

## This Week at St Nicolas'

### MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

*The Martyrs of Japan, 1597; Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952*

#### 10 am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

psalm 30; 1 Kings 8.1-7, 9-13; Mark 6.53-end

5:15 pm Evening Prayer pss 26, 28, 29; Ecclesiastes 1; John 17.1-5

### TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup>

8:15 am Morning Prayer pss 32, 36; Genesis 24.29-end; 1 Timothy 6.11-end

#### 9:45 am Tuesday Group

10:15 am Eucharist at Hillier House

#### 12:30-1:15 pm Christian Meditation in church

#### 7:30 pm Evening Prayer & Eucharist

psalm 33; 1 Kings 8.22-23, 27-30; Mark 7.1-13

### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer psalm 34; Genesis 25.7-11, 19-end; 2 Timothy 1.1-14

#### 7:45 am Eucharist

1 Kings 10.1-10; Mark 7.14-23

#### 10 am Toddler Group

5:15 pm Evening Prayer

psalm 119.33-56; Ecclesiastes 3.1-15; John 17.20-end

### THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Morning Prayer psalm 37; Genesis 26.34-27.40; 2 Timothy 1.15-2.13

#### 1:10pm Eucharist

1 Kings 11.4-13; Mark 7.24-30

Please join Fr Andrew for 5:30pm Choral Evensong at the cathedral, or psalms 39, 40; Ecclesiastes 3.16-4.end; John 18.1-11

#### 7 pm Christian Meditation in church

### FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup>

*Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombioli, c.543*

Fr Barnaby's day off

8:30am Morning Prayer psalm 31; Genesis 27.41-28.end; 2 Timothy 2.14-end

#### 11 am Eucharist

1 Kings 11.29-32, 12.19; Mark 7.31-end

#### 11:45 am Christian Listening in the WTJ Room

from 10:30 am **Coffee Shop** in the Parish Centre

5:15pm Evening Prayer psalm 35; Ecclesiastes 5; John 18.12-27

### SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup>

Fr Andrew's day off

Morning Prayer pss 41, 42, 43; Genesis 29.1-30; 2 Timothy 3

#### 7:45 am Eucharist

1 Kings 12.26-32, 13.33-end; Mark 8.1-10

5 pm Evening Prayer pss 45, 46; Ecclesiastes 6; John 18.28-end

7:30 pm Guildford Chamber Choir concert

### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> : SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT :

### SEXAGESIMA

8 am Morning Prayer pss 29, 67; Deut 8:1-10; Matthew 6:25-end

#### 8:30 am Eucharist

#### 10 am PARISH MASS & Children's Church

5 pm Julian Meeting

#### 6 pm Evensong

### NOTICES

Today is Education Sunday? This has been celebrated since 1878 as a national day to remember the work of education, in schools of all kinds, in colleges and universities. It is promoted by the National Society to celebrate the achievements of education, to recognize the challenges, and to support and pray for all who are involved in education. We welcome as our preacher this morning Canon Andrew Bishop. Fr Andrew is chaplain to the University of Surrey and father of a pupil at St Infant Nicolas' School.

### A Very Urgent Plea!

"The temporary accommodation for our new Director of Music, Gareth Bennett, has suddenly fallen through with the illness of Caroline Williams. He is due to start at the beginning of March. Can anyone offer some space in their home – or have any other suggestions please?" Fr Andrew

"Forward in Faith Guildford are organising a guided tour of Lambeth Palace on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Coach travel is available. See the posters and flyers in the narthex. Places are limited – first come, first served." Graham Leech

Please make sure you have a copy of the Lent leaflet and sign up now for our ecumenical discussion groups. All those taking part are invited to a Lent lunch and introduction to the course at All Saints', 1pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February.



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## WEEKLY LEAFLET

5<sup>th</sup> February 2012

# Third Sunday before Lent *Education Sunday*

Please ask one of the sides-people before the Offertory if you need to receive gluten free holy communion.



### 8 am MORNING PRAYER

*Common Worship: Daily Prayer* page 114;

Office hymn 53; psalms 2 & 3;

Jeremiah 26:1-16; Acts 3:1-10;

& a third non-Biblical reading

### 8:30 am EUCHARIST traditional language

*Common Worship* page 207

Readings as at Parish Mass below.

