



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

Baptism of Christ

Sunday 12th January 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 12th January (Epiphany 1/Baptism of Christ)

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery Service – see notice for more info

6pm: Installation of the Dean of Guildford (The Cathedral)

Tuesday 14th January

10am: Elmbridge Morning Service

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 15th January

2.30pm: Knowle Park Communion

Thursday 16th January

10am: Time for Prayer - 30 minutes led prayer with themed music

Friday 17th January

10am: Little Nic's Baby and Toddler Group (in church rooms)

Saturday 18th January

2pm: Service of Thanksgiving for Tom Avery

Sunday 19th January (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Holy Communion

3pm: Baptism of Matilda Burke

6pm: Choral Evensong

(at which we welcome the choir of St James, Shere, along with Ecumenical friends from the village as we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Preacher will be Revd Dave Burt from Cranleigh Baptist Church)

COLLECT:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

or

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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. Let us confess our sins.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 43.1-7*

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 3.15-17, 21-22*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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 of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the
power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation; through 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 Church of the Province of West Africa
- In the Diocese – for the Very Reverend Bob Cooper, as he is installed this evening as the new Dean of Guildford Cathedral
- In the Parish – for our Eco Church initiative, and for Sue Tresman who leads it

National and World Affairs:

- For peace in the world, for an end to hostility in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia and South Sudan. And for stability in Syria
- For all affected by the wildfires around Los Angeles

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Hewitts Road and New Bridge Road
- For Little Nic's Toddlers, for Julie and all our volunteers, and all the families who attend.

The Sick and those in Need:

- Helen Allen, Jane Bloss, Claire Curry, Jean Dodd, Jane Hancock, Tricia Hislop, Jack Lewis, Jean Quallington, 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, Annie Cotterill, 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 Tom Avery, Felicity Isaac, Eddie Kilpatrick and Ann Nuttall

WEEKLY NOTICES:

DISCOVERY Come along to the Discovery Service for our new series this term...looking at **Hearing God** (who can hear God, where can He be heard, how do we hear Him, what does God say)...This first week, we are looking at Jeremiah and when in our lives does God speak to us. How old do we have to be to hear Him? And what does He have to say?

MESSAGE FROM GILL AVERY Thank you for all the cards, letters and flowers that I have received, they have been very much appreciated. There will be a service of celebration of Tom's life on **Saturday 18th at 2pm in church**. All are welcome.

CHURCH OFFICE NEW HOURS The church office is now open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9.30am-1pm

CONFIRMATION CLASSES If you or your child would like to make a deeper commitment to the Christian faith, why not join for our confirmation classes this Spring? Or if you'd just like to explore questions around faith but are not quite sure yet if you'd like to do confirmation, you are most welcome to come along as well! We're hoping to have a group both for teenagers and for adults, and are looking at about five meetings on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday nights at 7.30pm (for both groups but at different weeks). If you haven't been baptised yet, we'd be delighted to baptise you at the Confirmation Service that we're planning for soon after Easter (exact details will follow).

HABERDASHERY AND CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED After a successful day of sales at the Rectory Fete last year, we need to build up our stock again! If you are clearing out and have any haberdashery or crafting items we would be pleased to take these off your hands! Donations can be brought to the church office, or to the Monday sewing and knitting group. Thank you. Jane Etherington.

ANN NUTTALL the family of Ann Nuttall are sad to share the news of her death on Sunday 5th January. Details of her funeral, which will take place at St Nicolas, will follow or can be sought from Woodfords Funeral Directors.

MEMORY LANE have their monthly "Walk In The Park" on Monday 13th January starting at 10.30am in Knowle Park, and is followed by Memory Lane in the Arts Centre at 2.15pm the following Monday (20th). For further details, please just contact: 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



Keep living the life you want

FREE Event

A talk to help you know what to plan for as you or a loved one gets older

Thursday, 16 January 2025
11am – 1pm
Cranleigh Village Hall, Village Way
Cranleigh GU6 8AF

Book your place: scan or visit ageuk.org.uk/surrey/planningforyourfuture or call 01483 446627 (text 07593 139560 for the deaf or hard of hearing)

- Options for support
- Potential care costs
- Technology to keep you independent
- Powers of Attorney
- Info for carers
- ... and much more

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KEEP IN TOUCH:

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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!



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.

