



**St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh**  
**WORSHIPPING AT HOME**  
**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 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 our Rector, Canon Roy Woodhams, and Curate Tim Clifford Hill for our Sunday Worship this week.

**Important Safety Notice (From The Rector and Churchwardens)**

**The risk from the Coronavirus is still significant, with safety, especially in the Church services, particularly important.**

**Please, please, please! If you are coming to worship at Church, think of the safety of others as well as yourselves! Last Week there was some blatant disregarding of the Social Distancing Guidelines. A reminder . . . .**

- **Stay 2 Meters apart at all times**
- **Do not engage in conversations inside the church at the beginning and end of services, but, of course, meet each other outside**
- **Always show respect and do as the Steward asks you**

- **Go straight to the seat you are asked to sit in and stay in the same place throughout the service**
- **Avoid touching surfaces if possible**
- **\*\*\*\*FROM NEXT SATURDAY\*\*\*\* the Government have said that we must wear face coverings in Church at all times**

**If disregard to these simple courtesies continues at St Nicolas, we may have to consider suspending live worship again, which is the last thing that any of us want to do!**

### **Worship at St Nicolas Church**

**The pattern of Worship, in and out of Church, which we will be adopting for the foreseeable future is as follows, but before coming, please read the safety guidance below:**

#### **Sundays:**

**8am: Said Holy Communion (1662)**

***10am: Worshipping at Home (live via Zoom)***

**11am: Said Holy Communion (Common Worship)**

#### **Tuesdays:**

**12noon: Said Holy Communion (1662)**

#### **Thursdays:**

**10am: Time of led Prayer**

**4.30pm: Said Holy Communion (Common Worship)**

**During which next Sunday's online Service will be recorded**

**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.

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](http://www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) and on the St Nicolas Church Face Book page.

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

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***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!***

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### **Coming to St Nicolas – Safety Guidelines:**

- **NEW - if you are coming to church services, then the latest from the Church of England is that you MUST wearing of face coverings from 8<sup>th</sup> August. Remember that the wearing of a mask is more for the protection of others, than the protection of yourself!**
- **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 particular 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 listen to music.
- 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.**

# **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:**

## **COLLECTS:**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and  
bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your  
Commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 55.1-5**

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

### **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14.13-21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed

and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**SERMON (*Written by Tim Clifford-Hill*)**

“And they took up”

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May my thoughts, words and deeds be in the name of Christ.

**Amen**

As Roy reminded us in his last sermon, the Gospel of Saint Matthew wasn't written with Christian people in mind. Instead, Saint Matthew was trying to show the Jewish people of the time, who did not believe in Jesus, or a Trinitarian God, that Jesus really is the Messiah.

Our Gospel passage is sometimes called the feeding of the five thousand, even though, if you add up all the women, men and children present, there were more than five thousand people there.

Scripturally, this passage has two significances. It looks back into scripture and it looks forward into scripture.

If you were one of Matthew's intended readers, reading this for the first time, you would probably have a good understanding of

the Hebrew Scriptures, what we commonly refer to as the Old Testament. And you would have been reminded of the book of Exodus, Chapter 16. Moses took the Israelites out of Egypt, and on the fifteenth day of the second month after leaving Egypt, they were in a Desert. They had fought through the Red Sea and they were hungry. They complained to Moses.

What happened the following morning? God fed them with Manna from heaven.

When Jesus fed the over five thousand people, they had just crossed over a river and they were in a deserted place. And Jesus - who is God - fed them. As Isaiah wrote, in our first reading, 'Come to the waters, you that have no money. Come and eat!' Jesus fed them for free. The food was without price.

If we look forward into Scripture, deeper into Matthew's Gospel, the feeding of the over five thousand people reminds us of Maundy Thursday. When Jesus fed another group of people. His Disciples. He took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, gave it to the Disciples and said "take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying "Drink from it all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Words that we will hear Roy say, in our Eucharistic prayer today.

That part of our communion service also looks back and looks forward. At every Eucharist, we look back to that first Maundy

Thursday and the Good Friday that followed, when Jesus' body was actually broken, so that our sins forever are forgiven.

And at every Eucharist we look forward. When we partake of Christ's Body and Blood, we are given a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, prepared for all peoples. And that eating and drinking nourishes us and energises us, so that we can take up our cross and go out into the world spreading the Good News of the love of God. As a well-known liturgist once wrote, "when we eat the bread and drink the wine, we are not just dropping in for a cup of tea with God." We are fed, so that we are prepared for the challenges that come with being God's messengers in the modern world.

