



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh
2nd Sunday of Advent –
St Nicolas Patronal Festival
Sunday 8th December 2024

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 8th December (2nd Sunday of Advent –
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8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion with Toy Service

Monday 9th December

9.30am: Acorn Nursery Nativity

2.30pm: Memory Lane ‘Celebration of Christmas’

Tuesday 10th December

10am: Elmbridge Holy Communion

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

5.30pm: Duke of Kent Christmas Service

Wednesday 11th December

Nativity Festival Set-Up

6pm: Advent Reflections with Bishop Paul

Thursday 12th December

10am: Nativity Festival Opens

Friday 13th December

10am: Little Nic’s Toddlers (in church rooms)

10am: Nativity Festival

Saturday 14th December

10am: Nativity Festival with Craft Stalls

Sunday 15th December (3rd Sunday in Advent)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: All Age Communion

12noon: Nativity Festival

3pm: Bellringers ringing a quarter peal

4pm: Christingle

COLLECT:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

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: *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.

GOSPEL READING: *Mark 10.13-16*

People were bringing little children to Jesus 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:

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 saying:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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 – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- For Archbishop Justin and those with the responsibility of appointing a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- In the Diocese – for the team of Mission Enablers, led by Matt Ineson
- In the Parish – for all our local schools, especially those having their Christmas services in church over the next two weeks.

National and World Affairs:

- For peace in the world, for an end to hostility in the Middle East, and for the people of Ukraine, Russia and South Sudan
- For a solution to the migrant crisis in the English Channel

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Grove Close and Southwood Chase
- For our environment and those working to combat the effects of climate change.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Jane Bloss, Claire Curry, Jean Dodd, Jane and Peter Hancock, Tricia Hislop, Jack Lewis, Jean Quallington, Tom, Val Thorogood, Val, Jeremy Watts, Elizabeth Weller
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Baby Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, Neil Charman, David, Peggy Davis, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Jane, Bryn Jones, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Amy Loveless, Sheila McSorley, Mo, Judy Murdoch, Libby O'Brien, Brian Pettyfer, Sheelagh Poole, Ron Reynolds, Peggy Ringshall, Martin Root, Steff Shepherd, Sheila Smith, Dolores Spurgeon, Bert Steed, Marilyn Wood.

The Departed:

- All we have known and loved, who have left us through the years, and especially at this time, Margaret Hymas.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

CHURCH TREES A huge thank you to everyone who organized and decorated our indoor and outdoor trees, and putting up the churchyard nativity. A special 'shout out' to Richard Tuck who coordinated everything.

CHURCHYARD TIDY Thanks to a marathon mowing session earlier in the week for which we are extremely grateful to the individual involved, the annual churchyard tidy-up last Saturday was made easier for the small but energetic group who turned out for the job. Fuelled by some excellent coffee and cakes, thanks to their efforts the churchyard has been left neat and tidy for the winter. A new mowing rota will be drawn up next February – to maintain our standards, it is really important that we find some more members ready to donate four hours of their time each year to take the places of those who have done their share and have retired through age or infirmity. Please talk to Malcolm Keeping to discuss how you can help.

NATIVITY RAFFLE: Thank you to everyone who provided something for the hamper and stocking raffles for the Nativity Festival. We hope you will buy lots of tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the carol singing and prize giving on Monday 16th in the evening. Jane, Katherine, Nicola, Sandra.

SIGN UP SHEETS are now at the back of church for volunteers to steward and provide refreshments at our Nativity Festival. Please do sign up if you can offer a couple of hours of your time to help make this event run smoothly.

CHRISTMAS CARDS Our 'in church post box' is back again this year. The boxes will be on a table at the back of church from 1st December. Please remember everyone who participates is responsible for posting and collecting their own cards. The scheme will finish on 23rd December. Any cards left in the boxes will be recycled.

WHATSAPP GROUP There is a Church WhatsApp group called Church is the people! which is a great way to stay in touch with your brothers and sisters throughout the week! It is often used for important updates, prayer requests, and during the Posada we will follow the journey of Mary and Joseph through many houses and other places in Cranleigh with pictures shared on this group. If you don't want to miss out on this and many other exciting things our WhatsApp group offers, please ask Nicola (nicola@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) to add you to the group!

CALLING ALL ONLINE SHOPPERS: with Christmas approaching did you know that you can support St Nicolas Church while you shop online? For every 7 purchase you make online, EasyFundraising will make a percentage contribution to St Nicolas. It's easy to register and identify St Nicolas, Cranleigh as your chosen charity. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> There is no charge to yourself for using this service and you can also ask your friends and family to register with the sites and nominate St Nicolas, Cranleigh as their preferred charity. If you require any help, or further information please contact Alan Walton a.g.walton@talk21.com, mobile 07768055201.

MEMORY LANE On Monday we have the special "Celebration of Christmas" at 2.30pm in church when everyone is welcome to the Christmas joy arranged by Dr Susan Tresman, followed by tea, cakes and hot mince pies ! For catering purposes, it would be helpful if those who haven't yet indicated they are coming, could just let us know on 01483 274398 or Email: mamwild@aol.com.

SEWING GROUP Join us for fun and friendship every Monday morning in St Andrews room 10am-12noon. No previous experience of sewing or knitting is needed so do come along and have a go, or just come along and enjoy a warm drink and good company! Everyone is welcome.



MOTHERS UNION: We have a thriving Mothers' Union which meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone is most welcome – contact Jane Etherington on 01483 274319 / etheringtonjane@yahoo.co.uk for more information



DONATIONS: You can make an online donation in support of church funds by visiting the [website](#), clicking on the red button or scanning the QR code.



CHRISTMAS



Sunday 15th - 4pm
Christingle

AT

Monday 16th - 8pm
Christmas Story in The Three Horseshoes

Friday 20th - 6pm
Carols in the Churchyard.

Saturday 21st - 4pm
The Longest Night - for those who find Christmas hard.

Sunday 22nd - 6pm
Village Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 3.30pm & 5.30pm
Crib Services

Christmas Eve - 11pm
Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
8am Holy Communion
10am Family Carols



O Come Emmanuel

Reflections on the Advent Antiphons

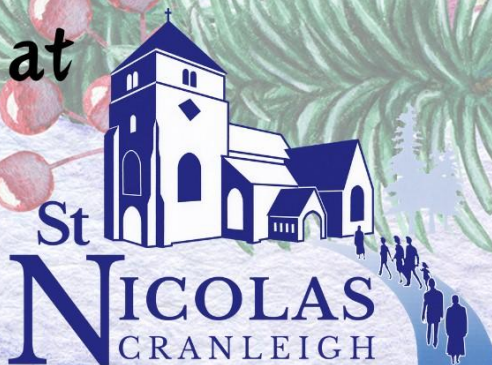
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Rt Rev'd Paul Davies
Bishop of Dorking



Wednesdays at 6pm
4th, 11th & 18th December

at



St
NICOLAS
CRANLEIGH

Christingle



Sunday 15th December
4pm



All Welcome



NATIVITY FESTIVAL

Come and see our Church full of
Christmas Displays

**Thursday 12th December to
Monday 16th December
10am-6pm**

**Festive Refreshments
Children's Activities
Craft Stalls (Saturday Only)**



**Favourite Display, as voted by the public, will be
revealed at our Closing Carols on Monday 16th, 5pm.**

Everyone welcome!

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Rector - Revd Canon Roy Woodhams (*Day off: Monday*)

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Do you have a question about faith or the church? Or would you just like to get to know us better? Roy and Erik are always very happy to meet for a cup of coffee, tea, or a pint, just get in touch with us using our contact details above!