

Pews News



26 July 2026: Trinity VIII
Today's Services:
08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Mass

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 on holiday for the summer, planning lots of exciting activities for September. In the meantime, toys are available for use during the service.



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

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. 13:31-35	<i>Brooke Foss</i> <i>Westcott</i> <i>Walnut Tree Close</i> <i>West Mount</i>
Tu		Matt. 13:36-43	<i>Wherwell Road</i> <i>Wodeland Avenue</i> <i>Woodcote</i>
W	10 am Morning Prayer	Matt. 13:44-46	Mary, Martha & Lazarus
Th	10 am Morning Prayer	Matt. 13:47-53	William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano & Thomas Clarkson
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	Matt. 13:54-end	<i>Ignatius of Loyola</i>
Sat		Matt. 14:1-12	<i>Annandale Road</i> <i>Artington Walk</i>
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass	Matt. 14:13-21	Trinity IX

Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

10:00 Mass

Celebrant: Rector; Preacher: Craig Nobbs

Voluntary: Prelude on Mendon – *R Erickson*

Processional Hymn 364 God is Love: let heav'n adore him

Gloria: Lourdes Gloria

Reader: Jessica Furber **Reading:** 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant

therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.' For the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn 391 King of glory, King of peace

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come

out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Diocese: Cranleigh School chaplaincy.

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

The Recently Departed: Isobel Charsley, Tina Williams & John Yeomans.

The Year's Mind: Eric Baker, Nicholas Farbridge (priest), Marjorie Jones, Fr Adrian Alois & Cyril Standbridge .

Offertory Hymn 339 Be thou my vision

Mass Setting: Gathering Mass – *Paul Inwood*

Voluntary: Allegro maestoso, Third Organ Sonata – *Felix Alexandre Guilmant*

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Jessica Furber

Intercessor: Jill Sandham

Chalice: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Iain Ferguson, Jo Radley

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Deborah Tizard

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Shirley Aston

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Chalice: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, Daniel Vines

Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

This Week's Notices

Isobel Charsley

Isobel, who died earlier this month, was for many years a member of our choir. A service to celebrate her life will be held at Guildford Crematorium Chapel this Wednesday, 29th July at 1:30pm. Friends are warmly invited to attend and join in remembering her.

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.



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>

Save the date - Macmillan Coffee Morning on September 25th

We will once again be supporting Macmillan during September. More details of the Coffee Morning will follow soon.

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.

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. The Indigenous Peoples of Canada have suffered much spiritual, social and economic grief, leaving communities feeling isolated, unheard and abused. The Anglican Church of Canada, working

with USPG, strives for reconciliation and Indigenous self-determination including Sacred Circles, national gatherings of Indigenous Anglicans for prayer, worship, discernment and decision-making. 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 Monday 3rd August, the Community Fridge will operate from the church.

*There will be no Mass this Friday as Fr Neil is at Holiday Club.
However, due to a change of booking, Coffee Shop will be open this Friday*

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 27th - Friday 31st July

Holiday Club

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

Sunday 23rd August : Trinity XII

10 am Mass

Sunday 30th August : Trinity XIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Harvest Lunch	Sunday 5th September
150th Anniversary Lecture	Tuesday 8th September
Heritage Open Day	Saturday 19th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Friday 25th September
CK Gospel Choir Concert	Friday 25th September
Dedication Festival Lunch	Sunday 4th October
Curry & Questions	Thursday 8th October
Come and Sing Evensong	Saturday 10th October
Monthly Lunch	30th October

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.

THIS WEEK

26th July - 2nd August 2026

Sunday	TRINITY VIII 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy
Monday	Holiday Club 10:30 am – 12:00pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge
Tuesday	Holiday Club
Wednesday	Holiday Club
Thursday	Holiday Club
Friday	Holiday Club 10 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop
Saturday	
Sunday	TRINITY IX 8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Mass 1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

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

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