

# Pews News



**12 July 2026: Trinity VI**  
**Today's Services:**  
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Mass & Junior Church  
followed by Healing

**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.10:34- 11:1	Millmead Millmead Terrace
Tu		Matt.11:20-24	John Keble Mount Pleasant Mountside
W	10 am Morning Prayer	Matt.11:25-27	Swithun, <i>Bonaventure</i> Nether Mount New Pond Road
Th	10 am Morning Prayer	Matt.11:28-end	<i>Osmund</i> Old Portsmouth Road Park Street
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	Matt.12:1-8	Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
Sat		Matt.12:14-21	<i>Elizabeth Ferard</i> Priory Court River Wey Close, Rivermount Gardens
<b>Next Sun</b>	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass	Matt.13:24-30, 36-43	<b>Trinity VII</b>

### Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

#### 10:00 Mass

Celebrant: Rector; Preacher: Fr Nicholas Edwards

**Voluntary:** Kyrie, Messe pour les Paroisses – *François Couperin*

**Processional Hymn 473** When morning gilds the skies (omit \* verses)

**Gloria:** Lourdes Gloria

**Reader:** Stuart Murdoch **Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-12

Thus says the LORD: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of

the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

### **Reading:** Romans 8:1-11

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

### **Gradual Hymn** Almighty God, your word is cast

Almighty God, your word is cast like seed upon the ground,  
Now let the dew of heaven descend and righteous fruits abound.

Let now our selfishness and hate this holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundred-fold the fruits of peace and joy.

*John Cawood, 1775-1852*

### **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away

what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

### Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Diocese: Parish Church of The Good Shepherd Farnborough.

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: Isobel Charsley and Tina Williams.

The Year's Mind: Harriet Mengham, Liddy Gwylliam, Philip Adams, Dennis Jenner and Betty Street.

**Offertory Hymn 373** Let us with a gladsome mind

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

**Voluntary:** Gloria: Dialogue sur la Trompette, Messe pour les Paroisses – *François Couperin*

### Healing

If you would like to the laying on of hands or anointing for healing, please make your way to the Lady Chapel after the singing of the Angelus.

### Live Streaming Link

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



### This Week / Next Week

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

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

#### On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Angela Goodwin

Intercessor: Donald Thompson

Chalice: Hilary Fletcher

Sidespeople: David Greenwood, Jill Sandham

Coffee: Iain Ferguson, Lizzie Evans

# 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

### 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 Tuesday** to confirm our booking. For further information, please contact Donald Thompson or Cath.

### 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.

### Pilgrim Places Holy Lives

We recently ran this course which travelled through places made holy in the spread of Christianity through the lives of English Saints. This was good preparation for our planned parish pilgrimage to the North East next year. You can find the presentations from all four sessions on our website <https://www.saintnics.com/news/pilgrims/>

## Tuesday Group

On Tuesday morning, July 14th, Tuesday Group will be treated to a special talk by our member Rory on the subject of "The Eclipse" which is due to take place in August. Many of you will be familiar with Rory's articles on astronomy in our newsletter and know that this promises to be a really interesting morning. We invite you to join us in the Parish Centre at 9:45am for 10am. Do come.

## XY Strings

XY Strings Community Orchestra who meet at St Nicolas' on Tuesday evenings, invite you to join them to watch and listen to their open rehearsal next Tuesday at 6:15pm. Tea and biscuits will be on offer!

## 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>

## 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.

## 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/>

## 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. In parts of Tanzania, maternal and child health is severely impacted by a high prevalence of HIV, with many pregnant women infected, leading to significant risks of mother-to-child transmission. The Anglican Church of Tanzania is responding by helping with educational initiatives to raise awareness, improving access to healthcare for pregnant women and mobilising community support to ultimately reduce maternal deaths and improve health outcomes for women and children.

USPG 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/>

*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

## Tuesday 14th July

8 am Meditation

## Sunday 19th July : Trinity VII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## Wednesday 22nd July

11 am School Leavers' Service

## Sunday 26th July : Trinity VIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## Monday 27th - Friday 31st July

Holiday Club @ GURC

## Sunday 2nd August : Trinity IX

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## Sunday 9th August : Trinity X

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## Sunday 16th August : The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10 am Mass

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

### Beer & Banter / Fizz & Friends

From September, we will be slightly rearranging the dates for Beer & Banter and for Fizz & Friends. Both will be in the week and half termly - dates to follow.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** 25th September

**CK Gospel Choir Concert** Friday 25th September

**Monthly Lunch** 30th October

# THIS WEEK

12th - 19th July 2026

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**Sunday**

**TRINITY VI**

**8:30 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10 am** Mass & Junior Church followed by Healing

**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**

**8 am** Meditation

**10 am** Tuesday Group - *Talk on The Eclipse*

**6:15 pm** XY Strings Open Rehearsal

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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

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**Saturday**

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**TRINITY VII**

**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 08:30-15:30 \* Thursday 13:30-18:00 \* Friday 13:30 - 18:00

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