



**St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh**  
**WORSHIPPING AT HOME**  
**Remembrance Sunday**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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

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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday:**

**09.30am (Livestreamed):** Remembrance Sunday Service.

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

**11.15 (Zoom):** SEA Church (for young people)

*(the Zoom joining code is ID: 148-785-166)*

**10.58am (Livestreamed):** Said Holy Communion (*Common Worship*). This service includes an Act of Remembrance and a two minute silence at 11am.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 2 Before Advent:**

**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*).

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

Things have now become clearer as to what we can and can't do during the 4 week (?) National 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

In response to this, here is a Calendar for the rest of the month (Note that Live-streamed Services can be watched in real time, or at any point afterwards):

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November (Remembrance Sunday):**

9.30am: Special Remembrance Service (*Live-streamed on Youtube*)

11.00am: Service of Holy Communion (*Live-streamed on Youtube*)

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November (Second Sunday Before Advent):**

11.00am: Service of Holy Communion (*Live-streamed on Youtube*)

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November (Christ The King):**

11.00am: Service of Holy Communion (*Live-streamed on Youtube*)

### **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):**

11.00am: Service of Holy Communion (*Live-streamed on Youtube*)

3pm onwards: Special Service for Advent with Words and Music (*Pre-recorded and available on Youtube*)

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.

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

## COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart from the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

God our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FIRST READING: *1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – end.***

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet

the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 25: 1-13.***

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## SERMONS

### **Sermon written by Revd Martin Booth for 11am Service:**

Quite by chance I found myself reading Field Marshall William Slim's *Defeat into Victory* recently. Slim - known to his troops as Uncle Bill - was the general in charge of the 14th Army - the largely unsung general perhaps, of the forgotten army.

*Defeat into Victory* is his account of the Burma Campaign. It gives his view of the surprise defeats of Singapore and Burma. The harrowing and demoralising retreats that followed - as destructive for morale, men and equipment as that of Dunkirk - and the long hard task of putting an Army back together again. Healing them, building them up, reviving their sorely damaged morale, and sending them back into the fray with hope and conviction that right was on their side.

A key element within that whole campaign was the defence of the garrison at Kohima. One of the most fearsome and bloody events in the entire region.

The Kohima Epitaph is nowadays read on every Remembrance Day, and which we read at the start of this service.

It can be found on the Kohima monument. That tribute to the terrible losses and dreadful sacrifices made by forces throughout the campaign - including British, Gurkha, Indian, African and Burmese and many other ethnic groups, cultures and religions.

William Slim's account is moving, tragic, hugely compassionate and ultimately uplifting in both the way his and others' humanity shine through and the courage and determination they exhibited to just get things done... done properly... and done well.

It is the story of the revival of a group of people who, blow after miserable blow, had every right to feel like nothing would ever go right for them, or their loved ones, or their communities ever again. It is an account of enormous and tragic sacrifice and of the triumph of the human spirit.

In seeking to revive the Army's morale after having been flung violently out of Burma at the beginning of the campaign, the intensely human Slim sought to visit each and every unit. From front line troops - via the medics, support and logistic teams - to the caterers, the pen-pushers, the warehousemen and women, the tea-makers, the latrine-diggers and the cleaners under his command.

He would liken everyone's role in the work that had to be done to the workings of a clock. This is what he said to them:

*'A clock is like an army,' I used to tell them.*

*'There's a main spring, that's the Army Commander, who makes it all go;*

*then there are other springs, driving the wheels round, those are his generals.*

*The wheels are the officers and men. Some are big wheels, very important, they are the chief staff officers and the colonel(s).*

*Other wheels are little ones, that do not look at all important. They are like you. Yet stop one of those little wheels and see what happens to the rest of the clock! They are important.'*

Slim's words resulted in a renewed hope and growing intention throughout the entire Army to shine again as light in the darkness. His words are helpful to us today - as we remember and offer prayers for all those who gave their tomorrows that we might have our todays. And I believe they can help us give our todays that others might have their tomorrows. Especially, but not exclusively, in this time of Covid. And have a decidedly Christian dimension.

When we look at Genesis, we see that God, immediately after creating everything that is, gave its management and care into our hands. All our hands. Each and every one of us has this responsibility. This is called Stewardship. We, each of us - no matter how large or small our part in it, need to make God's creation work. Like a clock. Without even the smallest contribution from each one of us we are not fulfilling our stewardship role in the whole of God's creation.

Meanwhile, in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he makes clear that every single one of us is important. Vital. Equal to everyone else. Those of us who are poor or poor in spirit, those of us who mourn, those who are meek... or peacemakers... or seek after righteousness... or are merciful... or pure in heart... or persecuted. In fact, Jesus says, this is anyone who The World might otherwise

believe is insignificant. Who might be considered of no consequence. Jesus says on the contrary - we have a great role, an important role, a vital role in the ticking of God's clock.

