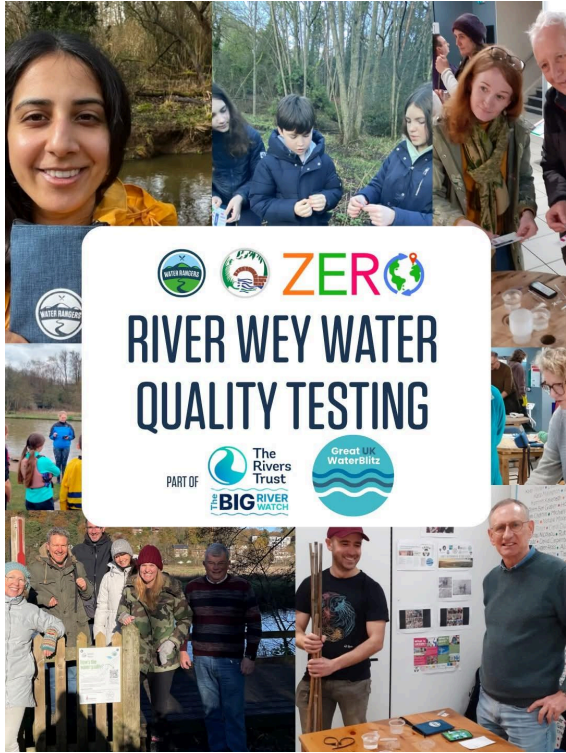
at the booklets at the back of church - **what do you think God is calling you to next?**

The Rosary - an Introduction

Do you want to learn more about the Rosary and how to use it in prayer? The Rector will lead a short introduction at 7:30pm on Thursday 11th June. It's not too late to sign up on the list at the back of church.



Zero Carbon Guildford



Test the River. Power real change.

Join us on 25 April for our Water Quality Blitz at ZERO Guildford – a hands-on session where you can learn how to monitor the health of the River Wey and be part of a growing community of citizen scientists.

Led by River Wey Trust and Water Rangers, you'll:

- 🌿 Learn to test temperature, pH, nutrients and more
- 🧪 Hear how our community E. coli lab works
- 📊 Collect and submit real data that supports national programmes like Great River Watch & FreshWater Watch
- 🕒 10:00–12.00
- 📍 ZERO, Riverside Business Centre, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford GU1 4UG
- 👥 Open to all – no experience needed
- 🆓 Free (limited spaces)

Come along, learn new skills, and help protect one of our most important local waterways. Share this post with friends 🗨️

Book your space ➡ <https://ow.ly/Gx0050YGq9f>

You're one drop in a wave of action 💧

HUSTINGS - FOR 7TH MAY ELECTIONS

Tuesday 28th April | 7:30pm | Onslow Village Hall

With the new West Surrey Authority elections approaching, come and hear from the candidates who want to represent us in the Guildford South West Ward (previously Onslow and St. Nicolas Wards).

Organised by **Onslow Village Residents Association**

Open to all

- **The Line-up:** Lib Dem, Labour, Conservative, Green, Reform, and Independent candidates.
- **The Format:** Short introductions followed by a Q&A session.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Please email your questions to info@ovra.org.uk or bring them with you on the night.



ovra.org.uk



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

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/>



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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Messy
Church

Messy Planet Protectors: Growing Hope Edition

At Guildford United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road, GU2 4BS
All are welcome to join us as we explore the
world of nature, thinking about how we can
help plants grow and growing ourselves as well.
Faith-based fun with crafts, games, worship
and a meal afterwards.

Saturday

2nd May

4pm



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www.saintnics.com

familiesworker@guildfordurc.org.uk

For this Messy Church, we are looking for jam jars and plant cuttings/babies suitable for a terrarium. Baby spider plants, fittonia, African violets, succulents, cacti or similar would be great if possible (need to be small to fit in jam jars!! jam jars!! Please bring them in, or let Nicky know what you have as soon as possible please so she knows what she's working with.

Also, small plastic plant pots size 9 or 10.5cm please!

HOLIDAY CLUB

PLANET PROTECTORS: WILDLIFE EDITION

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LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday 23rd April

7:30 pm Curry & Questions

Friday 24th April

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch

8 pm Fizz & Friends @ The White House

Saturday 25th April

7:30 pm Harlequin Chamber Choir Concert

Sunday 26th April : Easter III

8:30 am Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

Saturday 2nd May

4 pm Messy Church @ Guilford URC

Sunday 3rd May : Easter IV

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

Sunday 3rd May : Easter IV

8:30 am Mass

10 am Mass with Junior Church

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

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

19 - 26 April 2026

Sunday

EASTER II

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass & Junior Church

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

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

Tuesday

10 am Tuesday Group - *Pop Up Greetings Cards*

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

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Monthly Lunch

8 pm Fizz & Friends @ The White House

Saturday

2:15 pm Baptism

7:30 pm Harlequin Chamber Choir Concert

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

Tuesday 13:30-18:00 * Thursday 08:30-18:00 * Friday 13:30-18:00

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