### 10am

### PARISH MASS with ministry of healing

*There is a special Liturgy of the Word for children in the parish centre each week during term-time. They have fun and learn appropriately and then re-join us in church at the Offertory.*

*This week children should gather in the hall at the start of the service.*

*Mass set to music by Murray*

### The Gathering

#### HYMN 433 (omit \* verses)

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

### The Greeting

### Prayers of Penitence

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

**Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

*Please remain standing for the Collect.*

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please sit for the readings. Today's readers are Kate Woodhouse, Headteacher of St Nicolas' Infant School, and Debora Henigan, Chair of Governors*

#### **FIRST READING (Isaiah 40:21-31)**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.  
Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers

them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

#### **PSALM 147:1-12**

**RESPONSE: Praise, praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **[R]**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles. He heals the brokenhearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by name. **[R]**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **[R]**

#### **SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 9:16-23)**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

#### **GRADUAL HYMN 405**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, **alleluia, alleluia.**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*John 6:68*

#### **GOSPEL (Mark 1:29-39)**

*Please turn to the reader*

The Lord be with you.

**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a

deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON** Father Andrew Bishop

*There will then be a period of silence for reflection.*

### The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel for the*

### Prayers of Intercession

**Priest:** Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord, they are like trees planted by the waterside bearing fruit in due season. Let us pray to the Lord, that we may all learn to delight in the love of God.

*The Intercessions are led by Jacky Norman who is both a Foundation Governor at Queen Eleanor's Junior School – appointed by our PCC – and Teaching Assistant at Tormead School.*

.... Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

### HYMN 489 – The National Anthem

**Priest:** Merciful Father

**All: accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

### The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand as we exchange a handshake.*

#### The Peace

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

#### OFFERTORY HYMN 333

*A collection is taken for the work of the Church.*

#### Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.

**Amen.**

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.  
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.  
And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing Sabbath of the Lord.  
And so, with choirs of angels,  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna  
in the highest.**

*The bell rings as a sign that you might like to kneel, then to look  
at the bread and the wine as the Real Presence of Christ.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues and we all respond boldly:*

**Amen.**

*A time of silence is kept.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

*Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken*

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**grant us peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The bell rings as a sign to come for communion or a blessing. All*

*full members of other Christian churches are invited to receive*

*Holy Communion, others to come for a blessing.*

*If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing of any kind (with anointing for an acute need) please go to the aisle on the left immediately after receiving communion.*

### **COMMUNION HYMN 378**

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Merciful Father,

who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,

that those who come to him should never hunger:

draw us to the Lord in faith and love,

that we may eat and drink with him

at his table in the kingdom,

where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**We pledge ourselves**

**to support St Nicolas' School**

**in all the ways we can;**

**to keep the school in our daily prayers:**

**remembering the teachers and all who assist its life,**  
**the children and their families.**

**We declare this day our common need,**

**both young and old,**

**to be open to greater truth**

**that the Spirit may show us new things**

**and guide us all**

**through the maze of this life.**

### **The Dismissal**

*The children share their activities with us.*

### **FINAL HYMN 'Jesus the Teacher' – see insert**

*A member of the Guild of St Raphael will receive their*

*intercessions for the month and any notices will be given.*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

The peace of God

which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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#### **5pm : Julian Meeting in church**

#### **6 pm : Evensong**

Office hymn 54

Psalm 5

Numbers 13:1-2, 27-33; Philippians 2:12-28

Hymn 456

*then some thoughts from Gordon Giles on listening to music as a way to pray*

Final hymn 331

We are looking for someone to help with the Fairtrade Stall. It's good if this sort of responsibility can be shared around. Could you be the next one? Someone who cares about unfairness in the world, and wants to do their bit for exploited workers, so to make the Christian faith a living message of love-in-action and justice. Please speak to Fr Andrew to find out exactly what's involved.