It was the same for those who had to struggle and suffer through the Burma campaign and indeed any war or conflict right up today. For which we give thanks and prayers today.

It is the same for us who have to struggle and suffer in our different ways through the Covid crisis and all the other difficulties and challenges we find ourselves in, in today's world.

Jesus says:

Everyone is important.

Everyone has a role to play.

Everyone can play their part.

Everyone can offer themselves up in the service of God, in the service of God's creation, in the service of humankind, in the service of the Common Good.

And, most especially of all, we have Jesus who understands us.

And the Holy Spirit who is there alongside us in everything we do.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **Sermon written by Revd Tim Clifford Hill for RBL Remembrance Service:**

‘No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends’

I was going to change my sermon today, in the light of what has happened this week and the lockdown that we find ourselves in, as a nation. But my wife, in her wisdom, reminded me that although we are not allowed to commemorate, we can still remember.

I stand here in an empty church, without the brightness of medals on people’s chests shining in my eyes, without the flags, with no pomp and circumstance.

We are not allowed to stand as a village at our war memorial, in great numbers, as we normally do. We cannot commemorate and mark this day physically together. Yet, as a nation, we can still remember. And we must always remember on this Remembrance Sunday. So my sermon is unchanged.

This year we remember eighty years since the Battle of Britain. The three month long air battle that took place in the skies above our island.

The most recent Second World War grave I’ve seen was the gravestone of a Flight Lieutenant in the air force. It belongs to

Flight Lieutenant J A Casey and on the gravestone, his family had inscribed 'The Best is Yet to Be. Reunion.' By inscribing this, the Casey family were making a Christian statement. For Christian people, death is not the end. When we die, we move from this earth to the Heavenly Kingdom, where we will be reunited with the saints and all our loved ones who have gone before us. As the hymn 'Abide with me' says 'where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?' The Casey family are saying to their Flight Lieutenant 'we will see you again, in heaven.'

For me that inscription served as a reminder that there are two sorts of sacrifice that are made in times of conflict. Firstly, the sacrifice of those men and women who bravely fight and die. Secondly, the sacrifice made by those left at home. The families and friends, who will never see their loved one again. The sacrifice that they have to live with for the rest of their lives on this earth.

Scripture tells us that Jesus told His Disciples that no one has greater love than to lay down their life for their friends. He told this to his Disciples before he himself made the ultimate sacrifice on the cross. Dying for us, so that we might be forgiven forever.

In conflicts of the past and present, men and women, families and friends, have made sacrifices so that we may have the peace that we now enjoy. They made those sacrifices for us.

So In our Act of Remembrance today, not gathered together but gathered in our homes, let us remember all of those sacrifices

made, whether at home or abroad. And let us continue to strive to create a future that is full of peace, a future that is full of hope. A future that is full of love. **Amen.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nation: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## **WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

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

- For the National Church and its Leaders as they navigate through difficult times
- For our own Ministry Team, providing printed and online worship this month

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

- For all members of our Armed Services, both serving and retired.
- For the work of the Royal British Legion
- For all affected by Coronavirus, and for the Governments and scientists across the world, seeking to find ways of combatting the virus.

## Community and Family:

- For those who live in Sapte Close and Dover Court
- For those suffering from mental illness, especially those scarred by the experience of war

## The Sick and those in Need:

- Ray Corver, Mike Ford, Stefan Godier, Stella Goldsmith, Michael Hart, Louise Harbutt, 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, Sally Rivett, Jacky Williams, Alli, Judy Bolt, Sue and Dennis Evans, Peter Hutley, Lorna Thompson, Sami Bennewith, Dru Ridley*).

## The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, and especially: Sue Hunt, Adam Speers.

## **WEEKLY NOTICES:**

**Cranleigh Shines (advance notice):** The Churches in Cranleigh are inviting the people of Cranleigh to put a star in their window to let the light of Christmas really shine out in the Village this year.

Many people will be unable to meet up with their families so let's join together in making Cranleigh 'shine', and help brighten every street in the village. Advent is the time of getting ready for Christmas so from Advent Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November we encourage you when planning your Christmas decorations to make, paint draw, use fairy lights and your imagination to light up a window and share it with all who pass by.

**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)  
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spring is not cancelled  
love is not cancelled  
relationships are not cancelled  
reading is not cancelled  
naps are not cancelled  
devotion is not cancelled  
music is not cancelled  
dancing is not cancelled  
imagination is not cancelled  
kindness is not cancelled  
conversations are not cancelled  
**hope** is not cancelled



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