



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh
WORSHIPPING AT HOME
Fourth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 5th July 2020

WELCOME

. . . . to our Church at Home resources for this Sunday. We hope you will feel connected to the life of the Church Community, with these resources. Thank you to The Rector and Tim Clifford Hill for our Sunday Worship this week.

Re-opening of St Nicolas Church

This week, St Nicolas will be opening at the following times, but before coming, please read the safety guidance below:

Sunday 5th July:

8am: Said Holy Communion (1662)

11am: Said Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Tuesday 7th July:

12noon: Said Holy Communion (1662)

Thursday 9th July:

10am – 12noon: For Private Prayer

4.30pm: Said Holy Communion (Common Worship)

During which next Sunday's online Service will be recorded

After Sunday, we will be reviewing safety in relation to numbers and cleaning etc, and will issue a more permanent schedule of opening times later in the week.

During this time of transition, as things gradually ease, we are trying to take things slowly and safely, and are very aware that there will those of you who are not yet comfortable with coming back to church. As long as this continues, we assure you that online and printed worship for home use will continue for those who need it (*see below for more details, and for comprehensive notes about what safety features we have in place and what coming to church will be like*)

If you do have internet access, you will find a video version of a said Communion Service, with the sermon on the Church Website www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk and on the St Nicolas Church FaceBook page.

There will also be **live worship** at 10am with Gabrielle Clarke available via WhatsApp and Zoom, with a live talk from Steff Shepherd. If you want to join: (*this code is the same every week*)
Join Meeting ID: 148-785-166 Or click on URL:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/148785166> .

There is also an opportunity to join church friends for a **Virtual Afternoon Tea and Chat on Tuesdays at 4pm!** The Zoom joining code for this is ID: 804-694-233

***This Week we continue to welcome Home
Worshippers from the Churches at Dunsfold and Hascombe – it's
a pleasure to have you join with us!***

Coming to St Nicolas – Safety Guidelines:

- Numbers will be restricted in order that social distancing is observed. We have decided to work for now on the 2 metre rule, as we think this will be a lot safer for all of us. Bearing that in mind, we believe that we can safely accommodate 45 people in a service, in addition to the leaders and stewards. If a service reaches the limit, we regret that we will have to turn people away, but please do not arrive early to be at the front of the queue, as this would be a risk to yourself and others – ideally, we would not want congregation to arrive more than 20 minutes before a service is due to start.
- You will be asked to sit in certain prepared and spaced places (a couple from the same household will be able to sit together).
- No singing will be permitted at services at present, though at the Sunday 11am service we may use recorded music or live organ playing.
- We will not be using any books or notice sheets – all words will be projected on the screens.
- Your name and telephone number will be recorded as you come in, and in the event of a known case of Coronavirus, NHS will be given a list of those who have attended (Track and Trace).
- At Holy Communion, members of the congregation will only receive the bread and not the wine. Communion will be brought to you in your seat.

- **The Choir Vestry Toilet will be available but only for emergency please, as if it is used it will need to be deep cleaned before it can be used again.**
- **No refreshments will be served after the service.**
- **Some of this will feel strange and unfamiliar, but we do ask you to show respect, and to follow the instructions of the Stewards at all time.**
- **You should not come to a service if you are feeling ill in any way.**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

COLLECTS:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:

draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end*

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children
sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a

demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

SERMON *(Written by Tim Clifford Hill)*

Before I begin, may I start by saying thank you for the virtual welcome that you have given Alexandra, Henry and Me. For the cards, flowers, biscuits, the delicious Shepherd’s Pie, cooked by the Rector himself!

We have been living in the village for just over a month now. We’ve met some of you at zoom online services and I’ve been able to meet some of you in person, when I’ve helped open the church for private prayer. We are really enjoying getting to know our new

community and we can't wait to meet more of you, as soon as we can.

Turning my thoughts to today's readings: + May all my thoughts, words and deeds be in the name of Christ. Amen.