#### **A message from John Varney to us all**

"It is impossible to express in words all that I would like to say to every one of you who helped to make last Sunday such a wonderful day for me. I also remember those who sent such kindly messages and thoughts although they could not be present. I was quite overwhelmed, and also humbled, with the warmth, friendship and love displayed by so many of you from St Nicolas', and the many dear friends from former churches and associations. It was an unforgettable experience. The most generous tokens of such kindness and affection I shall indeed treasure, representing as they do such deep associations that have enriched my life over so many years. For these and the letters and so many cards I received, thank you from the bottom of my heart. My final service was truly magnificent and inspirational and I felt a real sense that we were all united in praise and thanksgiving to our God and we certainly sang with the "spirit and with understanding also". So I look back with thankfulness to you all. I, of course, am not going away entirely and shall hope to still come to St Nicolas' on occasion and keep in contact. God bless you all." *John*

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## Supporting our Church School

There are many reasons for the existence of Church schools.

### Important theological reasons:

- Church Schools stand at the centre of the centre of the Church's mission to the nation;
- they are a key means through which the Church can reach out to the young;
- enabling the Church to achieve a balance between service to the community and the Christian nurture of young people;
- and so to demonstrate inclusivity.

### Important historical reasons:

- the Church's commitment to schooling extends over many centuries;
- the major developments occurred after the formation of the National Society in 1811 which led to the establishment of over 17,000 schools;
- with the creation of the 'dual system' in which the Church and the State became the providers of schools;
- Church schools are now an important part of the statutory arrangements in the UK;
- the Church's entitlement to provide voluntary schools is enshrined in law – Church schools being protected in law with statutory regulation covering aspects of admissions, staff appointments and curriculum.

Overarching all this is the very evident popularity of Church schools in the eyes of parents who value their distinctive, but inclusive, ethos, mission and values.

## How we can support our school

Church schools exist with and for the communities around them. This inclusivity is at the heart of their purpose. Church schools welcome support and help and this can take many forms. Here are some suggestions:

St Nicolas School has seven **Foundation Governors**: Debbie Henigan, David Coom, Georgina Hayne, Roy Henry, Sandra May, Greg Reed & Simon Taylorson, some appointed by the PCC and others by the diocese.

We can **support their activities** – the school's May Fayre is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May and their Easter Service in church at 9:30am on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March. After the services today there will be a collection for the school. They will use the money raised to help buy a laptop which they can use in the hall to enhance assemblies.

We can **pray**, both in our intercessions at the Eucharist on Sunday and during the weekday and in our own personal prayers, remembering the children and all those who have a vocation to teach.

We can **offer our time as volunteers** – perhaps assisting with reading or similar activities. The school is really keen to have more volunteers of all ages and they would be supported – for example, those who wanted to help with hearing children read would have an introductory sessions

and any ongoing support they would like. One hour a week would be so valuable to them – and even more if you wanted to. Kate would be so pleased to hear from you.

**Open the Book** is an exciting new venture which is running nationally offering a programme of Bible stories that fit into assembly times and which are presented by volunteer storytellers from local church congregations. We hope to introduce Open the Book at St Nicolas' School on an ecumenical basis – so you will be hearing more about it.

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**Values-based learning** has been introduced at St Nicolas' School. Every month a different value, each of which is based in the Christian virtues, is seen to relate to every aspect of school and learning and life.

Ray and Vicky Lamb, with the support of the PCC, are offering an opportunity in our parish centre on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> for teachers to discover how **Christian Meditation** can naturally enrich school life.

## A song for Education Sunday

*This song has been specially written for Education Sunday by Linda Currin. We shall sing it to the tune Slane (Lord of all hopefulness).*

Jesus the Teacher, the sower of seed,  
you taught by example, by story and deed.  
Your lesson - a kingdom of people made new,  
more wholly themselves and more truly like you.

Jesus the Master, we walk in your path,  
we watch as apprentices learning your craft.  
Our goal to become all that's gracious and true,  
more wholly ourselves and more truly like you.

Jesus the Healer, the sheltering wing,  
you cherish and challenge, you bless what we bring.  
You draw us to move from the known to the new,  
transforming our minds as we grow more like you.

Jesus, when vision can scarcely prevail,  
in tiredness or tension or fear that we fail,  
still teach, heal and draw us, our vision renew  
until we're made whole in the fullness of you.

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