



**St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh**  
**WORSHIPPING AT HOME**  
**Christ the King**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

**WELCOME . . . .** to our Worshipping at Home resources for this week, provided for us by Canon Roy Woodhams, Revd Rutton Viccajee and Revd Tim Clifford Hill.

**THIS WEEK . . . .** (*Events in red will be online events*)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Christ the King:**

**10.00 (Zoom):** Church at Home

**11.15 (Zoom):** SEA Church (for young people)  
*(the Zoom joining code is ID: 148-785-166)*

**11.00am (Livestreamed):** Holy Communion (*Common Worship*).

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

10-11am: Church Open for Private Prayer  
*(During which suitable recorded Music will be played)*

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Sunday:**

**10.00 (Zoom):** Church at Home

**11.15 (Zoom):** SEA Church (for young people)  
*(the Zoom joining code is ID: 148-785-166)*

**11.00am (Livestreamed):** Holy Communion (*Common Worship*).  
**3.00pm Onwards (Youtube):** Advent Service with Words and Music.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE: Church during November Lockdown:**

- There can be no Public Worship in Church (except for funerals)
- We are allowed to live-stream from church without a congregation
- We are allowed to have a time when the church is open for Private Prayer

**3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER AND BEYOND . . . . At present we are unclear as to what will happen when Lockdown is due to end on December 2<sup>nd</sup>! In the December Parish Magazine you will see that we have two scenarios! For all the latest information about what is happening, always refer to the Church Website!**

If you know of anyone who does not have internet, and who would like a written communication from us each week, please email:

[nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) or call the Parish Office on 01483 273620. I am aware that this is going to be another very challenging and difficult time for everybody, so please feel free to contact either Nicola, or myself ([roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) 01483800655), if you have, or are aware of, any particular pastoral or practical needs during this time.

## **CHRIST THE KING:**

### **COLLECTS:**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in His service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

**FIRST READING: *Ephesians 1: 15 – end.***

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 25: 31 - end.***

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me

clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

### **SERMON (written by Canon Roy Woodhams):**

In Palestine, even today, flocks of sheep and herds of goats are plentiful. They dot the countryside, clutter up the highways, and crowd the streets of towns and villages.

Sheep have shepherds and goats have goat-herds. The shepherd with his long staff walks in front of his flock and his sheep follow him. In fact, they crowd around so closely they hamper the shepherd's movement. On the other hand, the goat-herd carries a short stick and walks behind his herd to keep them together, and moving in the right direction. He has his hands full - goats are individualists, impulsive and self-willed. They

dart off in all directions on personal missions of their own. There has to be a lesson there about leadership styles, but I will save that for another day!

Sheep-calling contests are also still common in Palestine. Several flocks are placed in an enclosure and mixed together. Then, some shepherds whistle a distinctive tune; others call or shout in a particular manner. Others still, use a pipe with a particular pitch. (Remember that well-known carol by John Rutter - 'The Shepherd's Pipe Carol' - when I was young, I used to think it was about something the shepherd smoked)!

Each shepherd's signal is understood by his own sheep and they respond immediately. In the contest, they make their way through the crowded enclosure to where their shepherd is waiting, and the shepherd who collects a given number of sheep in the shortest time is the winner.

When Jesus mentioned sheep and goats in contrast he knew what he was talking about. There is a difference, not only in appearance, but in nature and behavior as well. Goats are not responsive to leadership - they have to be driven. Sheep know their shepherd's voice and follow him.

And, of course, you don't need me to tell you, that Jesus wasn't talking about sheep and goats at all, but about human beings who have taken on these same characteristics! So, what makes a human "sheep" or a human "goat"? Let's have a look at what this morning's Gospel passage tells us.

Firstly, in the context of this bible passage, we can tell a human 'sheep' by their willingness to help others without thinking about what's in it for them. They will give food to the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, invite in a stranger, give clothing to the naked, take care of the sick, and visit the

prisoner in prison. Not only will they not think about what's in it for them, they won't even realise that they are doing these things! They respond to Jesus' by asking, "*when did we do these things?*"

And then, we can tell a human 'goat' by the exact opposite means! In the account, Jesus says exactly the same things about them, but in the negative. They did not give food to the hungry, or drink to the thirsty and so on . . . . And their reaction to this further incriminates them. They reply, "*When did we not do these things?*"

So, we see that there is a fundamental difference between human 'sheep and goats'!

