

ST NICOLAS' CHURCH CHOIR

St Nicolas' Church Choir is keen to welcome more children from 7 years and upward. Choristers have the opportunity to follow the Royal School of Church Music's training scheme, working towards the Dean's and Bishop's Awards.

Each summer the choir is invited to sing services for a weekend at various abbeys and cathedrals when the regular choirs are on holiday. Past visits have included Sherborne Abbey and Chichester Cathedral.

The choir robes are provided by the church.

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YOUNG PEOPLE SINGING

at Guildford United Reformed Church

Guildford URC runs a group called Young People Singing for keen young singers aged 6 and upwards. They meet on Thursdays in termtime from 6.30 - 7.15 pm to sing a lot of different kinds of music and have a lot of fun. They sing in church two or three times a term, and also meet up with young singers from other local churches for singing and social events. Contact: Gillian Lloyd 01483 570586 / 07941 644496 email: musoc@guildfordurc.org.uk.

Every Wednesday morning
during term-time

BABY & TODDLER GROUP
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



CHILDREN AT ST NICOLAS' CHURCH

autumn 2009 -
summer 2010

see the monthly St Nicolas'
magazine for full details of
all church events
or
visit our website
[www.stnicolas-
guildford.org.uk](http://www.stnicolas-guildford.org.uk)



"What do you have for children at St Nicolas' church?" is a question that is regularly asked! It's not so easy to run a conventional weekly Sunday School these days. Families are so busy - life has changed. But St Nicolas' remains definitely inclusive of all ages. Here is our programme for the coming year: creative, well-organised, but realistic. Watch the monthly magazine and website for any more ad hoc events, especially occasionally on Sunday mornings at 10am.

Special Celebrations



Each year there are some lovely celebrations: Harvest Thanksgiving, the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve, Mothering Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. The celebrations on

Sunday mornings will be held as the first part of the 10am Parish Mass - accessible for children, lasting just for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour, with refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 27th September

St Nicolas' Scout Group Parade Sunday 11th October

Christingle Service Christmas Eve, 4pm

Mothering Sunday Sunday 14th March

Good Friday 2nd April, 12 midday

Baptism Celebration Sunday 25th April



Every Sunday we have a space in church for young children who come with their parents to the 10am Parish Mass. On a carpeted area (where you can hear what's going on, but not be heard) there are toys and colouring sheets etc.

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.

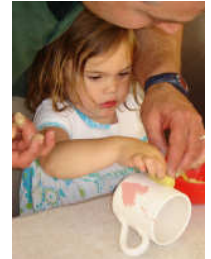


Harvest
Saturday 26th September,
4 - 5:30 pm

Advent Club
8th, 9th, 10th December after
school

New Year
Saturday 9th January,
12:30 - 2 pm with lunch

Easter
Saturday 20th March



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Father Andrew writes: "I have a regular Tuesday morning slot to take the act of worship at our Infant School - which is one of the highlights of my week! This year I'm aiming to develop this further as a 'Quiet Assembly', that is, to encourage the children to learn to sit in a composed way, to listen from the heart, and to benefit from the experience of stillness in an over-busy world. Later in the autumn term I want to explore offering an introduction to Christian Meditation for children whose parents feel that would be good. This is a really simple - and natural - process, just inwardly repeating a single word so as to still the mind and enter into a prayerful awareness of God."

"I'm also usually invited to take an assembly at Queen Eleanor's Junior School once a term. All the church schools locally, Holy Trinity, QE, and St Nicolas' work closely together. We take the church-school relationship very seriously, doing all we can as a church to support and be involved in the life of the school."

BAPTISMS

At St Nicolas' we take an 'open' approach to Christenings. 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