

# Pews News



**5 July 2026: Trinity V**  
**Today's Services:**  
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Mass & Junior Church

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

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

## **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.

## **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		Matt.9:18-26	<i>Thomas More &amp; John Fisher</i> Ferry Lane Flower Walk
Tu		Matt.9:32-end	Friary Bridge Genyn Road
W	10 am Morning Prayer	Matt.10:1-7	Guildford Park Ave Guildford Park Road
Th	10 am Morning Prayer	Matt.10:7-15	Guildown Avenue Guildown Road
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	Matt.10:16-23	Henley Fort Hitherbury Close
Sat	12:30 pm St Benedict's Day Mass with the Oblates of the Alton Abbey Community	Matt.10:24-33	Benedict Lawn Rd, Littleton Lane, Ludlow Road
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass & Junior Church with healing after Mass	Matt.13:1-9, 18-23	<b>Trinity VI</b>

### Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

### 10:00 Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Rector

**Voluntary:** Meditation on Ave Maria – *Harold Owen*

Paula Juden - flute

### **Processional Hymn** Sing to the Lord

Sing to the Lord a joyful song, lift up your hearts, your voices raise;  
To us his gracious gifts belong, to him our songs of love and praise.

For life and love, for rest and food, for daily help and nightly care,  
Sing to the Lord for he is good, and praise his Name, for it is fair.

For strength to those who on him wait, his truth to prove, his will to do,  
Praise ye our God, for he is great; trust in his Name, for it is true.

For joys untold, that from above cheer those who love his sweet employ,  
Sing to our God, for he is Love, exalt his Name, for it is Joy.

Sing to the Lord of heav'n and earth, whom angels serve and saints adore,  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to whom be praise for evermore.

*JSB Monsell*

**Gloria:** Lourdes Gloria

**Reader:** Jon Cotterill      **Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**Reading:** Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

**Gradual Hymn** Come to me, says Jesus

‘Come to me,’ says Jesus, ‘all who are distressed;

Take my yoke upon you, I will give you rest.

I am meek and humble, find, with me, release

From false airs and graces; come and be at peace.’

Hear the call of Jesus, come, be deeply blessed;

His the invitation, you the honoured guest.

Here, where bread is broken here, where wine is poured,

Thankfully receive him, find your faith restored.

Pardon, feed and heal us, humble, courteous Lord,

Gracious host, for ever honoured and adored.

*Aalan Gaunt, b1935*

## **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

At that time Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

### **Intercessions**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South America.

Diocese: The Parish of St Mary's, Ash Vale.

Those who have asked for our prayer: Holly Gregory, Edward Wild, Chrissie Patterson, Andrew, Julia Wake, Jerry Floyd, Steve Reeds and Jean Mackenzie.

The Recently Departed: Janet Packham

The Year's Mind: Lawrence Powell.

**Offertory Hymn 376** I heard the voice of Jesus say

**Mass Setting:** Gathering Mass – *Paul Inwood*

**Communion Solo:** Two short settings of Thee We adore – *Charles Callahan and Kevin Waters*

**Voluntary:** Prelude on Ave Maria – *Charles Callahan* / Fanfare – *Guy Eldridge*

**Live Streaming Link**

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

**LIVE** 

### **This Week / Next Week**

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Jon Cotterill

Intercessor: Debbie Nobbs

Chalice: Jana Phillips

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, James Wix

Coffee: Angela Goodwin, Julia Williams

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass with Junior Church

followed by healing

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Stuart Murdoch

Intercessor: Caroline Coleman

Chalice: Fr Nicholas Edwards

Sidespeople: Cath Anderson, Patrick Andrew

Coffee: Deborah Tizard, Rory Fenner

# Praying

Each week in Mass we pray for the church, the world and we thank God for His goodness. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers - the sick and the dying and our dead. You can light a candle and leave it burning in church. If you would like your name included on a Sunday please speak with the Rector.

# Prayer Group

Each term our Prayer Group meets to pray for particular intentions (people, places etc). If you would like something or yourself included, let the Rector know. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Group which meets online once a term, also contact the Rector.



# Prayer Tree

If you would like a particular prayer or intention mentioned at the Friday Mass, for you or someone else (with their permission) then you should write your intention in the narthex and leave it on the prayer tree. Prayers will be included for 2 weeks - after that time you will need to add a new tag.



## This Week's Notices

### St Nicolas' School Leavers Gift

We will be giving each child leaving our Infant School a boxed St Nicolas' keyring for them to wear on their backpacks at their new schools. If you would like to donate towards these gifts, please ask to do so by donating cash or making a payment on the card reader. Thank you.

### Healing

Next Sunday, at the end of the 10am Mass, there will be healing in the Lady Chapel for anyone wishing for the laying on of hands or to be anointed.

