

NOTICES CONTINUED

Collect for Today: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Collect for Today: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

Readings for Today:

Isaiah 64: 1-9: Isaiah speaks of the estrangement between God and his people. God is not to blame for their spiritual plight; it stems with their dalliance with sin

1Corinthians 1: 3-9: Paul commends the Christians at Corinth for their faith and enrichment in Christ

Mark 13: 24-37: As we enter Advent we are reminded of the coming of the Son of Man and warned to be alert and wakeful

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Christmas Tree Festival: We still need help with Stewarding and refreshments. Sign-up forms for both of these duties are at the back of the Church.

The Bible Society Action Group would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who supported them on Bible Sunday. Whether you bought items from the 'goods table', gave donations, helped fill a money box or gave a special talk – we made a fantastic amount of £321.52p which will go to buy Bibles for Egypt.

Friday 15th & Saturday 16th December: Shamley Green Christmas Crib Festival: See December magazine, page 19. Well worth a visit.

Magazine Advertising: We have some advertising spaces available in the Parish Magazine for 2018. If you or anyone you know are interested in publicising their business then please contact our Advertising Manager, Fiona Cantelo at the Church Office, Church Lane on 01483 273620 or fiona@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Christmas Cards: Our 'in church Post Box' is ready to use. The boxes are on a table at the back of the North Aisle and will be moved near the Font after the Tree Festival. Please remember everyone who participated is responsible for *posting and collecting their own cards*. **The scheme finishes on 23rd December. Any cards left in the boxes will be re-cycled**

Please send notices for next week to Margie Nursey at 1, Elm Cottages, Smithwood Common (273693) notices@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk by **7pm on Wednesday**.



SUNDAY 3rd December, 2017

ADVENT and CMS Sunday

A very warm welcome to everyone, especially to David and Shelley Stokes who are our link with the Church Mission Society (CMS.) *They will talk to us about the work of CMS during the 10am service and after the service in the Church Rooms where coffee and nibbles with a festive flavour will be served.* Kids of Faith stay in Church. Parents with babies or toddlers may use the Crèche in Baynard's Chapel.

If you would like a pew Communion or require a Gluten-free wafer please ask the duty Churchwarden or the Verger before the service starts so the Clergy can be aware of who you are.

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served after 8.00am Holy Communion in St Andrew's Room.

At 12noon Reginald Samuel Davies is being baptised. We pray for him. His parents, family and Godparents

This evening at 6.30pm we have our candlelight Advent Carol Service 'From Darkness to Light.' This marks the beginning of the Church's year and our preparation for Christmas. It is a beautiful act of witness as we think of the Light which came into the world at the birth of our Lord. Michael, Roy and the Choir will lead this uplifting service. So do come along, bring a friend and stay for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards in Baynard's Chapel.

Services Today:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am All Age Worship
12noon Baptism
6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Services next Sunday 10th December 2017:

8.00am Holy Communion (CW)
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Advent 1: Opening Responses

Leader: As stars to the maker,

All: We are the work of God's hands.

Leader: As plants to the gardener,

All: We are the work of God's hands.

Leader: As clay to the potter,

All: We are the work of God's hands.

Leader: Be brave, be honest,

All: Be awake to Integrity.

Leader: Be strong, be gentle,

All: Be awake to Justice.

Leader: Be joyful, be humble,

All: Be awake to Holiness.

Leader: Be steady, be hopeful,

All: Be awake to Love.

The Collects and Readings are on the back page

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS THIS WEEK 4th to 9th December 2017

