

Pews News

30 August 2026 Trinity XIII

Today's Services:

8:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass



**Welcome to
Guildford St Nicolas Parish Church**

Rector: Canon Neil Roberts

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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		Luke 4:16-30	Aidan
Tu		Luke 4:31-37	<i>Giles</i> Annandale Road Artington Walk
W	10 am Morning Prayer 12 pm Mass	Luke 4:1-37	<i>Martyrs of Papua New Guinea</i> Beech Lane, Bray Rd, Bury Street
Th	10 am Morning Prayer 7 pm Mass	Luke 5:1-11	Gregory the Great Buryfields Catherine's Place Chestnut Avenue
F	10 am Morning Prayer 11 am Mass	Luke 5:33-end	<i>Birinus</i> Denzil Road Devon Bank
Sat	4 - 6 pm Messy Church	Luke 6:1-5	Dunsdon Avenue Farnham Road
Next Sun	08:30 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Mass	Luke 12:16-30	Harvest Thanksgiving

Today's Services

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

Celebrant: The Rector; Preacher: Nicky Geraghty

Voluntary: Eklog – *Richard I Purvis*

Processional Hymn 362 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Gloria: Lourdes Gloria

Reader: Louis Roberts **Reading:** Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Gradual Hymn 66 Forgive our sins

Gospel Reading: John 4:4-26

But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Diocese: Willow Grange and its staff Stephen Colling, Andrea Ford & Jo Winn-Smith.

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

The Recently Departed: James Everett & Pam Clearie.

The Year's Mind: Lydia Clee, David Goodwin & Doris Greig.

Offertory Hymn 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Mass Setting: Gathering Mass - *Paul Inwood*

Voluntary: Fanfare Fugue, BWV 565 – *JS Bach*

Live Streaming Link

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



This Week / Next Week

10:00 Mass

08:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 Mass

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: Louis Roberts

Intercessor: David Greenwood

Chalice: Catherine Ferguson

Sidespeople: Peter Oldroyd, Rory Fenner

Coffee: Patrick Andrew, Pauline Oldroyd

On Duty @ 10am

Celebrant: The Rector

Reader: *to be confirmed*

Intercessor: *to be confirmed*

Chalice: David Greenwood

Sidespeople: Jill Sandham, Phil Thomas

Coffee: Andrew & 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.





Messy Church

Our next Messy Church is on Saturday 5th September and will be at St Nicolas' and we need helpers - please speak to Nicky

missionenabler@saintnics.com

Harvest Lunch

We will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving next Sunday, 6th September and will be serving a simple soup lunch in the hall after Mass. Please sign up on the list at the back of church or email the parish office if you would like to join the lunch, so that we have an idea of how much soup to make. Donations will be welcomed so that we cover the costs of lunch.

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. If you are interested in going, please send me a message via the parish office (parishoffice@saintnics.com)

Philip Hooper

150th Anniversary Lecture

We are looking forward to the next in the lecture series when we are delighted to welcome Charles O'Brien FSA. Charles is Listing and Architectural Research Director at Historic England and until 2022 was the joint Series Editor of the Pevsner Architectural Guides, including the Surrey volume. He is a former Commissioner of Historic England and has served as an advisor to government on local heritage.

The title of his talk is "The Ugliest Church in Surrey? - a reassessment of St Nicolas' and its Victorian designers" and take place on **Tuesday 8th September at 7:30pm.**

Welcoming Families to School

We are serving refreshments at school to families as the church's way of welcoming them to St Nicolas'. This will be on **Friday 18th September** at pick up time. Would you be able to make some cakes (no nuts) for this? Might you be able to come and staff the refreshments - a lovely way to help us to welcome families? We will be setting up from 2:30pm, serving 3-4pm. Please let Nicky if you can help in any way.

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



CK Gospel Choir

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 Marlene 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	On the night	Location & travel
Full Price: £20	Doors open: 19:00	St Nicholas Church,
Members: £18	Main show: 19:45	Bury Street, GU2 4AW
Unreserved seating	Bar before & interval	Parking & transit nearby

Scan to book & view full info: guildfordjazz.org.uk



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>

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

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 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.

Parish Giving

Some may know this but not everyone. The PCC recently appointed me to be the church's Parish Giving Officer. There is a detailed job description, as with all roles in church these days, but, unsurprisingly, the basic objective is to increase the level of regular planned giving among the congregation, through the renewal (preferably raising) of existing contributions and the addition of fresh commitments via the Parish Giving Scheme.

So, I suppose I will have to get used to being avoided and shunned! Well, we all like to be liked, don't we? Certainly, we don't set out to be unpopular. So, why have I agreed to do it?

Quite simply, our monthly income is well below our monthly expenses. We cover this deficit through reserves and from bequests. In this, we are fortunately placed compared to many other churches. But this is bad practice. In our personal finances, we know that we need to live within our means and not eat into savings and assets that should be used for a rainy day or special occasions. This applies to our own households and it should be the same for our church.

From the grandest cathedral to the smallest chapel, each church has to maintain itself. We are responsible for our own household. If we keep on running a deficit then we will eventually be faced with some unpalatable decisions. A train is coming down the track: it may seem far away at the moment but it is getting nearer. And, when it arrives (as it surely will one day), we won't like it.

So, at present, I can think of no more important lay job in our church than working to close our deficit. I shall focus much of my efforts on this over the coming months and you can expect to hear about it a lot both as a congregation and as individuals. I shall be asking each of you to look seriously and prayerfully at your finances and see how you can reasonably increase your level of regular giving. I am here to help you do it.

I hasten to add that, while, as Christians, we believe in miracles, we are not looking for financial ones. You are simply being asked to look hard at what you can do and then to do it. Even a small increase will be welcome. Every little helps! And God loves a cheerful giver!

David Greenwood





Come & Sing Evensong @ St Nicolas' Guildford

Saturday 10th October

**2pm Rehearsal * 4pm Evensong
5pm Tea**

www.saintnics.com * parishoffice@saintnics.com

Fizz & Friends

Women's Group

A chance to relax amongst friends; enjoy some calming activities and soak up the atmosphere in our beautiful church.

For more information please visit our website
or contact Nicky,
missionenabler@saintnics.com

Friday 9th October
Friday 13th November

Thursday 8th October
7:30pm
£10

CURRY AND QUESTIONS

in the parish hall at St Nicolas Church,
Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW

‘Children of the same heavenly Father’
– in conversation with Rabbi Alex

Contact

parishoffice@saintnics.com to let
us know you're coming & notify of
any dietary requirements

beer
and
banter



MEN'S GROUP

*Time for a catch up with the rector over
a pint - or any other preferred beverage!*

15th September (Loseley Chapel)

27th October (The Britannia)

17th November (Loseley Chapel)

Contact rector@saintnics.com for more information

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LOOKING AHEAD

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"

Sunday 13th September : Battle of Britain Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

11:30 am Choral Mattins

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
Fizz & Friends	Friday 9th October
Come and Sing Evensong	Saturday 10th October
Monthly Lunch	Friday 30th October



THIS WEEK

30th August - 6th September 2026

Sunday

TRINITY XIII

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Monday

BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday

Wednesday

10 am Morning Prayer

10 am Cafe Play

12 pm Mass

Thursday

10 am Morning Prayer

7 pm Mass

Friday

10 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Coffee Shop

11 am Mass

Saturday

4 - 6 pm Messy Church

Sunday

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 am Mass, followed by soup lunch

1 pm Romanian Orthodox Divine Liturgy



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Wednesday 09:00 - 17:00

Thursday 09:00 - 18:00

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