In the Church of Christ, there are sheep and there are goats. Even at St Nicolas, Cranleigh, there are sheep and goats! And it's pretty hard for us to recognize whether we are a sheep, or a goat – it's easy to live a life thinking that we are doing good things for God, even if we're not. It's always good to remember the warning that Paul gives us in 1 Corinthians 13, '*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but I do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal . . . . and if I have prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing . . . .*'

Wow! It's possible to have people in a church who show all kinds of spiritual gifts, but if love is not at the centre of their actions, they are goats in sheep's clothing!

The final point I would like to make is this: the motive for right action has been intensified. We all know the famous line from the 'Sermon on the Mount' where Jesus says "*. . . . in everything, treat others as you would want them to treat you . . . .*"

Jesus is telling us to first think how we want to be treated and then do just that for others. This in itself is a hard thing to do. But we have just heard Jesus giving us an even greater incentive to act in the right way: ". . . *I tell you the truth, just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.*"

If we saw Jesus begging, who here would carry on walking by? I think the answer is none of us. When we see a beggar, our reaction should be the same as if we were to see Christ.

You may well have heard the story of Martin of Tours: Martin was a Roman soldier and a Christian. One cold winter day, as he was entering a city, a beggar stopped him and asked him for alms. Martin had no money; but the beggar was blue and shivering with cold, and Martin gave what he had. He took off his soldier's coat, worn and frayed as it was; he cut it in two and gave half of it to the beggar man. That night he had a dream. In it he saw the heavenly places and all the angels and Jesus in the midst of them; and Jesus was wearing half a Roman soldier's cloak. One of the angels said to Jesus, '*Master, why are you wearing that battered old cloak? Who gave it to you?*' And Jesus answered softly, '*My servant Martin gave it to me!*'

So, which are we going to be? Are we going to be goats, missing opportunities to show Jesus that our love for him is real by helping those who are in need? Or are we going to be sheep? Are our actions going to flow naturally from the love Jesus has shown us?

I suggest that we all decide today to be sheep for Christ, who is our King!

Amen.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Stir up, O Lord,  
The wills of your faithful people;  
That they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
May by you be plenteously rewarded;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **SEASONAL PROVISION (to be used at the Live-streamed Communion)**

### ***Invitation to Confession:***

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

### ***Introduction to the Peace:***

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

### ***Extended Preface for use with the Eucharistic Prayer:***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
Always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with the oil of gladness  
You have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
To be our great high priest and king of all creation.  
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross  
And redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.  
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
That he may bring before your infinite majesty

A kingdom of truth and life,  
A kingdom of holiness and grace,  
A kingdom of justice, love and peace.  
And so with angels and archangels  
And all the heavenly host,  
We proclaim your glory  
And join their unending hymn of praise:

***Blessing:***

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts  
And bring you to reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing . . . .

## **WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

### **Church and Christian Ministry:**

- For all churches in the United Kingdom, as we prepare for Advent and Christmas, in these unusual and unsettling times.

### **National and World Affairs:**

- For research scientists working on vaccines.
- For all affected by Coronavirus, and those whose livelihoods are at risk.

### **Community and Family:**

- For those who live in Harrowdene.
- For all Nursery Schools in the village.

## The Sick and those in Need:

- Jane Bloss, Ray Corver, Mike Ford, Stefan Godier, Stella Goldsmith, Michael Hart, Amy and Dennis Loveless, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Jean Quallington, Jean Sandow, Jack Sieber, Bert and Eileen Steed, Maureen Steele, Dennis and Rosemary Talbot, Marion Tomkins, Mac Walker, Angela Wild, Henry Young and Nicholas (*and from Dunsfold and Hascombe: Amanda and Hugh, Tim Bailey, Barbara Crabb, William Mason, Sally Rivett, Jacky Williams, Bill and Tracy Wood, Alli, Judy Bolt, Sue and Dennis Evans, Lorna Thompson, Sami Bennewith, Dru Ridley*).

## The Departed:

- All we have known and loved.

## WEEKLY NOTICES:

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER . . . .** If we are allowed to worship in Church, the Preacher and President will be Bishop Jo Bailey-Wells, the Bishop of Dorking, who will be joining us to celebrate **St Nicolas Day** and especially this year the **850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of St Nicolas Church!** As usual for St Nicolas Day we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for Eagle Radio Toy Appeal. If you are unable to come to church that day, toys can still be left in The Rectory porch at any time that week or the week after! **\*\*\*\*If this service is happening, we will need everyone who wishes to come to register in advance through Nicola at the Church Office. We will not be able to guarantee a place to anyone who hasn't registered!\*\*\*\***