- Mon 4th 10.00am till 12.30pm: The Sewing & Knitting Group meets in St Andrew's Room – all welcome
2.15pm Monday Afternoon Home Group meet at 5 Redcroft Walk
7.45pm Communications Team meet at 103 Cranleigh Mead
- Tue 5th 9.00am Management meeting in the Choir Vestry
9.30am till 12noon: *Longacre School setting up for their Carol service*
11.00am MU Pilgrimage of Prayer in the Lady Chapel of Guildford Cathedral led by Woking Deanery
12noon Holy Communion (BCP)
12.30pm Community Lunch in the Church Rooms (to book ring 274376)
1.00pm *Longacre School Carol service Rehearsal in Church*
6.15pm Longacre School Carol Service in Church
- Wed 6th 9.15am Cranleigh C of E School 'St Nicolas Day' service in Church
All Day *Duke of Kent School Carol Service rehearsal in Church*
2.30pm Cedar Court Holy Communion
3.30pm till 5pm: Ignite meet in The Rectory
6.00pm Duke of Kent Carol Service in Church
7.30pm Advent Reflections in Church – 'The King is Coming'
- Thu 7th All Day Setting up the Christmas Tree Festival
- Fri 8th 10.00am Little Nic's Toddlers in the Church Rooms
11.00am till 6.00pm: Christmas Tree Festival open to the public
- Sat 9th 9.00am till 11.30am: Christmas Tree Festival open to the public
12.30pm Wedding Day for Luke Zatwardnicki and Georgina Whittle
We wish them a long and happy life together
2.00pm till 6pm: Christmas Tree Festival open to the public
7.30pm Christmas Tree Festival Concert in Church: 'Music in the Trees' to include choral items, solos and Carols for everyone

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PARISH OFFICE - Fiona Cantelo is going to be leaving us at the end of the year in order to concentrate on her now, very successful, catering business. We wish her well as she does this, and look forward to thanking her properly at an appropriate occasion.

We are going to be looking at the role to see what changes need to be made, with a view to making a substantive appointment in the New Year.

Meanwhile, we have taken on Elise Whittington (well known to our 10am congregation) as a temporary staff member who will work alongside Fiona during December and take over on her own in January. We look forward to welcoming her on board, and working with her, and thank her for helping us at out.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - CONTINUED

EVENTS NEXT WEEK 10th to 16th December 2017

- Sun 10th St Nicolas Patronal Festival and Toy Service. (See below)
Normal morning services with guest speaker Canon Nigel Nicholson at 10am. At 4pm we have our Christingle service, followed by wine and mince pies. **NO Evensong**
- Mon 11th 9.00am till 5.30pm: Christmas Tree Festival open to the public with refreshments served all day.
5.30pm **Prize Giving and Carols**
- Tue 12th Christmas Tree Festival to be dismantled
10.00am Elmbridge Holy Communion
12noon Holy Communion (BCP)
1.00pm till 3pm: *Cranleigh C of E School rehearsal in Church*
- Wed 13th 10.00am MU meet in the Church Rooms – 'Trek to Mount Everest with Rev'd Ian Maslin
1.00pm to 3pm: *Cranleigh C of E School service rehearsal in Church*
2.30pm Knowle Park Holy Communion
3.30pm till 5pm: Ignite meet in Church
7.30pm Advent Reflection in Church – 'The Light is Coming'
- Thu 14th 10.30am Prayers in Baynard's Chapel for the Community
11.30am Funeral of Peter Trigg in Church
2.00pm Cranleigh C of E School Carol Service in Church
- Fri 15th 7.00pm Probus Carol Service in Church
- Sat 16th 10.00am till 12noon: Nativity Rehearsal in Church

Sun 10th December (Patronal Festival) and Toy Service: This is an opportunity to share our love with someone less fortunate than we are and this year our toys will be given to the Eagle Radio Toy Appeal. **Please bring your un-wrapped gift next week Christingle Service 4pm: Children's Society Boxes:** It is that special time your Children's Society Box need emptying. Could you please bring it to the Christingle Service; leave it in the Church Office or phone me, Marion Glasper on 01483 267879. Please make sure your box is clearly marked with your name and Tel Number. Thank you for your generosity. Marion Glasper

Task Force Romania Christmas Boxes: The final packing has been done and the boxes are at last on their way to Romania. We should like to thank everyone who participated or helped in any way (more details in the January Church magazine) Thanks to you all. We sent 137 from St Nicolas, which, when joined by those from churches in Shalford and Dunsfold, Poole, Frinton and Sevenoaks plus the school's boxes kindly collected by Cranleigh Rotary, they came to a grand total of more than 1,500. With Thanks from Ruth Collins and Michael Wild.