



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh
Christ the King
Sunday 24th November 2024

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 24th November (Christ the King)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery Service

Monday 25th November

10am: Sewing & Knitting Group (in church rooms)

Tuesday 26th November

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 27th November

9am: Acorn Nursery rehearsal in Church

9.40am: Toddler Praise (in church rooms)

Thursday 28th November

10am: Time for Prayer

Friday 29th November

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

All Day: Christmas Tree going up in Church

3pm: CofE Primary School Christmas Café in Church Rooms

Saturday 30th November

9am: Churchyard Tidy

7.30pm: Cranleigh Choral Society 'Music for Advent'

Sunday 1st December (1st Sunday of Advent)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Worship

12noon: Baptism of Sophia Richards

6pm: Advent Carol Service

COLLECT:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

FIRST READING: *Revelation 1.4b-8*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL READING: *John 18.33-37*

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE:

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

SEASONAL PREFACE:

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

For with the oil of gladness

you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty

a kingdom of truth and life,

a kingdom of holiness and grace,

a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels

and all the heavenly host,

we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing . . .

WEEKLY PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Church and Christian Ministry:

- In the Anglican cycle of Prayer – The Anglican Church of South America
- For Archbishop Justin and those with the responsibility of appointing a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- In the Diocese – for the Archdeacons, Catharine Mabuza and Martin Breadmore
- In the Parish – for our bellringers

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 Bridge Road and Hesketh Close
- For the work of the United Nations

The Sick and those in Need:

- Jane Bloss, Neil Charman, Claire Curry, Jean Dodd, Pam Dorling, Jane and Peter Hancock, Tricia Hislop, Jack Lewis, Judy Murdoch, Jean Quallington, Val, Val Thorogood, Jeremy Watts, Elizabeth Weller
- *(And for those with long-term prayer needs):* Baby Atticus and his parents Clare and Alex, David, Peggy Davis, Stella Goldsmith, James Goudie, Jane, Bryn Jones, Kirsty, Lottie Lack, Amy Loveless, Sheila McSorley, Mo, 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, thinking especially of Evi Cornford and Daisy Elder.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

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.

CHURCHYARD SEASONAL TIDY UP This year we shall be turning out on Saturday November 30th for the usual leaf gathering and general tidying up. Please join us with your rakes etc. starting at 9am. The usual refreshments will be provided"

BAKE FOR BIBLES A very big THANK YOU to all who cooked, bought or donated in an way to Bake for Bibles. We made a wonderful sum of £244.65 which will help so many people to receive Bibles. Sue Walker.

WEEKLY OPEN THE BOOK UPDATE Each week we will try and let you know which schools Open the Book are visiting, and the stories they are telling the children in the assemblies. Any prayers for us would be very welcome. This week -

Tuesday 26th November - Cranleigh C of E Primary with the story of The Annunciation

Thursday 28th November - St Cuthbert Mayne with the story of Zechariah.

MENS GROUP Our Men's Group meets once a month to share food, enjoy social time together and have good conversations together! Our next meeting is Friday 6th of December at 7pm! This time we'll be hosted by James at Winterfold Farm, the food is still to be decided but will be very good (let us know if you have any allergies/dietary requirements). Please do let erik@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk know if you'd like to have more information and if you want to sign up. Each night about 15-20 men with an age range from roughly 17 to 89, so whatever your age, you will be very welcome!

POSADA IN ADVENT Posada is a Spanish word that means 'inn', and is also the title of a Mexican Advent celebration which has been adapted here so that nativity figures travel round a parish, staying at a different house/location every night, and finally taking their place in the church crib at the Crib Service, ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas day. Individuals/ families/ establishments ie schools/businesses are invited to sign up to host the Holy Family for a night and it is hoped that when you arrange the handover for the next day that you will either offer or receive some hospitality in the form of perhaps a cup of tea, or even a meal (rather than dumping the set on someone's doorstep). This is a chance to offer a little hospitality to perhaps someone outside of our usual circle of friends and for us to be reminded that we need to make room for Jesus in our lives, homes and communities. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for everyone wishing to join in and if (hopefully) it fills up very quickly we can have several sets going around the parish

VOLUNTEERS needed to go on the coffee rota. Single volunteers will be paired up with another experienced volunteer, so please do not be put off by not having done it before! Please contact Lesley if you can help lesley.thomas@aol.co.uk

NATIVITY FESTIVAL RAFFLE The Team are busy organising the Nativity Festival and as part of it we would like to hold a Raffle, which was very successful last year. We will have a 'Family hamper', a 'Boy's stocking' and a 'Girl's stocking', for which tickets will be sold and the prizes drawn at the Festival carols on Monday 16th December. We really need your help to fill this hamper and the stockings. At the back of the church are 3 lists of suggested. Please sign up for any item(s) that you could offer and then take any donations to the designated boxes in the office by December 1st. Thank you in anticipation – Jane, Sandra, Katherine and Nicola.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS for those living with Dementia / Frailty or memory impairment and their Carers. Monday December 9th at 2.30-3.30pm in St Nicolas Church. We hope our Memory Lane Team will also come along to share in this short , joyous occasion designed to be very accessible to all.

We are excited for you to join us! Please respond to let us know you that plan attend at mamwild@aol.com or phone 01483 274398

VOLUNTEERS needed to help with church cleaning. If you think you can help please contact Celia on 01483548824

MEMORY LANE Preparations are now taking place for the "Celebration of Christmas" on Monday 9th December. *For further details on Memory Lane or the joyful celebration, just call Memory Lane 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.



O Come Emmanuel

Reflections on the Advent Antiphons

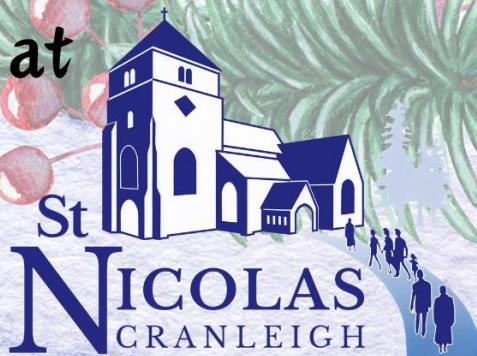
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Rt Rev'd Paul Davies
Bishop of Dorking



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

at





Cranleigh Choral Society
Music for Advent

Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on Christmas Carols
Gjeilo: Dreamweaver
Excerpts from Handel's Messiah

Conductor: Andrew Thomas

7:30 pm, Saturday 30th November 2024

St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

Tickets: £15 (children £5) available at cranleighchoralsociety.org.uk or on the door



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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Curate - Revd Erik Heemsker (*Day off: Monday*)

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

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

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Church Website: www.stnicolascranleigh.org.uk

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!