**CRANLEIGH SHINES . . . .** The churches of Cranleigh invite everyone in the village to spread a little joy this Christmas by making stars to display in

their windows during Advent. We hope that seeing these stars will bring light, and give people hope at the end of a dark year. For many people, Christmas will look a little different this year. It will be hard for friends and families to meet up, and some of us may even find ourselves in isolation or quarantine during a season which usually brings people together, which is why the churches of Cranleigh wanted to try and spread a little joy throughout the village, and remind people they are not alone. From Advent Sunday on 29th November, Let's join together to brighten every street by making a star to display in your window. It can be as big or small as you like, and you can use anything you have handy: paints, crayons, lights, glitter... the limit is your imagination! We've chosen the symbol of a star because for us as Christians it reminds us of the star the wise men followed to find the Christ child who came to bring joy to the world. But it's also a symbol that holds meaning for people of other faiths and none. Stars can represent light (after all, the sun is a star) hopes, dreams, wishes... things we all need more than ever this year. We hope that seeing these stars around the village will bring light and hope to all at the end of a dark year. On a practical note we also chose a star because many people will already have one in their Christmas decorations and if not, one can be made for little or no cost which is even more vital than usual at the moment and we wanted everyone to be able to take part. In these difficult times we need to stand together as a village and this idea is designed to be completely inclusive. You can follow Cranleigh Shines on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as well as looking out for the posters around the village  
#cranleighshines #cranleighshines2020

### **Churchyard annual tidy-up - Saturday 12 December**

The mowing team has done a terrific job this year, keeping the churchyard looking good all summer. ***To maintain this for winter, the tidy-up is planned for 12 December - the second Saturday as in the past.***

Hopefully lockdown will be well over by then, although we must stick to social distancing rules.

The priorities are making sure the grass is short enough for the winter, the car park is tidy and as usual, gathering up as many leaves as possible between 9am and 1pm. Please bring your own equipment.

We hope to have some form of refreshment available, although we are not permitted to gather together for our usual half way break and the church will not be open, so you might want to bring your own.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible on the 12<sup>th</sup>

### **FACE MASKS FOR CHRISTMAS –**

We are making two different styles of face masks in Christmas designs. Please let us know your choice of style either A or J. (Shown by the pictures.) and place your orders to Jane (01483 274319) All donations to St Nicolas Church.



# Virtual Christingle Service in Cranleigh

**Sunday  
13<sup>th</sup>  
December  
4pm**



Make your own  
Christingle at home!

**Sign up** by the **25<sup>th</sup>**  
**of November** to  
receive a hand  
delivered pack



The  
Children's  
Society

Contact Gabrielle: 07427 748408/  
[Gabrielle@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:Gabrielle@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)  
For more info/ to sign up!

**DID YOU KNOW YOU MAY BE ABLE TO WATCH OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICES ON YOUR TV?** *Please note: this will only work if you have an internet TV or similar, OR a TV satellite box, such as Sky or Virgin:* If you have a 'Smart TV': Once the recording starts on the YouTube screen, hover the mouse over the picture. Some controls come up at the bottom of the screen. One looks like a square with three quarter circles in the bottom left-hand corner of the square: that is the 'play on TV' button. Click on that, and any available and compatible internet TV's will be listed. Many do not have one such. BUT many people have a satellite box, such as Sky or other internet service. *These also will come up on the list.* So, select a device, TV, or satellite box connected to your TV, and that sends the recording and sound (also called 'casting') straight to your TV. Normal TV or satellite remote controls should then work. Try it! And enjoy our services on your regular TV.

**CRANLEIGH LIONS:** Do visit the newly established Cranleigh Lions weekly market stall, where you will find a wide selection of donated items that are being sold to raise funds to help those in need in our community. They have new additions every week and some great present ideas, ranging from Bird Boxes to Books and Bikes and Beyond!

**TRAIDCRAFT:** Sue Knight is offering Traidcraft goods for sale by appointment or would be willing to deliver to Cranleigh on receipt of an order. She will have catalogues or you can go on line at [traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://traidcraftshop.co.uk) to see the whole range and if she has to order it in, this usually takes about a week. You can pay for any orders by BACS or she will accept cheques. Call Sue on 275032 or 07950 025137.

**PAYING MONEY TO THE CHURCH:** If you wish to pay any monies to St Nicolas, cheques should be made payable to 'Cranleigh PCC.'

Please send notices for next week to Margie Nursey at  
1, Elm Cottages, Smithwood Common (01483 273693)  
notices@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk by **7pm on Tuesday**

## **KEEP IN TOUCH:**

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