



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh
News and Resources
3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 12th December 2021

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 12th December – Advent 3

(Christmas Tree Festival Open 12noon-6pm)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Holy Communion (CW) Livestreamed

4pm: Christingle Service

Monday 13th December

(Christmas Tree Festival Open 9am-4.30pm)

5pm: Christmas Tree Festival Prize-giving

Tuesday 14th December

12noon: Said Holy Communion (BCP)

6pm: Elmbridge Carol Service (Elmbridge Residents only due to COVID)

Wednesday 15th December

10am: Toddler Praise (at Cranleigh Methodist Church)

6pm: 'It came upon the midnight clear' – Preparing for Christmas

Thursday 16th December

10am: Time for Prayer

Friday 17th December

10am: MU Christmas Communion

12noon: Memorial Service for Derek Fuller

Sunday 19th December – Advent 4

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Holy Communion (CW) with SEA Church **Livestreamed**

6.30pm: Village Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HYMNS for 10am Service:

From Anglican Hymns Old and New:

Introit:	589	On Jordan' bank the Baptist's cry
Gradual:	140	Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Offertory:	337	I, the Lord of sea and sky
Administration 1:	82	Bread is blessed and broken
Administration 2:	506	May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Post Communion:	307	Hills of the north, rejoice

Congregational setting: Lincoln Service – Archer

COLLECT:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

FIRST READING: *Philippians 4.4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 3: 7-18*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to

them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace

SEASONAL PREFACE

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,

we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing . . .

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Church of Canada
- Our Bishops, Andrew and Jo and Archdeacons, Paul and Martin
- The Work of the Children's Society

National and World Affairs:

- For all refugees and asylum seekers
- For those who have been affected in any way by the Covid virus
- For children everywhere, and for the building up of family life

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Brookside and Hitherwood
- For all the families who live in the village and come to our church

The Sick and those in Need:

- Victoria Abel, Charlie, Chris Bland, Judy Borcik, Matti Carrington, Claire Curry, Peggy Davies, Georgia, Stella Goldsmith, Helen and David, Ian and Susie, Jane, Kirsty, Amy and Dennis Loveless, Mary, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Jean Sandow, Pam Standen, Bert and Eileen Steed, Dennis and Rosemary Talbot, Ted and Marion Tomkins, Henry Young

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, and especially Nicholas Bagot, Jean Calvert, Julia Everett and Derek Fuller

WEEKLY NOTICES:

CRANLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY – 'Choruses and Carols' with organ played by the Rector. Saturday 18th December at 7.30pm in Church. Tickets £12 Adults, £6 Children, available on the door or from cranleighchoralsociety.org.uk

BRIAN AND CAROLINE BAGOT WRITE: Thank you all very much for the love and sympathy that you have shown us in the many cards and messages you have sent us since Nicholas died. We have been overwhelmed. He was a truly special person and we all miss him greatly. Please pray for Joanna, Harrison and Saskia as they face the difficult time ahead.

SATURDAY 1ST JANUARY 2022. New Year's Day Walk with Bring & Share Lunch. Meet at the Church Rooms at 10.30, leaving shortly afterwards for a local walk, returning by 12.30 for lunch. Homemade Soup is especially popular, crusty bread provided. Bring food to share, finger food savoury and sweet. Non walkers are very welcome to join in the feast. Please come! Offers of soup, please, to Barbara Pearson 273724. Thank you!

THANK YOU and very well done for the hard work by all who turned up for the tidy up last week. We managed to clear the car park fence and churchyard leaves which has left it looking good for the Christmas Tree Festival visitors and the winter season. Thanks too, to Sandra and Jackie for keeping us going with the tasty refreshments.

WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH In light of the recent government guidelines with regards to the wearing of masks in enclosed spaces, you will be required to wear masks in church unless you have an exemption badge.

TOY SERVICE GIFTS A huge thank you to everyone who brought gifts to our St Nicolas Day Toy Service! This was the amazing scene at Horsham Salvation Army Citadel on Monday when The Rector took the toys to be sorted for distribution to over 800 needy children. Congratulations to Iain and Anne who coordinate this incredible venture!



CHURCH FLAG: It has been pointed out that we have not been flying the church flag! What we are looking for is a Flagmaster (or Mistress) – any volunteers please speak to the Churchwardens.

DONATIONS AND GIVING The website **GIVING** section has been updated to set out clearly the alternative methods of GIVING to support the work of St Nicolas Church.

For Regular Giving our preferred option now is the **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)** although Regular Giving by Standing Order and White Envelopes are equally acceptable. A direct link to the Parish Giving Scheme for St Nicolas is available on the website.