That theme of taking up appears in our Gospel today. When the people ate and were filled, they 'took up' what was left.

Hearing those four words today, 'And They Took Up,' reminded me of the season of Lent, when a wise Priest once said to me that giving up something for Lent isn't much of a challenge. He said to me, 'Tim, if you want a challenge, take up something new.'

Take up something new.

We are living through a time that is new. As lockdown begins to ease, and as we are trying to find out what our 'new normal' might look like, we are faced with new challenges. Here at St. Nicolas, we are faced with new challenges, as we navigate through the government and diocesan advice, trying to find new

ways of public worship, in a safe way. We have taken up providing new forms of worship. One is our Thursday morning time for prayer and reflection at 10 o'clock. Another is our first outside All Age Service, in the grounds of our church. And those of us who are in church today have taken up the challenges that come with taking part in worship in a church building. But can we take up another challenge, a new challenge, as we head towards the 'new normal.'

As God's messengers in the modern world, can we take up the challenge of flooding the 'new normal' with something that isn't new? Can we flood the 'new normal' of the world with the unchanging, never-ending, ever flowing love of God? God who is Father. God who is Son. God who is Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and  
dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with  
the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be  
refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

## **Weekly Prayers of Intercession:**

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

- For the Diocesan Mission Team (Leader, Peter Harwood) and the Parish Coordination Team (Leader, Kate Darwent), as they continue to support and inspire parishes emerging from lockdown.
- For our own Mission and Outreach Team (Chair, Mike Roberts)

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

- For greater tolerance between nations, cultures and religions
- For all affected by Coronavirus, and for the Governments and scientists across the world, seeking to find ways of combatting the virus
- For the world's most vulnerable people

### **Community and Family:**

- For those who live in Overford Drive
- For Cranleigh Women's Institute
- 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, Stefan Godier, Stella Goldsmith, Michael Hart, Tony Kenison, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Jean Quallington, Marion Tomkins, Mac Walker, Henry Young *(And*

*from Dunsfold and Hascombe: Amanda and Hugh, Sandra Baxter-Brown, Barbara and Des Crabb, Jenny Glover, Sally Rivett, Sue Simper, Judith Wheeler, Jackie Williams, 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 (and especially from Dunsfold and Hascombe: Henry and Bishop John Neale, Former Rector of St Peter's Hascombe).*

## **NOTICES:**

**Plant Sales:** A massive thanks you to Win Bracking and her team of wonderful plant nurturers, who have now raised almost £1,900 toward the 'Fete' fund. This is a staggering effort, for which we are very, very grateful!

**Traidcraft:** Sue Knight is now 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.



SEEKERS, EXPLORERS, ADVENTURERS  
**JOIN THE ADVENTURE!**

**SEA CHURCH  
EVERY SUNDAY IN  
AUGUST!  
11:15-11:45**

**02/08: David and Goliath  
09/08: Walking on water  
16/08: Feeding the 5000  
23/08: Jesus and the Children  
30/08: Daniel and the lion's den**

**Join us on Zoom for games,  
stories, crafts, sweets, music,  
puppets and prayer!**

To sign up, contact Gabrielle at 07427  
748408/ Gabrielle@stnicolascranleigh  
.org.uk

## 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://www.justgiving.com/campaign/menlovesponsoredwalk>

John's target was to raise £1,000, but we are told that he has raised over £800 before he has even started! Well done and good luck John!

**Paying Money to the Church:** If you wish to pay any monies to St Nicolas, cheques should be made payable to 'Cranleigh PCC'

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

The Rector: 01483 800655 or email

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

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[elise@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:elise@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)

Young People's Minister: 07427 748408

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Church Website:

[www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](http://www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) and on FaceBook

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

## MORE RESOURCES:

- 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 [www.cofeguildford.org.uk/](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/)
- Premier Christian Radio [www.radio.net/s/premierchristian](http://www.radio.net/s/premierchristian)
- Guildford Cathedral Website [www.guildford-cathedral.org](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org)
- Website [www.churchmissionsociety.org/](http://www.churchmissionsociety.org/)
- Bible Society Website [www.biblesociety.org.uk/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/)

**AND . . . .**

**. . . . You've got to laugh:**



**Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.**

**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?**