

Church Choir

Children can have great fun singing in our church choir - and it's a fantastic way to be introduced to the world of music making. Seven years old is usually the youngest age to start. Choristers have the opportunity to follow the Royal School of Church Music's training scheme, working towards the Dean's and Bishop's Awards.

Contact: John Varney 01483 574326

Baby & Toddler Group

Every Wednesday morning
during term-time
10:00-12:00
at the Church Centre

A friendly meeting place with a good selection of toys, craft activities and refreshments.
£1 per family



(The group have decided that a proportion of each £1 is donated to the Children's Society.)

The children will be helping to make a star to go over the crib in church at Christmas and helping with the Easter garden.

If you would like to be kept up to date about children's activities please send an email to parishoffice@stnicolas-guildford.fsnet.co.uk and we shall put you on our emailing list.

See the monthly *St Nicolas'* magazine for full details of all church events - and visit our website www.stnicolas-guildford.org.uk



Modern life is very demanding and pressurising. We all want to do the best for our children.

The local church community offers space for us all to get in tune with our inner selves and discover the mystery of God.

Children are naturally open to this and are an important part of our church family. We offer these opportunities to you all.

Children's Activities at St Nicolas' church autumn 2010 - summer 2011



Children's Church on Sunday mornings

Building on the great success of the Messy Church activities last year, we now plan to start regular Sunday morning activities for children during term time, which we are calling "Children's Church". This will take place during the first half of the regular Sunday Parish Mass at 10am. We aim to provide worship activities geared to children.

The first "Children's Church" will be on Sunday 3rd October at 10am.



We hope that this will be a really fun and engaging way for young children to experience church.

Child-Friendly Services

Each year there are some lovely celebrations we look forward to: the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve, Mothering Sunday, Good Friday, Scout Group Parade Service and Baptism Celebration Service. These will be suitable for children, sometimes with activities in the hall and never too long.

Christingle Service	Christmas Eve, 4pm
Mothering Sunday	Sunday 3 rd April, 10am
Good Friday	22 nd April, 12 midday
Baptism Celebration	Sunday 15 th May, 10am

MESSY CHURCH

These creative sessions give opportunities for children to have fun and to learn about some aspect of the Christian faith. All the sessions will be held at the Church Centre.

Harvest
Saturday 25th September,
4 - 5:30 pm

Advent Club
7th, 8th, 9th December
3:15 - 4:15pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races
8th March
3:15 - 4:15pm



We also hope to join forces with St Nicolas' School PSA in an Easter craft morning.

St Nicolas' Infant School

The relationship between St Nicolas' church and St Nicolas' school is very important to us all. The children come to feel it is 'their' church where they can be completely at home. We have regular services for them there, e.g. at the end of term, then for Christmas carols and to celebrate Easter. They will all get to know Father Andrew and Deacon Barnaby - who enjoy the waves and greetings they then receive while cycling around or shopping in the supermarket!

The church particularly supports the school through the work of the school's Governing Body - and we hope that you will get to know all the Governors better.

Fr Andrew and Deacon Barnaby are usually in school for assembly on Tuesday, and will look forward to visiting you at home when possible.

Baptism - Christening

At St Nicolas' we take an 'open' approach to baptisms. So you may not be a regular church attender, but we shall be happy to accept you as you are - to give thanks for the wonderful gift of a child, and to work out how your family can be strengthened by the way of life Jesus sets before us all.

To arrange a baptism, please contact Father Andrew : 01483 504895 / 0783 7021726; andrew@andrewnorman.orangehome.co.uk

We also have a space in church every Sunday for young children who come with their parents to the 10am Parish Mass. On a carpeted area there are toys and colouring sheets - Mass books and communion cubes etc