Like other Christian denominations, the Church of England has a Lectionary, a table of set readings for every day of the year. It is planned years in advance and sometimes the set readings for a particular day can strongly align with what we are experiencing at that very moment. Today is an example of that, with our Old Testament Reading from Zechariah and our Gospel from St. Matthew.

The book of Zechariah was written when the Jewish people were no longer in captivity. Zechariah was deeply concerned with the rebuilding of their temple, rebuilding their community, looking forwards to the future.

We are slowly starting to come out of our own form of captivity, due to a virus that has ripped through the whole country. We are starting to slowly rebuild our community here in Cranleigh. The word 'rejoice' was the first word we heard in our Old Testament reading and we are starting to 'rejoice' that, although we are still living in uncertain times, we are slowly getting through this pandemic.

As a church community, we have reasons to rejoice today. Today we can rejoice because we are able to offer worship to Almighty

God in two ways. We can worship during this Eucharist service online. And those that wish to, are also able to physically join us and worship in this ancient and holy space this morning, at 8 o'clock and 11 o'clock.

We can rejoice that, during the pandemic, our commitment to nurturing the minds of young people has been able to continue, thanks to Zoom sessions and services masterminded by Gabrielle, our Young people's Minister.

We can rejoice that, during the pandemic, those who are housebound, some of whom would only see a priest once a month for home communion, have been able to join a communion service every week, from the comfort of their own home, delivered by Roy and our ministry team. And, like Zechariah, we have been looking forward. Zechariah was looking forwards to the coming of the Messiah. We have been looking forward to this day. When we can open our building for public worship. Enabling people to worship together again, to meet together in communion at our altar table. Connecting with our Lord and Saviour, through the eating and drinking of bread and wine, His body and His blood (although today we will only be eating the consecrated bread).

Yet the coronavirus lockdown also brought to our community loss, pain and heavy burdens. We have seen loss. Doors on our high street were closed. Businesses have had financial losses. We lost the ability to worship together. People in our community, have felt the pain that comes with losing someone they love, and

being unable to attend the funeral. These have been heavy burdens to bear.

In the last month, I've attended live Zoom services online and I've helped open the church for personal prayer. In my contact with the community, online and in person, I've sensed that we are longing for lockdown to officially end. We are fed up with it. Tired. To borrow a word from today's Gospel reading, we are 'weary.'

"Come to me all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest," said Jesus in our Gospel today.

You may have seen a video on our church Facebook page, when members of our church community recorded the Lord's Prayer from their homes. For me, that served as a reminder that, although we have been unable to come to Jesus together through communion, in our weariness, during the pandemic, we have always and will always be able come to Jesus in prayer. And through prayer we hope that God will bring us peace, rest, give us strength, encourage us and support us in these uncertain times, and as we look forward to the future. As we begin to rebuild our temple, that is St. Nicolas' Church. As we begin to rebuild our communities here in Cranleigh, in Dunsfold, in Hascombe and throughout the world.

With that in mind, may I close with a prayer. Using and adapting words from a prayer that has been on every church poster outside the church here, during the pandemic.

(Let us pray) Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy, in this time of uncertainty. Sustain and support those who are carrying heavy burdens and give rest to all who are weary. That we may rejoice in your comfort, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. In the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who carried that heavy burden of the cross, so that we might have everlasting life. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS:

Prayer relating to the Coronavirus:

God of all hope we call on you today.
We pray for those who are living in fear:
Fear of illness, fear for loved ones,
Fear of other's reactions to them.
May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.
We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.
For those people who are worried about not attending worship.
For those needing to make decisions in order to care for other

For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.
Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that
Nothing will separate us from your love
Demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.

Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you. Amen.

Loving God,

If we are ill, strengthen us.

If we are tired, fortify our spirits.

If we are anxious, help us to consider the lilies of the field
and the birds of the air.

Help us not to stockpile treasures from supermarkets
in the barns of our larders.