### Save the date - CK Gospel Choir at St Nics on September 25th



To celebrate our 150th anniversary we are combining forces with Guildford Jazz to present an evening of world class gospel and soul music as part of this Autumn's Guildford Jazz and Soul Festival. CK Gospel Choir is one of the UK's leading gospel choirs. The choir is a dynamic collection of London based vocalists known for their rich

harmonies, infectious energy and unforgettable performances. Tickets are on sale NOW and are likely to sell out. <https://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk/product/p/ck-gospel-choir-sept-2026> To find out more about the choir and hear them listen in action go to <https://www.ckgospelchoir.com>

## **Walsingham Pilgrimage 2027**

We have provisionally booked next year's pilgrimage for the weekend of **Friday 30th April to Sunday 2nd /Monday 3rd May**. If you have never been to Walsingham then do consider joining us, you would be very welcome. **Deposits of £40 are required** by mid-July to confirm our booking. For further information, please contact Donald Thompson or Cath.

## **Salvation Army Food Bank**

The Salvation Army asks if you can help with donations of tinned and packet food, cereals and longlife milk for its food bank. They are in desperate need of tinned foods (potatoes, veg, tomatoes, baked beans, spaghetti, fruit, custard, evaporated milk, rice, tuna, meat, mince meals, stewing steaks), jam/chocolate spread/peanut butter, biscuits, crisps, super noodles/pot noodles, mayonnaise, ketchup, teabags, coffee, sugar, Angel Delight, jelly packets, pasta sauces, curry sauces, Frey Bentos pies, toiletries. This is an extensive list but items they pack each week in the food parcels they give out to people.

## **Craft Materials for Holiday Club**

There is a box at the back of church for the following: cardboard boxes (flat packed and tape removed for storage), cereal boxes (also flattened), toilet roll centres and odd socks (washed and without holes please!). Many thanks.

## **Italia Conti Summer Show**

Tasha, one of our servers, is a student at Italia Conti Dance & Drama school. Her end of year performance is next Thursday at 7.30pm at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking. She would enjoy support from anyone who would like to come. Follow this link to book tickets:

<https://www.atgtickets.com/shows/italia-conti-presents-where-musicals-meet/woking-theatre/tickets/46620DBD-CF23-4B67-92B5-3DFC5A0AE981>

## **Crossing outside Guildford County School**

Surrey County Council is proposing to improve road safety for pedestrians on Farnham Road, by introducing a traffic light crossing. This scheme was developed following concerns raised by the school and parents over crossing Farnham Road to access Guildford County School.

To create a safer waiting area and more welcoming environment for pedestrians SCC is also proposing to widen the pavements either side of Farnham Road outside the school. Widening the pavements in combination with a traffic light-controlled crossing will create a safer, more accessible and more comfortable environment for everyone walking to and from the school during the busy school drop-off and pick-up times.

See more about the proposals and have your say on

<https://guildford-county-school.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/vs/have-your-say?step=step1>

## Good Cause for July & August



USPG is a leading global mission agency at the heart of the Anglican Communion. Working across the world, we will highlight different projects each week. Ukraine Aid - in Romania, through the Diocese in Europe, USPG supports a church in Bucharest and their outreach work to immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. This programme addresses the immediate needs of refugees by providing weekly food distribution, clothing, medicines and baby products. It also support education by supplying school resources and long-term aid such as job assistance through networks and skill-building for individuals and families who have recently moved to Romania.

This is a charity that we have supported over the course of many years and hope that you will support them this month by donating in the wallbox in the narthex, to our bank account (see below for details using the reference GOOD CAUSE) or by using the card reader (find someone on duty and say that your donation was for the Good Cause).

### 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/>



*If you missed out on a place at Holiday Club, this is running in our church hall the same week - a unique experience where food meets science. It is the perfect way to spark curiosity, learn new skills, and have fun in a hands-on environment.*

*On Mondays 27th July & 3rd August, the Community Fridge will operate from the church.*

*On Friday 31st July, there will be no coffee shop after Mass*

# LOOKING AHEAD

## Sunday 12th July : Trinity VI

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass with Junior Church - healing after Mass

## Tuesday 14th July

8 am Meditation

## Friday 17th July

8 pm Fizz & Friends

## Sunday 19th July : Trinity VII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## Wednesday 22nd July

11 am School Leavers' Service

## Saturday 25th July

4 pm Beer & Banter in the Loseley Chapel

## Sunday 26th July : Trinity VIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

### Beer & Banter

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

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

**Fizz & Friends** Fridays    17th July

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** 25th September

**Monthly Lunch**    30th October

# THIS WEEK

5th - 12th July 2026

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>TRINITY V</b> 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass & 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>Carpet Bowls</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am Café Play
<b>Thursday</b>	10 am Morning Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	10 am Morning Prayer 10 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop 11 am Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	12:30 pm St Benedict's Day Mass with the Oblates of the Alton Abbey Community
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>TRINITY VI</b> 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass & Junior Church followed by Healing 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 \* Friday 13:30 - 18:00

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