



# St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

## News and Resources

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**THIS WEEK:** Please note that all of our planned services and events are subject to change should government guidance change. We will of course keep you updated and endeavour to give you as much notice as possible!

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 4

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

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

6.30pm: Village Service of Nine Lessons and Carols **Livestreamed**

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Said Holy Communion (BCP)

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

6pm: Carols in the Churchyard

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

10am: Time for Prayer

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Eve

3.30pm: Crib Service **Livestreamed**

5.30pm: Crib Service

11pm: First Communion of Christmas **Livestreamed**

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Family Carols **Livestreamed**

11.30am: Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### **HYMNS for 10am Service:**

*From Anglican Hymns Old and New:*

Introit:	319	How lovely on the mountains
Gradual:	774	Thy kingdom come, O God
Offertory:	451	Long ago, prophets knew
Administration 1:	700	The angel Gabriel from heaven came
Administration 2:	81	Born in the night, Mary's child
Post Communion:	692	Tell out, my soul

*Congregational setting: Lincoln Service – Archer*

### **COLLECT:**

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in 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: *Micah 5: 2-5a***

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land  
and tread upon our soil,  
we will raise against them seven shepherds  
and eight installed as rulers.

## **GOSPEL READING: *Luke 1: 46-55***

And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.']

## **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.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets,  
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.

John the Baptist was his herald  
and made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ fills us with joy  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,  
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your glory,  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of  
the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all  
things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your  
salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **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 Church of the Province of Central Africa
- For all attending worship this Christmas, both in-person and on-line.

## **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 Mount Road
- For those who are unemployed

## **The Sick and those in Need:**

- Victoria Abel, Charlie, Chris Bland, Judy Borcik, Matti Carrington, Claire Curry, Peggy Davis, 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, Dorothy Yetman, Henry Young

## **The Departed:**

- All we have known and loved, and especially Julia Everitt, Mary Groves and Constance Tunnell.

## WEEKLY NOTICES:

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH** – **CANCELLED**. We have unfortunately had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Christmas Day Lunch this year. We hope to be able to offer a lunch on an alternative date as soon as we are able to do so.

**CRIB SERVICES** will operate slightly differently this year in that we will not have children processing up to the front with the nativity figures. Children are still very welcome to come dressed-up, but we are asking families to stay seated together to limit movement around the Church.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated cakes last Saturday and to everyone who came and supported the stall. We made £180 and the winner of the 'Guess the weight of the Christmas cake' was none other than Roy Woodhams, guessing 3.6kg! The actual weight was 3.69kg. Thanks to Sue Knight for making and donating the cake.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Tree Festival such a success. Congratulations to all the winners, and thank to everyone for entering such excellent trees.

**NEW YEARS DAY WALK** will still be going ahead but **without the bring and share lunch**. Meet at the Church Rooms at 10.30am to join the walk.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS in the Church Post Box' must be collected by 23<sup>rd</sup> December**. Any cards left in the boxes after this date will be recycled.

**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.

**CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS** The Church office will be closed from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**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](mailto:treasurer@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) or 07736 811333.

**WHITE 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](mailto:frank.sole@btinternet.com) so that he can ensure you receive your new supply of envelopes for January 2022.

**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](mailto: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.

# Christmas

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**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)*

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**Curate - Revd Tim Clifford Hill**

*(Day off: Friday)*

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**Part time Curate - Revd Rutton Viccajee**

*(Works Wednesday, Friday, Sunday,*

*but currently seconded to the Parishes of Dunsfold and Hascombe)*

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**Administrator - Nicola Craven-Smith**

*(Works Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-2.30)*

Tel: 01483 273620. Email: [nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk)

**Young People's Minister – Emily Clark**

*(Day off: Friday afternoon and Saturday)*

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**Safeguarding Officer – Brian Boxall**

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