

# Pews News



17 May 2026: Sunday after Ascension

Today's Service:

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 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.

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

M		John 16:29-end	Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
Tu		John 17:1-11	Dunstan Rookwood Court Rupert Road
W		John 17:11-19	Alcuin Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
Th	10 am Morning Prayer	John 17:20-end	<i>Helena</i> St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	John 21:15-19	Stakescorner Road Testard Road
Sat		John 21:20-end	The Firs, The Mount
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass with Junior Church	John 20:19-23	<b>Pentecost</b> <i>Whit Sunday</i>

### Today's Service

#### 10:00 Mass & Junior Church

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Nicholas Edwards

**Voluntary:** Prière du Christ montant vers son Père (Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father) – *Olivier Messiaen*

**Processional: Hymn 271** Alleluia, sing to Jesus

**Mass Setting:** Dom Gregory Murray

**Reader:** Rory Fenner      **Reading:** Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will

come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

**Reading:** 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**Gradual: Hymn 134** The head that once was crowned with thorns

**Gospel Reading:** John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

## Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

Diocese: The Parish of St Mary's, Send.

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

The Recently Departed: David Mottley

The Year's Mind: Olive Lorimer.

**Offertory: Hymn 296** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

**Voluntary:** Carillon du Longpont – *Louis Vierne*

## Live Streaming Link

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



## This Week / Next Week

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08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

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Celebrant: Fr Nicholas Edwards

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Rory Fenner

Reader: Angela Goodwin

Intercessor: David Greenwood

Intercessor: Philip Hooper

Chalice: David Greenwood

Chalice: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: Phil Thomas, Angela Goodwin

Sidespeople: Jill Sandham, James Wix

Coffee: Cath Anderson, Pauline Oldroyd

Coffee: Debs Tizard, Daniel Vines

## This Week's Notices

### 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.



### Fizz & Friends

Join us for our next meeting of Fizz & Friends on Friday 22nd May at 8pm. All women over 18 welcome! This time we'll be meeting in the Loseley Chapel for an evening of yarn crafts. Come along and learn the basics of knitting (or bring your own knitting project to work on). There will also be pom-pom making and cross stitch for those who want to try something a little different. And, of course, there will be plenty of fizz (alcoholic and alcohol-free), snacks and good conversation. Hope you can make it!

If you'd like to join the Fizz & Friends WhatsApp group and be kept in the loop about upcoming meetings, please let Naomi or Nicky know.



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7:30PM**

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## Open Church with Messy Church

Our next Open Church with Messy Church is a bit of an unusual one! We aren't meeting on the first Saturday and we aren't meeting in the afternoon! The next date is Saturday 13th June, 9-11am at St Nicolas Church. (This is a part of our new format of open church that we are trialling at St Nics to help build a truly intergenerational worship space, not just for children.) We will be serving breakfast throughout the morning and continuing our planet protectors theme, looking at recycling. Alongside this Fr Neil will be leading a discussion time for older children and adults.

This is an opportunity to give our wider community a real taste of what St Nicolas is about. If you feel able to come and support this event, please have a chat with Nicky, our mission enabler, to find out more. Otherwise, please feel free to turn up on the day and enjoy!



**ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD**

# OPEN CHURCH

## 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY

### 9AM-11AM

with **Messy Church**

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

Suitable for all ages to pop in, whether you just want to enjoy the space or join in the activities.

9am - 10:30am	<b>Breakfast - pay as you are able, no need to book, just turn up</b>
9am - 10:40am	<b>Messy Church crafts available</b>
10:10am-10:40am	<b>Creation reflection with Fr Neil for adults and older children.</b>
10:40am-11am	<b>Intergenerational worship</b>

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

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



**13<sup>th</sup> June**  
**9am-11am**

**Messy Church**

# MESSY PLANET PROTECTORS: RE-CREATION EDITION

At St Nicolas Church, Bury Street, GU2 4AW

Join us for breakfast, followed by crafts that use recycled materials, finishing with a time of intergenerational worship. All are welcome as we continue our planet protectors journey.

*This is a free event, no booking required.*

**Part of our Open Church event.**

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Diocese of Guildford

## Cathedral Evensong this evening at 6pm

This Evensong marks the 65th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral. The Ascensiontide motet *God is gone up* by Gerald Finzi, with its distinctive opening musical motif of the rising interval of a perfect fifth, is sung, alongside canticles by Thomas Tomkins - his 'Fifth' service. To mark the consecration, an introit by the Austrian composer Anton Bruckner begins the service - *Locus Iste* - 'This place was made by God; it is holy and without reproof'.

## Good Cause for May

Each year we arrange a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (the pilgrims are setting off this Friday) and we like to encourage those who have never visited before. The PCC took the decision some years ago to pay for first-time pilgrims. Our Good Cause for this May, Mary's Month, is the St Nicolas' Pilgrim Fund. This will allow us to continue offering this benefit to our members who would like to make the visit.



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/>



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# Summer Soothers Concert

14.30 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

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performed by young professional singers

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## Summer *Holiday at Home*

We welcome you to join us for a delicious lunch,  
fun activities, hot & cold drinks and good  
company!

**10AM-3PM**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

- Open Access Arts session, Scottish Dancing display & more

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

- Intergenerational music session, Marvellous Movers seated dance & more

**£10 FOR 1 DAY  
OR £15 FOR BOTH DAYS**

Booking required- Please complete paper form (available in GURC foyer) or email Jess (see below) for a link to the online form

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# HOLIDAY CLUB

## PLANET PROTECTORS: WILDLIFE EDITION

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**CRAFT MATERIALS NEEDED - please bring in from 1st June**

**Cardboard boxes (flat packed and tape removed for storage please) : Cereal boxes (also flattened please) : Toilet roll centres : Odd socks (washed and without holes please!)**

# LOOKING AHEAD

## Friday 22nd May

8 pm Fizz & Friends

## Sunday 24th May : Pentecost / Whit Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## Friday 29th May

11:30 pm Monthly Lunch

## Saturday 30th May

4 - 6 pm Beer & Banter in the Loseley Chapel

## Sunday 31st May : Trinity Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## Thursday 4th June

8 pm Corpus Christi Mass - Preacher: Fr Victor Stock

## Sunday 7th June : Trinity I

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## Saturday 13th June

9 - 11 am Open Church with Messy Church

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

### Beer & Banter

Saturdays - Loseley Chapel    30th May    25th July    26th September    28th November

Saturdays - The Britannia    27th June    29th August    24th October    19th December

**Fizz & Friends** Fridays    22nd May    26th June    17th July

**Monthly Lunch** Fridays    29th May    26th June

**Midsummer Evening**    Saturday 20th June

**Summer Fayre**    Saturday 4th July

# THIS WEEK

17 - 24 May 2026

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**Sunday**

**SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**

10 am Mass & Junior Church

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 Tuesday Group

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

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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 Morning Prayer

10 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

8 pm Fizz & Friends

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**Saturday**

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**Sunday**

**PENTECOST**

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

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**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK**

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

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