

Pews News



16 August 2026
The Blessed Virgin Mary
Today's Services:
10:00 Mass

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 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 member of the welcome team will unlock the Centre for you. Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

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 week's services, readings & intentions/parish streets

M		Matt.19:16-22	Porridge Pot Alley Portsmouth Road
Tu		Matt.19:23-end	Priory Court River Wey Close Rivermount Gardens
W		Matt.20:1-16	Rookwood Court Rupert Road
Th		Matt.22:1-14	Bernard, <i>William and Catherine Booth</i> Sandy Lane Scholars Walk
F	10 am Morning Prayer	Matt.22:34-40	St Catherine's Drive St Catherine's Hill
Sat		Matt.23:1-12	Stakescorner Road Testard Road
Next Sun	10:00 Mass	Luke 1:46-55	Trinity XII

Today's Services

10:00 Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Nicholas Edwards

Voluntary: Introduction-Chorale and Prière à Notre-Dame, Suite Gothique –
Léon Boëllmann

Processional Hymn Sing of Mary

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, Virgin Mother undefiled,
Sing of God's own Son, most holy, who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest Mother, God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, in the home at Nazareth,
Toil and labour can not weary, love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her, though he went forth from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, till on Calvary he died.

Joyful Mother, full of gladness, in thine arms thy Lord was borne,
Mournful Mother, full of sadness, all thy heart with pain was torn,
Glorious Mother, now rewarded with a crown at Jesus' hand,
Age to Age thy name recorded shall be blest in ev'ry land.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary, from all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes unto earth's remotest ends.

Mass Setting: Dom Gregory Murray

Reader: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie **Reading:** Revelation 11:19-12:6

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

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

Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Gradual Hymn O Glorious Lady throned in rest

O Glorious Lady throned in rest, amidst the starry host above,
Who gavest nurture from thy breast to God, with pure maternal love,
What we had lost through sinful Eve the Blossom spring from thee restores,
And, granting bliss to souls that grieve, unbars the everlasting doors,

O Gate, through which has passed the King, O Hall, whence Light shown through the gloom;

The ransomed nations praise and sing life given from the Virgin's womb.

All honour, laud and glory be, O Jesus, Virgin-born to thee,

All glory, as is ever meet, to Father and to Paraclete.

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, d 609, translated John Mason Neale

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:46-55

Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales.

Parish: Guildford Cathedral.

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: John Yeomans & James Everett .

The Year's Mind: Marion Durant, Ernest Spink, John Colson, Peggy Colson and Norman Smith.

Offertory Hymn 185 Sing we of the blessed Mother

Voluntary: Toccata, Suite Gothique – *Léon Boëllmann*

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Fr Nicholas Edwards

Reader: Naomi Parkin-Tyrie

Intercessor: John Varney

Chalice: Jill Sandham

Sidespeople: Patrick Andrew, John Vines

Coffee: Jo Radley & Daniel Vines

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: Canon Julian Hubbard

Reader: Jon Hebditch

Intercessor: Donald Thompson

Chalice: Jana Phillips

Sidespeople: Jill Sandham, Daniel Vines

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.

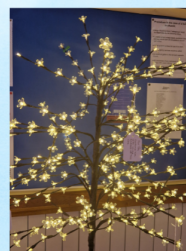
Prayer Group

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.



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.

The tickets are £20 each and bought via the link below - or ask the parish office to order for you - there will be a small additional charge to cover card fees etc. To find out more about the choir and listen them in action go to <https://www.ckgospelchoir.com>



Experience the power of gospel fusion

The CK Gospel Choir is a dynamic 10-piece collective of world-class London vocalists bringing their incredible blend of close harmonies, intense energy and full live rhythm section to Guildford.

Founded by Harlano Weekes, the group has spent nearly 20 years captivating audiences across the UK and Europe, backing stars like Stevie Wonder, Rod Stewart and Beverley Knight. Expect a powerful, professional performance that seamlessly blends traditional gospel with jazz, soul, blues and funk.

Don't miss this soaring, high-octane night of world-class music in a beautiful acoustic setting!

Tickets & seating

Full Price: £20

Members: £18

Unreserved seating

On the night

Doors open: 19:00

Main show: 19:45

Bar before & interval

Location & travel

St Nicholas Church,

Bury Street, GU2 4AW

Parking & transit nearby

Scan to book & view full info:
[guildfordjazz.org.uk](https://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk)



<https://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk/product/p/ck-gospel-choir-sept-2026>

Glastonbury Pilgrimage

'..and did those feet in ancient times walk upon England's pastures green?' Wouldn't it be wonderful if the legend which inspired Blake's hymn was true and that Joseph of Arimathea did bring our Lord with him on a visit to the mines in the Mendip Hills. In that case those on the Glastonbury Pilgrimage would be following in His footsteps. We can't know in this life but anyone who has been on the pilgrimage does know that it is a deeply moving event in the inspiring ruins of the Abbey surrounded by a lovely park in the centre of the town.

The day starts with High Mass at 12 noon celebrated by numerous bishops and clergy. Then after lunch we gather in the High Street for a procession singing hymns back into the Abbey for Benediction.

This year it will be on 5th September and I do hope that we will be able to get one or more car loads to go. We normally leave at 8.30am getting back about 7pm. *Philip Hooper*

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. There is a box near the font for your donations, thank you.

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 Serving the Lord with Dignity project in Mozambique produces high-quality vestments for clergy, ministers and servers. New small businesses produce the vestments locally, helping the

Church to become more sustainable. They also plan to make other items like Mothers' Union and school uniforms, generating income to support staff and ensure the work continues.

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).

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Thursday 3rd September

7 pm Mass, followed by PCC Meeting

Saturday 5th September

4 - 6 pm Messy Church

Sunday 6th September : Harvest Thanksgiving

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass, followed by lunch

Tuesday 8th September

7:30 pm 150th Anniversary Lecture:

Charles O'Brien, editor of Pevsner Surrey Buildings

"The Ugliest Church in Surrey? - a reassessment of St Nicolas' and its Victorian designers"

YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Harvest Lunch	Sunday 6th September
150th Anniversary Lecture	Tuesday 8th September
Beer & Banter	Tuesday 15th September, 7:30pm in the Loseley Chapel
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	Friday 30th October

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 and whenever they are

Place: St Nicolas Parish Centre

Date: Friday 25th September

Time: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Contact: parishoffice@saintnics.com



Macmillan Cancer Support is a registered charity in England and Wales (1011075), Scotland (SC019111) and the Isle of Man (1444). Also known as Macmillan Cancer Support.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

THIS WEEK

16th - 23rd August 2026

Sunday

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

10:30 am – 12:00pm Zero@St Nics Community Fridge

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

Saturday

Sunday

TRINITY XII

10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday 08:30 - 18:00

Tuesday 08:30 - 16:30

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