Don't let fear cause us to overlook the needs of others
more vulnerable than ourselves.

Fix our eyes on your story
and our hearts on your grace.

Help us always to hold fast to the good,
see the good in others,

And remember there is just one world, one hope,
One everlasting love, with baskets of bread for everyone.

In Jesus we make our prayer,

The one who suffered, died and was raised to new life,
In whom we trust these days and all days. Amen.

For the Christian community

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God, giving and loving,
wherever we are, whatever it costs
For as long as it takes wherever you call us. Amen.

Weekly Prayers of Intercession:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- For the Diocesan Board of Education: Bishop Jo (Chair), Alex Tear (Team Director) and Jonathan Gambier (Assistant Team Director) and for Head Teachers, Staff, Governors and Pupils of the Church Schools in the Diocese
- For our own Cranleigh Church of England Primary School (Headteacher Gill Leadbetter-Simms)
- For Tim Clifford Hill and his family, as Tim begins his ministry amongst us

National and World Affairs:

- For all affected by Coronavirus, and for the Governments across the world, seeking to find ways of combatting the virus
- For our own Prime Minister and Government
- For all scientists working to produce effective drugs and vaccines

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Bookhurst Hill, Swallowhurst (Parklands Drive, Fern mead, Canvil Place, Swallow Grove, Bracken Lane)

- For Cranleigh Hospital and Medical Centre
- For the businesses in our High Street that have reopened this week
- For all those who continue to work in public service, especially for NHS staff, police, fire and rescue, paramedics, and shop workers, keeping us well, safe and fed

The Sick and those in Need:

For Robin Burnett, Mike Ford, Stella Goldsmith, Michael Hart, Anne Horrocks, Tony Kenison, Libby O'Brien, Jill and Brian Pettyfer, Jean Quallington, Marion Tomkins, Mac Walker, Angela Wild, Henry Young *(And from Dunsfold and Hascombe: Amanda and Hugh, Sandra Baxter-Brown, Barbara and Des Crabb, Jenny Glover, Henry, Sally Rivett, Sue Simper, Jackie Williams, Christine Woof, Judy Bolt, Sue and Dennis Evans, Peter Hutley, Sally Davis, Lorna Thompson, Francesca, Paul Wiltshire, Sami Bennewith, Dru Ridley.)*

The Departed:

All we have known and loved

NOTICES:

Support Helpline: 01483 901493 – Lines are open 11-3 Monday to Friday if you would like to chat to a friendly helpful voice!

Ministry Team News: Our new Full-time Curate, **Tim Clifford Hill** has now begun his ministry amongst us, and looks forward to meeting more of you 'in the flesh' as you become able to get to

Church. Tim should have been ordained Deacon today (Sunday 5th July), but with the ordinations postponed to October, he has been temporarily licensed as a Lay Minister! Welcome Tim, Alexandra and Henry!

And *****Stop Press news***** The Reverend Rutton Viccajee: Rutton is going to be joining St Nicolas Ministry Team in September as a Self-Supporting (non-stipendiary) Curate. He is currently Curate in the Parish of Tongham, where he has been ministering for 5 years (3 as a lay minister during his ordination training, and the past 2 as Deacon and Priest.) However, it has been agreed by the Diocese, Tongham Parish, and Rutton himself, that it would be beneficial for him to complete his curacy by gaining experience in a different context, and I am pleased and excited that it has been agreed that he will do this here at St Nicolas. He will work in the Parish for 2 days a week in addition to Sunday until he completes his curacy in 2022. Rutton, a semi-retired accountant, brings with him a wealth of experience in business and life in the local church, and is passionate about mission and pastoral care. I really look forward to welcoming him and his wife, Kate, amongst us. Rutton's last Sunday at Tongham will be on the 19th July, after which he will take a well-earned break before taking up his new duties. Please pray for him and for his family in this time of transition.

