



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh News and Resources

Epiphany

Sunday 2nd January 2022

*****STOP PRESS*** CHURCH SERVICES:**

In the light of the current Covid situation, with very high rates in the local community, and in the light of the experience of hugely reduced congregations in the past week, we have made two important decisions affecting services for the next month:

1. **Church Services in January:** We shall be partially postponing the implementation of the new service pattern as follows: **We proceed** with the re-introduction of All Age Worship at 10am, and Choral Communion at 6pm on Sunday 2nd and Choral Evensong on Sunday 16th, but we will **postpone** the introduction of Concurrent Worship in Church and Hall on Sundays 9th, 23rd and 30th, reverting to a Parish Communion/SEA Church model. **Additionally**, we will make the 10am Service on Sunday 16th an All Age Communion with Music Group instead of choir. 8am Services and midweek wecrvices will continue as scheduled.
2. **Refreshments after Services:** For safety reasons, no refreshments will be served after any services during January.

In addition to this, the **Community Lunch, scheduled for Tuesday is also **cancelled**.**

The new complete schedule of Sunday Services for the month, correct as of today, can be found on Page ?? Midweek Services are unchanged. These arrangements will be reviewed in time for the beginning of February.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 2nd January - Epiphany Transferred

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Worship Together (All Age Worship) **Livestreamed**

6.00pm: Choral Communion (CW)

Tuesday 4th January

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 5th January

2.30pm: Cedar Court Service **CANCELLED**

Thursday 6th January

10am: Time for Prayer

Sunday 9th January (Baptism of Christ – Epiphany 1)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

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

EPIPHANY

HYMNS for 6.00pm Service:

From Anglican Hymns Old and New:

Introit: 583 O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Gradual: 158 Earth has many a Noble City

Offertory: 89 Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

Administration 1: 849 You are the King of Glory

Administration 2: 727 The People that in Darkness Sat

Post Communion: 46 As with Gladness Men of Old

COLLECT:

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 for ever.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

FIRST READING: *Psalm 72: 1-15*

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in
righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers
that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.

May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River
to the ends of the earth.

May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call,

the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight. Long may he live!
May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all day long.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 2:1-12*: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

SEASONAL PREFACE

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore, with all the angels of Heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing . . .

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer – the Anglican Church of Congo
- Our Church at the start of a new year
- Our Director of Music, choir and music group

National and World Affairs:

- For all refugees and asylum seekers
- For those who have been affected in any way by the Covid virus

Community and Family:

- For those who live in the High Street

The Sick and those in Need:

- Victoria Abel, Charlie, Chris Bland, Judy Borcik, 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, Steff Shepherd, 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 Julia Everitt, Mary Groves, Jo Robson and Connie Tunnell.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES REVISED

Sunday 2 January (Epiphany Transferred)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Worship Together (All Age Worship) (In Church and Live-streamed)

UPDATED

6.00pm: Choral Communion (CW)

Sunday 9 January (Baptism of Christ – Epiphany 1)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Holy Communion (CW) (In Church and Live-streamed) **UPDATED**

Sunday 16 January (Epiphany 2)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Holy Communion (CW) (In Church and Live-streamed)

UPDATED

6.00pm: Choral Evensong)

Sunday 23 January (Epiphany 3)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Holy Communion (CW) (In Church and Live-streamed) **UPDATED**

Sunday 30 January (Epiphany 4)

8am: **Holy Communion (BCP) PP**

10am: **Holy Communion (CW) (In Church and Live-streamed) *UPDATED***

10am: ***(RW at Hascombe)***

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. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, or are in any way unwell, please do not come to Church.

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.

THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH TREASURER As I

reach my first year-end as your Treasurer I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for their ongoing financial support to the Parish, without which we wouldn't be able to operate as we do. 2021 has not been an easy year to predict financially and the start of 2022 is looking no different. However, thanks to your generosity whether that be Regular Giving through Standing Order, the Parish Giving Scheme or White Envelopes; money in the collection plate; Blue Envelopes; other ad hoc donations during the year or the fantastic support given to the Parish Events which were able to be held, we will end 2021 in a stable financial position. Full details of course will be shared with the PCC, and at the APCM later in 2022. Going forward it is important, if we are to fully deliver the Vision for the church, that we maintain the current levels of Giving and even look to develop new income streams. In recent notices I have highlighted the various methods of Giving which are set out on our website, www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk and don't forget you can make a one off donation at any time through the link above, thanks for your support.



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