For a one-off donation there is a new **DONATE** button (see above) on the website which is hosted by CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) who process online donations and collect gift aid on our behalf. This button provides a quick and simple way to make donations for both members of the parish and others who want to support St Nicolas Church.

A one-off donation can still be made by direct bank transfer (please make sure we have a current gift aid declaration form for you if applicable), or by cheque / cash preferably using one of the blue envelopes which are available in church or from the Church Office.

If you require any further information or details please contact Rogan Dixon, Treasurer - treasurer@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk or 07736 811333.

ENVELOPE GIVERS: For those members of the congregation who normally use white envelopes for their regular giving, please can you contact our new Steward Secretary, Frank Sole on 01483 278273 or email frank.sole@btinternet.com so that he can ensure you receive your new supply of envelopes for January 2022.

GREAT NEWS! Christmas Cards: Our 'in church Post Box' is back this year.

The boxes will be on a table at the back of the church as from 1st December. Please remember everyone who participates is responsible for *posting and collecting their own cards*. The scheme will finish on 23 December. Any cards left in the boxes will be recycled, so please don't put in cards for people unless you are fairly sure they will be coming to Church between 1st and 23rd December!

SUNDAY WORSHIP FROM JANUARY ONWARDS: At November's PCC Meeting, there was unanimous agreement to another 6 month period of experimentation, which has been arrived at through listening carefully to the things that people have been saying in the recent consultations. The new service pattern will run for a 6 month period through to the end of June. We will offer opportunities for feedback and reflection in both March and May, in order for a proper review to take place at the May PCC Meeting.

The pattern is in keeping with our desire to be a church which is Caring, Sharing and Daring, and seeks to be inclusive of all worship tastes, missional and realistic with the resources we currently have. More details will emerge later, but key points are:

- No change to current pattern of 8am or midweek services.
- The 10am Service on the first Sunday of each month will be known as 'Together on Sunday' and will be a Contemporary All Age Worship without Communion.
- The 10am Service on all other Sundays will be simultaneous Parish Communion (in Church) and Contemporary Worship with SEA Church groups (in the Church Rooms) but starting together in church and ending together in the Church Rooms with refreshments. Once a month the Contemporary Worship will be a simple Communion Service. Therefore, everyone will have a choice to make each Sunday!
- Worship@4 will cease to happen

- We will be re-introducing Evening Worship on two Sundays a month, but at the new time of 6pm. On the first Sunday of each month there will be a Choral Communion and on the third Sunday of each month there will be a Choral Evensong.

In order to resource the 10am simultaneous service, we are going to need some extra help:

- Volunteers for a rota to set up and take down the St Andrew's Room as a worship space.
- More helpers with childrens' groups. (see 'Can you Help' notice below)
- Funding for improvements to Audio-visual and sound provision in St Andrew's Room.

All offers to The Rector or Churchwardens, please!

CAN YOU HELP? We need more volunteers to help run SEA Church, and also to start up our Youth Café on Wednesdays. If you can help please email Emily@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk. To do this we will need helpers to put up decorations, set up the Hall and lay the tables on Christmas Eve.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH We are hoping to have a Community Christmas Day Lunch in our Church Rooms for those who will be on their own or who cannot be with friends or family for any reason. To do this we will need helpers to put up decorations, set up the Hall and lay the tables on Christmas Eve. We will also be grateful for help with some of the cooking and preparing the veg. etc. If you think you could help in any way please contact Sheila Smith on 274376. (The Community Lunch Team Leader)

Christmas

at
ST NICOLAS

Sunday 12th - 4pm - *Christingle*

Wednesday 15th - 6pm - *Advent Reflection in words and music*

Sunday 19th - 6.30pm - *Village Carol Service*

Wednesday 22nd - 6pm - *Carols in the Churchyard*

Christmas Eve - 3.30pm & 5.30pm - *Crib Services*

Christmas Eve - 11pm - *Midnight Communion*

Christmas Day - 10am - *Family Carols*



KEEP IN TOUCH:

Rector - Revd Canon Roy Woodhams

(Day off: Monday)

Tel: 01483 800655. Email: roy@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Curate - Revd Tim Clifford Hill

(Day off: Friday)

Tel: 01483 276267. Email: tim@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Part time Curate - Revd Rutton Viccajee

(Works Wednesday, Friday, Sunday,

but currently seconded to the Parishes of Dunsfold and Hascombe)

Tel: 01252 910212. Email: rutton@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Administrator - Nicola Craven-Smith

(Works Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-2.30)

Tel: 01483 273620. Email: nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Young People's Minister – Emily Clark

(Day off: Friday afternoon and Saturday)

Tel: 07427 748408. Email: emily@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

Safeguarding Officer – Brian Boxall

Tel: 01483 277069. Email: brian.boxall@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

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And on **Facebook**.