



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh News and Resources

St Nicolas Day

Sunday 5th December 2021

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 5th December –St Nicolas Patronal Festival

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

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

Tuesday 7th December

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Said Holy Communion (BCP)

6pm: Longacre School Carol Service

Wednesday 8th December

10am: Toddler Praise (at Cranleigh Methodist Church)

5.30pm: Duke of Kent School Carol Service

Thursday 9th December

10am: Time for Prayer **Cancelled for Christmas Tree Festival set-up**

Friday 10th December

10am: Little Nics Toddlers (in Church Rooms)

Friday 10th – Monday 13th December

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Sunday 12th December – Advent 3

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Holy Communion (CW) **Livestreamed**

4pm: Christingle Service

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – ST NICOLAS DAY

HYMNS for 10am Service:

From Anglican Hymns Old and New:

Introit:	500	Make way, make way
Gradual:		For all they saints still striving
Offertory:	639	Restore, O Lord
Administration 1:	MP752	When he comes
Administration 2:	710	The great Creator of the worlds
Post Communion:	190	For all the saints who from their labours rest

Congregational setting: Lincoln Service – Archer

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, love of souls, who chose your servant, Nicolas, to be a bishop in your church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace: Make us mindful of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Since we are surrounded by
a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

FIRST READINGS: *Isaiah 61.1-3*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to

proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

1 Timothy 6.6-11

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; or we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10: 13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

SEASONAL PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth

and worship you now in heaven,

we raise our voice to proclaim your glory.

for ever praising you and singing:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God, shepherd of your people, whose servant Nicolas revealed the loving
service of Christ in his ministry as a pastor of your people: by this eucharist in
which we share awaken within us the love of Christ and keep us faithful to
our Christian calling; through him who laid down his life for us, but is alive and
reigns with you, now and forever.

BLESSING

God, who has prepared for us
a city with eternal foundations,
give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints
in glory; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Church of Burundi
- The work of Horsham Salvation Army, receiving and distributing our toys this week

National and World Affairs:

- For justice, mercy and peace for all God's people
- 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 Overford Close
- For Probus Groups A and B in Cranleigh

The Sick and those in Need:

- Victoria Abel, Chris Bland, 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, Robert Briant, Jean Calvert and Derek Fuller

Refreshments
will be served
in the Church
throughout

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

10TH - 13TH DECEMBER 2021

Open to the Public

Friday: 11am - 6pm,

Saturday: 9am - 6pm

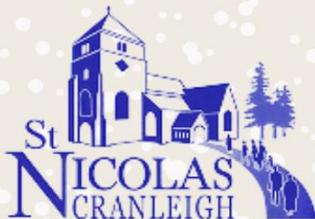
Sunday: 12 - 6pm,

Monday: 9am - 4:30pm

(Prize giving 5pm)

For more info email
emily@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk
or call 01483 273620 and pop into the
office to pay and pick up your
voucher to decorate your own tree

Donations
shared between
St. Nicolas Church
and the Children's Society



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CHRISTMAS
ANDERSEN

Fresh, home grown Christmas trees



WEEKLY NOTICES:

WEARING OF MASKS IN CHURCH In light of the recent government guidelines with regards to the wearing of masks in enclosed spaces, though not a legal requirement, we would strongly urge that you once again consider wearing a mask during Church services to help protect yourselves and others.

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP Thank you to those who helped with this – much appreciated!

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!

THE ARTS SOCIETY CRANLEIGH – 2022 TALKS

An Illustrated Talk: *The Treasures of The Fan Museum* ~ with Jacob Moss
Wednesday, January 26th at 2.00pm and 7.30pm at Cranleigh Arts Centre

An Illustrated Talk: *Breugel, The Seasons and The World* ~ with Gavin Plumley
Wednesday, February 23rd at 2.00pm and 7.30pm

Please contact: membership@theartssocietycranleigh.org

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!

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Don't forget to submit your entry forms to book your place – last few spaces remaining! Also, the sign up sheets for Stewarding are now at the back of church!

TRAIDCRAFT: There will be a full Traidcraft stall following today's 10am service - Christmas cards, chocolate and other Christmas goodies. Sue Knight

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL CAKE STALL: On Saturday 10th December, alongside the Christmas Tree Festival, we will be having some 'festive' stalls along the church path.

Katherine would very much like donations of cakes for the cake stall.. anything from mince pies to sponge cakes to stunning showstoppers welcome!

Cakes can be left in the church office on Friday (9:30am -2:30pm) or brought to the stall on Saturday morning. Thank you very much, in advance. Katherine Tuck

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. 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)

2022 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

New Years Day Walk with Bring & Share Lunch. Saturday 1 January 2022.
Meet Church Rooms at 10.30am.

Desert Island Discs (Back by popular demand). Saturday 5th February

Pop-Up Tea Rooms. Sunday 20 February 2022 in Church Rooms

Rectory Fete Saturday 9th July

Picnic in the park. Saturday 16th July

Harvest Lunch for all the Family. Sunday 2nd October

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

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor – Jackie Broadfoot

Tel: 07918 559387. Email: jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk

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And on **Facebook**.