



St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh

Epiphany

Sunday 5th January 2025

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 5th January (Epiphany)

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: All Age Worship

6pm: Choral Communion

Tuesday 7th January

10am: Elmbridge Communion

12noon: Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday 8th January

12noon: MU Winter Warmer (in Church Rooms)

7.30pm: PCC meeting (in church rooms)

Thursday 9th January

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

2pm: Memorial Service for Philip MacNeice

Friday 10th January

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

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

8am: Holy Communion (CW)

10am: Parish Communion

11.30am: Discovery

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.

or

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 60.1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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 Church in Wales
- In the Diocese – for the school chaplains in the diocese.
- In the Parish – for the children, staff and parents returning to school this week.

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 a solution to the migrant crisis in the English Channel

Community and Family:

- For those who live in Newlands, Hydon Grove and Gibbet Mead
- For all Licensed Lay Ministers and Pastoral Assistants

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, Denise Banks, John Caiger and Philip MacNeice.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

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

NEW YEARS DAY WALK & LUNCH 7 brave souls and 1 dog walked to the Park. 19 gathered for a super soup lunch. A happy New Year tradition!
Barbara Pearson

And from Michael...

Despite being an extremely wet start to 2025, seven people actually braved the walk and then there was a splendid turnout to enjoy the Bring & Share meal together. As usual, there was a good assortment of food including hot mince pies and sausage rolls coming out of the kitchen. Soup is so traditional each year and this was not

exception with a choice of five home brewed soups and rolls. Our thanks go to Barbara P and her team including Jackie V and Anne L for making it such a joyous start to 2025 .



MEMORY LANE started their first meeting this year by continuing the festive spirit enjoyed in December. The Carer Guests who share each others support each meeting, have formed a bonding friendship and it is no surprise that they enjoyed a Bring-&-Share meal together on the first Monday in January.

This will be followed by the monthly "Walk In The Park" they have together with their partners at

10.30am on Monday 13th January. After the second meeting back in the Arts Centre on the 20th; Memory Lane are having a special additional educational discussion with a return visit by Dr Jill Rasmussen.

As Dr Rasmussen is the National Adviser on Alzheimer's, this meeting starting at 2.30m in Cranleigh Arts Centre is open to anyone wishing to know more about living with this decease and help given.



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



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.



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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!