

# Pews News



**2 August 2026: Trinity IX**  
**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.

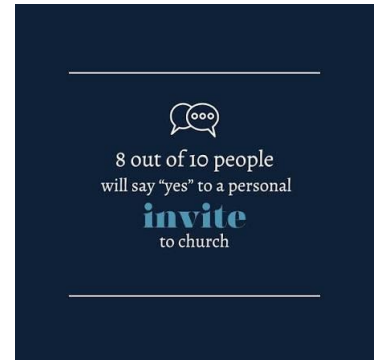
## **Making yourself comfortable**

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](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. 14:13-21  | Buryfields,<br>Catherine's Place<br>Chestnut Avenue         |
| Tu  |                                    | Matt. 14:22-end | <i>Jean-Baptiste Vianney</i><br>Denzil Road<br>Devon Bank   |
| W   | 10 am Morning Prayer<br>12 pm Mass | Matt. 15:21-28  | Oswald<br>Dunsdon Avenue<br>Farnham Road                    |
| Th  |                                    | Luke 9:28-36    | Transfiguration of Our<br>Lord<br>Ferry Lane<br>Flower Walk |
| F   | 10 am Morning Prayer<br>11 am Mass | Matt. 16:24-end | <i>John Mason Neale</i><br>Friary Bridge<br>Genyn Road      |
| Sat |                                    | Matt. 17:14-20  | Dominic<br>Guildford Park Ave<br>Guildford Park Road        |

**Next** 08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) Matt. 14:13-21 **Trinity IX**  
**Sun** 10:00 Mass

### Today's Services

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP): Rector

### 10:00 Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Rector

**Voluntary:** Prelude on Gwalchmai – *Christopher Tambling*

**Processional Hymn 436** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

**Gloria:** Lourdes Gloria

**Reader:** Shirley Aston      **Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-5

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

### **Reading: Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

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

### **Gradual Hymn 276** Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21**

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

#### **Intercessions**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda.

Parish: Christ Church, Guildford and Dave Matthews (vicar designate).

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: William Gray, Caroline Painting, John Mason Neale (priest), Allan Bickmore & Roy Wake.

### **Offertory Hymn 368** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

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

### **Voluntary: Gloria (Mozart's 12 Mass) – Wenzel Müller**

### **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: Shirley Aston

Intercessor: Cath Anderson

Chalice: Donald Thompson

Sidespeople: Philip Thomas, Daniel Vines

Coffee: Peter & Pauline Oldroyd

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Cath Anderson

Intercessor: Rory Fenner

Chalice: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: Angela Goodwin, James Wix

Coffee: Andy & Cath Anderson

## This Week's Notices

### 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.

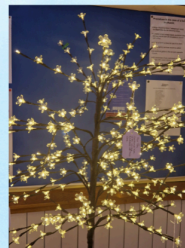
### Prayer Group

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.

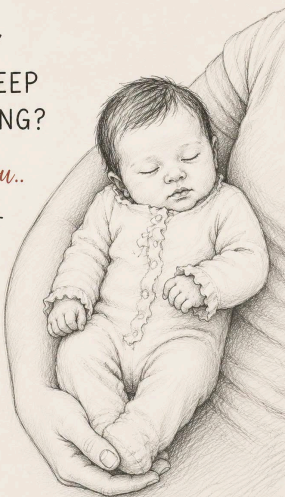


FEEL GUILTY  
FALLING ASLEEP  
WHILE PRAYING?

*let me ask you...*

HOW DO YOU  
FEEL WHEN  
YOUR CHILD  
FALLS ASLEEP  
IN YOUR LAP?

*i'm glad  
that's settled.*



MINDFULCHRISTIANITY

## Wedding Bells

Our Sacristan Alister and his fiancée Rachel are marrying here on Saturday 15th August at 1pm. It will be a Nuptial Mass and all are welcome to attend.

## Worshipping from Home

If you are an online worshipper or can no longer get to church, you are a very valued part of the St Nic's family. Is there a way that you would like to contribute to the life of the church from home? For instance through prayer ministry? Or fulfilling admin tasks at home? Or in any other way? If so, please contact Fr Neil to talk about it.



## 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>

### It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer care better for everyone, wherever they are

Place: St Nicolas Parish Centre

Date: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Contact: [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com)



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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (263017), Scotland  
(SC03907) and the Isle of Man (1046). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC20383

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

### Trustee Vacancy at Hillier House, Farnham Road, Guildford

The Hillier Almshouse Charity offers accommodation to ladies over the age of 60 years old. The Charity is run and managed by a small team of 3 staff and is governed and supported by a wonderful board of trustees. Currently we have a vacancy on our board of trustees and looking to recruit an enthusiastic volunteer. If you feel you could voluntarily spare some time and consider becoming a trustee we would love to hear from you. The role is very rewarding and we do have lots of fun! The position is not too demanding, typically the board meet around 3 or 4 times a year and as a trustee you would be playing an important role on the board ensuring the correct governance of the Charity is being observed. The support our trustees

give is of great value to us. In addition to the official meetings, we are always very happy to welcome our trustees in for coffee, cake and a chat. I would love to hear from you, under no obligation, if you feel you would like more information or would like to be considered. Please contact Val Richards on 01483 533317 or email [hillier.almshouse@gmail.com](mailto:hillier.almshouse@gmail.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.

## 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. USPG provides a platform for voices from the Pacific to share their experiences of climate change and to inspire the wider Anglican Communion to respond. 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/>

***This Monday, 3rd August, the Community Fridge will operate from the church.***



**Come & Sing Evensong  
@ St Nicolas' Guildford**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

2pm Rehearsal \* 4pm Evensong  
5pm Tea

[www.saintnics.com](http://www.saintnics.com) \* [parishoffice@saintnics.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintnics.com)

# LOOKING AHEAD

## Wednesday 5th August

12 pm Mass

## Sunday 9th August : Trinity X

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

## Saturday 15th August

1 pm Nuptial 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

## Wednesday 2nd September

12 pm Mass

## YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Harvest Lunch</b>             | Sunday 6th September    |
| <b>150th Anniversary Lecture</b> | Tuesday 8th September   |
| <b>Heritage Open Day</b>         | Saturday 19th September |
| <b>Macmillan Coffee Morning</b>  | Friday 25th September   |
| <b>CK Gospel Choir Concert</b>   | Friday 25th September   |
| <b>Dedication Festival Lunch</b> | Sunday 4th October      |
| <b>Curry &amp; Questions</b>     | Thursday 8th October    |
| <b>Come and Sing Evensong</b>    | Saturday 10th October   |
| <b>Monthly Lunch</b>             | 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

2nd - 9th August 2026

|                  |                                                                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>TRINITY IX</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)<br><b>10 am</b> Mass<br><b>1 pm</b> Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>10:30 am – 12:00pm</b> Zero@St Nics Community Fridge                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer<br><b>12 pm</b> Mass                                                                              |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>10 am</b> Morning Prayer<br><b>10:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> Coffee Shop<br><b>11 am</b> Mass                                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |                                                                                                                               |
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## PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 13:30 - 18:00 \* Wednesday 08:30 - 18:00 \* Friday 08:30 - 13:00

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