New Church Lighting – We are excited to report, that as a result of two substantial gifts, received through the endeavours of the Charity 1170, plus other donations in response to December's appeal, we are now in a position to move forward with this

project. These generous gifts have been given for the dedicated purpose of replacing the lighting system in the Church building. For a resume of the plans and public notice, please navigate to our website and the menu item 'Church Life' and 'Latest News'.

'Every Day with Jesus' Bible notes for July/August now available from Diana Trent 272677. Subject: "Walk This Way" a look at the Beatitudes, eight guidelines to help us live as God intended. £3.25 to pay.

Cranleigh's Own 'Captain Tom'!



90 year Rotarian and Church member, John Menlove, will be doing a sponsored walk around the Cricket Green between 20th-31st July, aiming to complete a lap per day! Raising money for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care, donations can be made on Just Giving by following this URL:

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F3i61YMK&data=02%7C01%7C%7C33d435e8271c4845362708d81ff3f3e8%7C61d1bd8f365d40bbb725a3138fb537cf%7C1%7C0%7C637294479910853102&sdata=qNZU7EUxX6ZG612Qw%2BellgPQyUerdBP4pSeM3Kifqc0%3D&reserved=0> John's target was to raise £1,000, but we are told that he has raised over £800 before he has even started! Well don and good luck John!

Traidcraft: Sue Knight is now offering Traidcraft goods for sale. Traidcraft has continued to trade during lockdown and has picked up more online customers. It will be more important than ever to help the poorest farmers in the world in the future. So, if you are missing the Ginger biscuits, chocolate tea or coffee, she is open for business. She has all her stock boxes on shelving in her garage so would be able to sell from there 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 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. Sue will also be writing in July's magazine about the situation in Uganda but she was able to send £100 from the Traidcraft account to the appeal for money for food launched by the Guildford Mukono link. So please consider supplementing your larder, and call Sue on 275032 or 07950 025137.

St Nicolas Church: During these changing times you can still keep in touch in the following ways

The Rector: 01483 800655 or email

roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Curate to be, Tim Clifford Hill: 01483 276267 or email

tim@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Parish Office: 01483 273620 or email

elise@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Young People's Minister: 07427 748408

gabrielle@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Church Website:

www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk and on FaceBook

If you need help or would like to Volunteer: There is now a central point of contact set up by the Parish Council for anyone who needs any sort of help. **The number is 0300 200 1008** (but note that at times you may need to leave a number for someone to get back to you). This number can also be used by those who would like to volunteer to help in any way!

Meals from Rowleys: Please note that Rowleys do NOT provide lunches at the weekend, but only from Monday to Friday. They do provide a roast on Wednesdays only. Apologies for the previous inaccurate information. Orders to Gary or Tina on 277155. Their office is open 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

GDPR: If you have not completed a GDPR contact form we will be unable to contact you at all, so if this is you, please complete one as a matter of urgency. You will find them on the website. If you have received your news sheet by post and still have not completed a GDPR Form please contact the Rector on 01483 800655 or Elise on 01483 273620

MORE RESOURCES:

In addition to our own resources, here are a few things that you may like to take note of:

- DAILY HOPE The Church of England has set up a Telephone Worship Service with Hymns, Reflections and Prayers – the content changes every day and it is totally FREE TO CALL on 0800 804 8044
- Diocese of Guildford Website (Resources for children and adults) www.cofeguildford.org.uk/
- Guildford Cathedral Website www.guildford-cathedral.org where you will find a lot of worship resources.
- Bible Society Website (Resources for children and adults) www.biblesociety.org.uk/
- Premier Christian Radio www.radio.net/s/premierchristian
- CMS Website www.churchmissionsociety.org/
- Cranleigh Community Radio weekly broadcast available each week from Friday morning. Visit www.destinationcranleigh.net/radio

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**

If you know of anybody who would like to receive a printed communication like this each week, please call us on one of the numbers above!

Alternatively, with the church re-opening, if you no longer require this weekly publication delivered to you, please can you let Elise know?